

Blue Eyed Soul visit to Coatsville, Pennsylvania VA Hospital

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Michelle DellaFave and Lindsay Bloom, known as Blue Eyed Soul, visited the Veterans Hospital complex in Coatsville, PA on October 4, 2008.

Michelle, Lindsay, and Wes arrived in Philadelphia on Friday. Because of their late arrival they checked into a Airport hotel. Saturday morning, after picking up a rental car they began what was supposed to be a 45 minute trip to Coatsville. Road construction enroute delayed them for more than 2 hours. They arrived around noon, and began setting up and putting on their makeup for a 1:30 show.



Sound difficulty delayed their rehearsal, and the video provided lacked the proper chords to complete the setup. But nothing throws these professionals off. They were upbeat and cheerful the entire time.

The doors were opened and the Veterans filled the "great hall". At 1:30 they took the stage and the crowd loved them. The ladies performed for 30 minutes then took a 10 minute intermission for more costume changes, and the Vets took a smoke break. After the brief intermission they took the stage again and had the Vets dancing in the aisles. Michelle did the Bob Hope song she did in Vietnam 1970, "the Funky Chicken". Several vets stood up and started dancing the Funky Chicken with her. Soon some VA staff was joining in the fun. After the second set, they performed their signature song, "God Bless America." One by one the vets rose to their feet, and held hands across the room. After thunderous applause, tokens of appreciation was given to them. Larry Zok, representing the Marine Corps Air Group came from Washington to make them honorary Marines. Blue Eyed Soul was the entertainment for





the Marines reunion in Washington in August. Marsha Four presented them both with a bouquet of flowers.

The ladies then signed autographs and posed for pictures. There was a long line, but they stayed until everyone was taken care of. Then it was off to the retirement home to perform for those that couldn't make the trip to see the show. They sang three songs, without mics or sound system, and did their usual great

job. After signing autographs it was off again. This time to visit the Walker House on the grounds of the VA hospital. The residents and staff had refreshment laid out for them as they arrived. Everyone grabbed a plate and sat down and began talking. They were very interested in the mission of the Walker House. They heard from the staff and the residents. Blue Eyed



was getting late and we had to head back to Philly. After many hugs, and goodbyes, we were on the road back to the hotel. Sunday morning it was catching planes and heading out. This was a great venue, well received, and the ladies enjoyed it as much as any they have ever done.

Soul, brought goodie bags for the residents which included warm socks to wear around the house. They didn't want to leave, but it

