

Veterans Honored at Annual Program

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United States military veterans, family members and friends gathered in the Clubhouse I Crystal Ballroom on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, for a program to honor them.

Sponsored by the Foundation of Leisure World, the event featured resident speakers representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines and music by the Leisure World Chorale.

Here are some veterans who attended the program: Griffin started her 32-year military career in the U.S. Air Force, then switched to the Navy. She worked for the Secretary of the Navy as part of the Physical Evaluation Board and retired as a lieutenant commander in the Navy Nurse Corps at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Radcliffe served in the U.S.

Army for 22 years, the last 14 at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. He retired as a lieutenant colonel.

Leader served for about five years in the Navy. After serving in the reserves, he volunteered for active duty and was assigned to the U.S.S. Newport News, a heavy cruiser that carried about 1,400. He was a storekeeper, in charge of all the ship's repair parts.

In 1967, Jenkins began a 30-year career in the Marines. "I went everywhere," he said, including California, Hawaii, Okinawa, Japan, and the Philippines.

Only 17 years old when the U.S. found itself at war with both Germany and Japan, Warr joined the Army as soon as he could. He spent his World War II service in the Army Air Corps as a radio operator and gunner.

After returning home at the war's end, he went on to earn a master's degree in physics, with honors, at Purdue University.

Anthony Faiola

Faiola served four years in the Navy across the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans and the Mediterranean Sea on a couple of ships: first, the destroyer the U.S.S. Corry DDR-817, then the destroyer escort U.S.S. Haverfield DER-373. As a communications officer, he received encrypted orders that he translated and relayed to the ships' captains.

After four years in the Reserve Officer Training Corps as a college student, Roddy spent four and a half years serving in the Navy on the nuclear cruiser, the U.S.S. Long Beach. His jobs included protecting ships from attacks by planes and missiles and assisting in the safe rescues of pilots shot down over North Vietnam.

John Radcliffe



Gilbert Leader



Charles Jenkins



Robert Warr



Frank Roddy



Angela Griffin



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