

Introduction

Where Do Veterans Go to Get Help?

Since 1886, Ohio has provided help for Veterans, their spouses and children, and surviving family members of deceased Veterans. These services are provided through County Veterans Service Offices in each county. Each office is funded by a portion of the assessed local property taxes to ensure these services are available.

These offices are staffed by certified and accredited service officers able to help Ohio's Veterans apply for all benefits earned by active military service and described in this publication. These benefits include:

- FEDERAL** – Disability Compensation, Pension, Healthcare, Education, Home Loans, Burial, and Survivor Benefits.
- STATE** – Veterans Bonus, Education, Employment, Healthcare, Home Loans, Ohio Veterans Homes, and Military Injury Relief Fund.
- LOCAL** – Claim Preparation & Assistance, Financial Assistance, Transportation to VA medical appointments, and Indigent Burials.

Veterans' spouses and other survivors may be eligible for federal and state benefits. County Veterans Service Offices can provide information concerning these benefits and will assist with the application process.

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Each County Veterans Service Office will assist Veterans, or their families who experience financial emergencies. This short-term assistance varies with the individual abilities of each county. Such assistance may include payment of rent mortgage, food, utilities, car payment, or insurance.

An application process is required in all counties.

For details concerning the level of financial assistance and transportation available in a specific county, check with the local County Veterans Service Office.

Veterans are also encouraged to record their discharges (DD-214s) at their County Recorder's office.

This provides a duplicate record if a certified copy is needed as verification for Veterans benefits.

A listing of all County Veterans Service Offices can be found beginning on page 56.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting:

www.ohiovet.gov

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Crisis Counseling

Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Description:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has established a national Veterans Crisis Line to ensure that Veterans in emotional crisis have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors. To operate the Hotline, the VA partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans, family members, and friends can call the Lifeline number, 800-273-TALK (8255), and press "1" to be routed to the Hotline and speak to a counselor about any issue that is creating a crisis situation in his or her life.

Contact:

800-273-8255

web site: www.veteranscrisisline.net



Education

Federal GI Bill

The GI Bill is the federal government's primary educational program for Veterans. Two versions are available:

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill is for individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The Post-9/11 GI Bill became effective for training on August 1, 2009. In addition to traditional degree-granting programs, the Post-9/11 GI Bill was expanded on October 1, 2011 to include on-the-job training, non-college degrees, flight training, apprenticeships, and correspondence.
- The MGIB program, also known as Ch.30 or Ch.1606, provides up to 36 months of education benefits. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible. This benefit may be used for degree and certificate programs, flight training, apprenticeship/on-the-job training, and correspondence courses. Remedial, deficiency, and refresher courses may be approved under certain circumstances. Generally, benefits are payable for 10 years following your release from active duty.

Contact:

888-GI-BILL-1 (888-442-4551)

web site: www.gibill.va.gov

Education

Troops to Teachers

Description:

Troops to Teachers is a federal program to assist the transition of eligible military personnel to a new career as public school teachers, and to serve as positive role models for today's youth in schools. The Ohio coordinator will advise eligible personnel on the certification process as well as available job openings.

Location in the United States Code: 20 USC 6672

Contact:

614-728-4801 or 888-387-6446

or via email at Chris.Picha@dvs.ohio.gov

web site: www.troopstoteachers.ohio.gov



Education

State

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

Description:

The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship program provides tuition assistance to children of deceased or severely disabled Ohio Veterans who served in the Armed Forces during a period of declared war or conflict - DEADLINE IS JULY 1st OF EACH YEAR.

Eligibility:

- Veteran parent must be deceased or severely disabled - level of disability and financial situation is considered.
- Student must be enrolled for full-time undergraduate study at an eligible Ohio college or university.
- Ohio residence is required and applicant must be under 25.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5910.01

Contact:

Applications are available at CVSOs, high school guidance offices, and college financial aid offices.

Ohio Board of Regents can be contacted at: 800-233-6734 (Follow the prompts for customer service.)

or via email at wo_admin@regents.state.oh.us

web site: www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans

Education

Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund

Description:

This fund provides a tuition waiver for children of members of the United States Armed Services that were killed in the line of duty during OEF or OIF.

Tuition waivers are also available (for up to four years of undergraduate education) for the spouse or qualified former spouse of a member of the US Armed Services killed in the line of duty while serving in a combat zone after May 7, 1975.

Eligibility:

- Spouse must be an Ohio resident at the time the member was killed.
- Need a "Report of Casualty" DD Form 1300.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 3333.26

Contact:

Ohio Board of Regents:
614-752-9535

web site: www.ohiohighered.org/safety-officers-college-fund

Education

Ohio GI Promise

Description:

Ohio GI Promise authorizes the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents to deem qualified Veterans as Ohio residents for the purpose of qualifying for in-state tuition rates.

The Residency Officer at each public institution has sole authority to request any documentation in order to make the final determination of residency status.

Eligibility:

- Qualified Veterans must meet the following requirements:
 - 1) One year of honorable service,
 - 2) and be domiciled in Ohio as of their first day of enrollment.Spouses and dependents may qualify for in-state tuition rates for any term of enrollment. Spouse and dependents of otherwise eligible deceased Veterans also may qualify.
- In-state tuition rates may be taken concurrently by qualified Veterans, their spouses, and any qualifying dependents.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 3333.31

Contact:

Hotline: 877-VETS-OH-1 (1-877-838-7641)

web site: www.ohiohighered.org/veterans

Education

Military Interstate Children's Compact

Description:

Ohio is a member of this compact, which provides for equal educational treatment of military children, as well as children of recent military retirees and service members who died on active duty.

When these children transfer between school districts and states, the compact protects their education records, course placement, extracurricular participation, and graduation.

Contact:

Contact information for the commissioner in the state of Ohio, as well as for commissioners in other states, can be found on the commission web site: www.mic3.net



Education

Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program

Description:

This scholarship program provides, subject to available funding, 100 percent tuition to Army and Air Guard members attending a two or four-year public college or university.



It is available up to twelve full-time quarters or eight full-time semesters.

Eligibility:

- Must commit to and/or complete a six-year enlistment in the Ohio Guard.
- Must maintain good attendance at their unit drills.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5919.34

Contact:

Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program Office at:
614-336-7032 or 888-400-6484

web site: www.ongsp.org

Education

Local

High School Diploma

Description:

School district/city boards of education may grant a high school diploma to any Veteran of WWII, the Korean War or Vietnam War, or to women who left school to support the war effort.

If a person who qualifies for a diploma under this program is deceased, the diploma may be awarded posthumously.

Eligibility:

- Veteran left school prior to graduation to serve in the Armed Forces or left school prior to graduation due to family circumstances and subsequently entered the Armed Forces.
- Veteran has not been granted a diploma.
- Veteran received an honorable discharge.
- A woman left school prior to graduation in order to join or subsequently join the workforce to support her family or to join the work effort.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 3313.616

Contact:

Applications are available at County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs). CVSOs will process requests through their local school district or board of education.

Employment/Jobs

Federal

USERRA - Uniform Services Employment & Re-employment Rights Act

Description:

This act is a federal law intended to ensure that persons who serve or have served in the Armed Forces, Reserves, National Guard, or other “uniformed services”:

- are not disadvantaged in their civilian careers because of their service,
- are promptly reemployed in their civilian jobs upon their return from duty, and,
- are not discriminated against in employment based on past, present, or future military service.

Location in the United States Code: Title 38 Chapter 43

Contact:

United States Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service Ohio Office

614-466-2768

web site: www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra

Employment/Jobs

Troops to Teachers

Description:

Assists the transition of eligible military personnel to a new career as public school teachers in schools serving students from low-income families.



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Location in the United States Code: 20 USC 6672

Contact:

614-728-4801 or 888-387-6446

or via email at Chris.Picha@dvs.ohio.gov

web site: www.troopstoteachers.ohio.gov

Helmets to Hardhats

Description:

The fastest way for active military, Reservists, and Guardsmen to transition from active duty to a career in the construction industry.

Contact:

866-741-6210

web site: www.helmetstohardhats.org

Employment/Jobs

Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR)

Description:

ESGR is a Department of Defense organization that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees. Established to gain and maintain employer support for Guard and Reserve service by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflict through mediation.

Location in the US Department of Defense Directive:

DoD Directive 1250.1

Contact:

800-336-4590

web site: www.esgr.org



Employment/Jobs

Center for Energy Workforce Development - Troops to Energy Jobs

Description:

Troops to Energy Jobs is an initiative designed to accelerate the training and employability of Veterans in key energy positions. The program offers Veterans the opportunity to enter the industry seamlessly, regardless of their geographic location or targeted company.

NOTE: This program is still in the pilot stage.

Contact:

Center for Energy Workforce Development

701 Pennsylvania Ave. N. W.

Washington, DC 20004-2696

web site: www.troopstoenergyjobs.com/energy-careers-for-veterans.php



Employment/Jobs

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (also known as VR&E or VET90 or Ch. 31 program)

Description:

This program assists Veterans with service-connected disabilities to prepare for, find, and keep suitable jobs. For Veterans with service-connected disabilities so severe that they cannot immediately consider work, the program offers services to improve their ability to live as independently as possible.

Location in the United States Code:

Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations Chapter 31

Contact:

888-2WORK-41 (888-296-7541), Option 5

or contact a Vet Rep - list provided at:

web site: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/index.stm>

Feds Hire Vets

Description:

Feds Hire Vets is an initiative launched in response to President Obama's Executive Order 13518, Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government. The program is designed to help military Veterans transition to federal employment.

web site: www.fedshirevets.gov

Employment/Jobs

“COOL”

Description:

Veterans who need help in translating their military experience into everyday terms have online assistance. The Army and the Navy have developed “COOL” web sites that help Veterans translate their military skills into terms civilian employers can understand. The sites, which stand for “credentialing opportunities online,” allow a Veteran to select their military skill code and then see the types of jobs their training and experience translates to, as well as any certifications that are needed.

There is no Air Force, Marine, or Coast Guard “COOL” site. However, the Air Force does offer similar resources on its Community College of the Air Force site.

Marine skills are similar to those found in the Army and Air Force; and Coast Guard skills are similar to those found in the Navy.

Contact:

The relevant service sites are below:

<https://www.cool.army.mil/index.htm>

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/overview.htm>

www.au.af.mil/au/ccaf/certifications.asp

Employment/Jobs

Federal/State

Jobs for Vets State Grant Program (JVSG) - Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services (ODJFS)

Description:

This federal workforce program, administered by ODJFS, provides employment and training services to eligible Veterans, transitioning service members and their spouses in accordance with Title 38 Chapter 42.

Intensive services are provided “to Veterans by Veterans”, with emphasis on serving those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, including homeless Veterans, and Veterans with barriers to employment.

Veteran employment services are provided at OhioMeansJobs Workforce Centers in all 88 Ohio counties.

Employer services include outreach to increase awareness and hiring opportunities for Veterans, including disabled veterans.

Contact:

888-2WORK-41 (888-296-7541), Option 5;

Or see Vet Rep list at: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/locate/index.stm>

Or email: ohiovetsfirst@jfs.ohio.gov

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration
877-872-5627; Or see web site: www.dol.gov/vets

Employment/Jobs

State

OhioMeansJobs.com, OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com

Description:

OhioMeansJobs is an online resume and job bank, providing employers and job seekers with free 24/7 access to Ohio jobs and job candidates. OhioMeansJobs also contains information about job fairs, special events, and training workshops.

OhioMeansVeteranJobs is a featured component (located under Initiatives). It allows employers to search Veterans' resumes. Veterans can use it to look for jobs, learn how their skills match private sector careers, and learn about services and benefits.

Contact:

Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services - OhioMeansJobs
888-296-7541, Option 2
web sites:

www.ohiomeansjobs.com | www.ohiomeansveteranjobs.com

Ohio Veterans Career Assistance Network

Description:

Ohio Vets CAN is an online job search network that provides Veterans information about Veteran/military-friendly employers in their community. It was created and operated in a partnership between AMVETS and the Ohio National Guard.

Contact:

614-431-6990; Or see web site: www.ohiovetscan.com

Employment/Jobs

Other Ohio Provisions

Description:

Ohio provides additional employment rights to certain Veterans and members of the military. Vet Reps at county Workforce Centers (see first **Contact** item, page 19) can advise further.

Eligibility:

- Members of the National Guard and military Reserves are eligible for Veterans preference on civil service exams.
- Non-teaching school employees who go on extended active military duty are eligible for expanded reemployment rights.
- Military personnel are granted an extension of time to satisfy continuing education requirements for occupational licenses. Licensing agencies are authorized to grant temporary licenses to persons whose spouses are on active military duty in Ohio.



Financial Assistance

Federal

Department of Defense

Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)

Description:

The Department of Defense Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) assists eligible homeowners who face financial loss when selling their primary residence homes in areas where real estate values have declined because of a base closure or realignment announcement.

Eligibility:

The following are general eligibility requirements - if unsure if you qualify, apply anyway for formal determination.

- There has to be an announcement of a base closing or realignment action which affects your community.
- A determination must be made that real estate values have dropped as a direct result of the base closing or realignment announcement.
- Applicant must be a military service member or federal civilian employee assigned at or near the installation announced for closure or realignment.

web site: <http://hap.usace.army.mil>

Financial Assistance

State

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Description:

HEAP is an Ohio Development Services Agency program that exists to help low-income Ohioans pay their utility bills.

Eligibility:

HEAP is a federally funded program designed to assist eligible low-income Ohioans with their winter heating bills. Households may be eligible for assistance from HEAP if the household's income is at or less than 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. If you are eligible, the amount of your benefit will depend on federal funding levels, how many people live with you, your total household income, and the primary fuel you use to heat your home. In most cases, benefits will be a credit applied to your energy bill by your utility company. Emergency HEAP may also be available.

Contact:

Ohio Development Services Agency

800-282-0880 or 614-644-6600

web site: www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

Financial Assistance

Save the Dream Ohio - Mortgage Assistance

Description:

The Ohio Hardest-Hit Fund (HHF) Program helps Ohio homeowners struggling to make their monthly house payments or those that have already fallen behind in their mortgage. Through the program, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) will administer federal foreclosure funding to help families dealing with a permanent or temporary loss of income to avoid foreclosure. Includes Rescue Payment Assistance, Partial Mortgage Payment Assistance, Modification Assistance with Principal Reduction, and Transitional Assistance.

Eligibility:

Homeowners who have experienced a financial hardship and are currently at-risk of mortgage loan default or foreclosure.

Contact:

888-404-4674

web site: www.savethedream.ohio.gov

Financial Assistance

State

Smart Money Choices

Description:

The Ohio Treasurer of State offers an educational series that consists of financial education programs and workshops. Topics include budgeting, credit and debt management, elder care, entrepreneurship, retirement and estate planning, home-ownership, identity theft and fraud prevention, insurance, investments, kids and money, and Social Security.

Contact:

Ohio Treasurer of State

800-228-1102

web site: www.tos.ohio.gov/smartmoneychoices

Local

Each County Veterans Service Office provides short-term financial assistance to Veterans and their families.

The amount and type of assistance varies according to the individual abilities of each county. Contact your local County Veterans Service Office for more information.

Office listings begin on page 56.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting: www.ohiovet.gov

Health Care

Federal

Medical Centers

Description:

The Veterans Health Administration is home to the largest integrated health care system consisting of 153 medical centers, in addition to numerous community based outpatient clinics, community living centers, Vet Centers, and Domiciliaries. Together, these health care facilities provide comprehensive care to Veterans in Ohio and nationwide.

VHA Medical Centers provide a wide range of services including traditional hospital-based services such as surgery, critical care, mental health, orthopedics, pharmacy, radiology, and physical therapy.

In addition, most of the medical centers offer additional medical and surgical specialty services including audiology and speech pathology, dermatology, dental, geriatrics, neurology, oncology, podiatry, prosthetics, urology, and vision care. Some medical centers also offer advanced services such as organ transplants and plastic surgery.

Contact:

Page 59 contains a listing of VA Medical Facilities in Ohio
web site: www.va.gov/health/findcare.asp

Health Care

Vet Centers

Description:

The VA provides mental health counseling for Veterans and families at seven Vet Centers in Ohio. The VA also operates a 365-day-a-year Veterans Crisis Line for Veterans and families.

Vet Center staffs provide individual, group, family, military sexual trauma, and bereavement counseling. Services include treatment for PTSD or help with any other military related issue that affects functioning within the family, work, school, or other areas of everyday life. Other services include outreach, education, medical referral, homeless Veteran services, employment, VA benefit referral, and coordination with local providers.

These services are a critical link in the overall health care available to Veterans. When negative events happen, people can experience a strong stress reaction. People may adapt normally, or they may experience an unusually intense response. This may also overwhelm one's ability to respond to challenges and it may cause a person to experience significant distress.

Contact:

Ohio Vet Center locations are listed beginning on page 61. Contact the nearest center or visit www.vetcenter.va.gov.

If you are experiencing an emotional crisis, call 800-273-TALK (8255), and press 1 for Veterans. Additional information about the Veterans Crisis Line is available on page 4.

Health Care

State

Ohio Cares

Description:

Ohio Cares is a collaboration of state & local agencies supporting the behavioral health of returning OIF/OEF Veterans and their families. The purpose of this program is to enhance the services available for military personnel and their families and to complement the services available through the VA.

Contact:

Emergencies:

VA Telenurse available 24 hrs/day at 888-838-6446

For information: 800-761-0868

web site: www.ohiocares.ohio.gov

Local

The County Veterans Service Office in each county may be able to assist with transportation to VA medical appointments. Contact your local office for specific information.

A listing of these offices can be found beginning on page 56.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting:

www.ohiovet.gov

Home Loans

Federal

VA Home Loan Guaranty

Description:

Veterans who have completed 24 months of continuous active duty and have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, or who are currently serving

on active duty or in the National Guard or the Reserves, or are honorably discharged from these components, are eligible for guaranteed loans to purchase, repair, or refinance a home.

Based on purchase price and local limits, a down payment may not be required. Eligibility is also extended to unremarried surviving spouses. Periods of required service are less for Veterans of earlier wartime service.



Location in the United State Code: 38 USC 3702

Contact:

VA Loan Office, Cleveland VA Regional Office
800-729-5772

web site: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans

Home Loans

State

Ohio Heroes Program

Description:

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency offers all benefits of their first time home buyer program to Ohio's heroes at an interest rate that is approximately 1/4% lower than the going interest rate.

web site: www.ohiohome.org/homebuyer/heroes.aspx

Eligibility:

- Be Active military, Active Reserve, or a Veteran.
- Also eligible for this program are: firefighters, EMTs, paramedics, health care workers, police officers, and teachers.
- Meet the income and sales price limits.
- Be a first time home buyer (have not owned in the last three years).
- Qualify for the loan requested and have a signed Purchase and Sales Agreement.

Contact:

888-362-6432

web site: www.ohiohome.org/homebuyer/faqs.aspx

Injury Compensation

Federal

Service-Connected

Injury/Disability Compensation

Description:

Injury or disability compensation is a monetary benefit paid to Veterans who are disabled by an injury or disease that was incurred or aggravated during active military service. These disabilities are considered to be service-connected.

- Disability compensation varies with the degree of disability and the number of dependents, and is paid monthly.
- Veterans with certain severe disabilities may be eligible for additional special monthly compensation.
- The benefits are not subject to federal or state income tax.
- The payment of military retirement pay, disability severance pay, and separation incentive payments known as Special Separation Benefits (SSB) and Voluntary Separation Incentives (VSI) affects the amount of VA compensation paid.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, the service of the Veteran must have been terminated through separation or discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

Injury Compensation

Service-Connected Injury/Disability Compensation

Contact:

Your County Veterans Service Officer can explain the requirements for disability compensation and provide assistance to properly complete all applications for this benefit. A listing of these offices can be found beginning on page 56. Veterans can also find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting:

www.ohiovet.gov



Legal

Federal

USERRA - Uniform Services Employment & Re-employment Rights Act

Description:

The USERRA is a federal law intended to protect the employment rights of active military service members and service members of the Reserve and National Guard.

The law provides that service members:

- are not disadvantaged because of their service,
- are reemployed in their civilian jobs upon return from duty, and,
- are not discriminated against based on military service.

Location in the United States Code: Title 38 Chapter 43

Contact:

United States Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service Ohio Office
614-466-2768; Or web site: www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra

Federal Trade Commission

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft -
www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft

Free Credit Report -
www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/credit/cre34.shtm

Legal

State

Patriot Program

Description:

This is a pro bono (free of charge) program that provides volunteer lawyers and special counsel from the Ohio Attorney General's Office to assist military personnel and their families with various legal issues including exercising their rights under the Service Members Civil Relief Act, formerly known as the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA), and the Uniform Services Employment and Re-employment Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Legal assistance is available for wills, powers of attorney, living wills, and durable powers of attorney for health care.

The program works in cooperation with the Judge Advocate General offices of the military branches of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to provide these services.

Eligibility:

- Active duty personnel.
- Reserve & National Guard personnel and their dependents.

Contact:

Ohio Attorney General's Office
866-444-3577

web site: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ServicesforVeterans.aspx

License Plates

State

Driver's License

- 100 percent service-connected disabled Veterans are eligible for a free driver's license.
- Upon renewal of a driver's license, all Ohio Veterans with a valid DD-214 can receive a free "Armed Forces" stamp on their license, which can qualify them for retail discounts.

Military License Plates

Description:

Ohio has over 40 varieties of military license plates including:

- Active duty plates.
- Reservists plates.
- Ohio National Guard plates.
- Combat plates.
- Gold Star Family plates.

These special plates cost the same as a regular plate, and normal vehicle registration fees apply; however, there is no additional charge for these plates if a system-assigned number (not reserved or personalized) is selected.

Eligibility:

Veterans must present their DD-214 at the BMV in order to obtain a special military/Veteran plate. The DD-214 must confirm the plate type requested (i.e. if you request a Purple Heart plate, your DD-214 must show you received a Purple Heart).

License Plates

Free License Plates

License plates are available at no charge to:

- 100 percent service-connected disabled Veterans.
- Medal of Honor recipients.
- Former Prisoners of War (POWs).
- Purple Heart recipients.

Contact:

866-675-2837

web site:

www.Oplates.com



Deputy Registrar license agency locations:

<http://bmv.ohio.gov/rfpavailableagencylocations.stm>

Disability plates can be reviewed at:

http://bmv.ohio.gov/disability_plate.stm

Specialty plates can be reviewed at:

http://bmv.ohio.gov/special_plates.stm

Military Burials

Federal/State

Burial and Memorial Benefits

Description:

Burial in a national cemetery is available to Veterans of active federal military service, their spouses, and dependent minor children. Provided at no cost to the family, a national cemetery burial includes:

- The gravesite and grave-liner.
- Opening and closing of the grave.
- A headstone or marker.
- Perpetual care as part of a national shrine.

If a Veteran is buried in a private cemetery anywhere in the world, the VA will provide a headstone or marker.

In addition, a burial flag is available to drape the Veteran's casket or urn during the funeral. Presidential Memorial Certificates honoring the Veteran may be requested. Military funeral honors for the Veteran include burial flag folding and presentation of "Taps" played on a bugle or by recording. Funeral directors can usually arrange for these specific services on request.

Military Burials

Burial and Memorial Benefits

Eligibility:

Family members must have a DD-214 as proof of a Veteran's active federal military service. Some Veterans may be eligible for a limited burial allowance. Family members should contact their local County Veterans Service Office.

Contact:

Your County Veterans Service Officer can explain the requirements for burial and memorial benefits and provide assistance to properly complete all applications for the benefits. A listing of these offices can be found beginning on page 56.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting:

www.ohiovet.gov



Military Injury Relief Fund

State

Description:

The fund grants a one-time, tax-exempt monetary payment to military service members injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, or Operation New Dawn.

Eligibility:

- Documentation of the awarding of the Purple Heart in accordance with Title 10, Ch.57 of the U.S. Code, Ch.32 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and other applicable federal laws.
- Documentation of the combat-related injury and documentation showing that this injury resulted in awarding of a Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB), Combat Action Ribbon (CAR), or Combat Action Badge (CAB) or its equivalent.
- Documentation of a combat-related injury not covered above, primarily including, but not limited to, traumatic brain injury, injury caused by detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED), or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Documentation of PTSD must include medical diagnosis.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5101.98

Contact:

Applications can be completed at each of the 88 County Veterans Service Offices. This program falls under the Ohio Dept. of Job & Family Services - Veterans Services. 888-296-7541 (option 5)

web site: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/veterans/new/mirf.stm>

Military Records

Federal/State

Veterans with questions about their military records should contact their County Veterans Service Office. They have the expertise to help with applications and interact with government agencies.

National Archives - St. Louis, MO

Contact:

866-272-6272 - Select military personnel rcds opt. (fees may apply)
web site: www.archives.gov/veterans

Nat'l Archives & Rcds Admin. - College Park, MD

Contact:

866-272-6272 (fees may apply)
web site: www.archives.gov/veterans

Military Awards & Decorations

Requests for the issuance or replacement of military service medals, decorations, and awards should be directed to the Veteran's specific branch of the military. However, for Air Force, Army Air Corps, and Army, the National Personnel Records Center will verify the awards and forward the request with the verification to the appropriate service department for issuance of the medals.

Contact:

National Archives, Veterans Service Records
web site: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Military Records

State/Local

Ohio National Guard Library

Contact:

614-336-7038

Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) - Records Office

ODVS has discharge papers from the early 1900s to date for Veterans that enlisted from Ohio. We also record wartime bonus records prior to 1993 and for the Persian Gulf/OEF/OIF Ohio Veterans Bonus. County Recorders in each county also maintain records of discharges, and usually offer duplication services. Veterans are encouraged to record their discharges (DD-214s) at their County Recorder's office. This provides a duplicate if a certified copy is needed as verification for benefits.

Contact:

A request form must be completed and sent to:
Ohio Department of Veterans Services,
77 S. High St. 7th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215, or fax 614-728-9498.

Forms are available on our web site at:
http://dvs.ohio.gov/home/request_for_records.aspx
or you may call our office at 877-644-6838 or 614-466-5453.

County Recorders are normally located in the county seat; consult your local government listings.

Ohio Veterans Bonus

State

Persian Gulf, Iraq & Afghanistan Bonus

Description:

This program provides a monetary bonus for those that served during/in the Persian Gulf, Iraq, and/or Afghanistan conflicts.

It was approved by Ohio voters in November 2009.

The Bonus is exempt from federal and state tax.

Eligibility:

Veterans (including currently serving service members)

can determine if they are eligible by visiting the web site and using the eligibility tools.

Generally, anyone who served honorably, anywhere in the world,

for more than 90 days (not for training) from August 2, 1990 through March 3, 1991, or since October 7, 2001, is eligible.

Applicants must have been Ohio residents at the time of their entry onto active duty, and be current Ohio residents.



Ohio Veterans Bonus

Persian Gulf, Iraq & Afghanistan Bonus

Contact:

Applications
and Q&A
are located at:

www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov

or at any of Ohio's 88

County Veterans Service Offices,

call 877-OHIOVET (877-644-6838), select option 2.



Please Note:

Bonuses offered by the State of Ohio for service during previous wars have expired.

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

State

Description:

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was created by Governor George Voinovich in 1992 to recognize the contributions of Veterans to their communities after they leave the service.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Committee (consisting of all Veterans) selects no more than 20 inductees annually from nominations submitted throughout the year.

This is NOT a Military Hall of Fame. Those inducted have served honorably in the military and have continued to serve and contribute in their communities, state, and nation in an exemplary manner.

Nominations are accepted all year, but to be considered for the November Induction Ceremony, packets must be received by June 30th of each year.



Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Eligibility:

- Served honorably in the military.
- Contributed to their community in a commendable way.
- Born in Ohio or lived in Ohio for at least five years.
- Must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces and must provide a copy of discharge papers with the nomination.
- Be of good moral character, no felony convictions.
- Posthumous nominations are accepted.
- NOTE: Restrictions apply to those that are employed by ODVS, state elected officials, members of the executive committee, and foundation for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and County Veterans Service Commissioners.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5904

Contact:

Nomination packets can be printed off of the web site at:

http://dvs.ohio.gov/veterans_hall_of_fame.aspx

Or you can contact Karen Kish, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Coordinator, directly at 614-752-8941 or Karen.Kish@dvs.ohio.gov.

Mail packets to:

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

attn: Karen Kish

77 S. High St., 7th Fl., Columbus, OH 43215

Ohio Veterans Homes

State

Description:

The Ohio Veterans Homes are comprised of three facilities at two locations:

- A home located in Sandusky, Ohio (approximately 60 miles west of Cleveland) which offers standard and special care in its licensed nursing home.
- The Sandusky home also offers Veterans Hall, a domiciliary (DOM) for those who are able to function in an independent living situation, and DOM+ for those requiring very limited assistance (supervised care) but who do not require the level of care provided to nursing home residents.
- A home located in Georgetown, Ohio (approximately 45 miles east of Cincinnati), which offers licensed nursing home providing two levels of nursing care - standard care and special care (Alzheimer/Dementia).



Ohio Veterans Homes

Eligibility:

- Must have been an Ohio resident for one year, at any time during lifetime.
- Served on active duty during a time of war or armed conflict or be the recipient of the Purple Heart, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Navy/Marines Corps Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, or Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- Have received their most recent discharge under honorable conditions.
- Be disabled by disease, wounds, or otherwise and, by reason of such disability, incapable of earning a living.
- Individuals who are current drug and alcohol abusers, psychotics, or have active tuberculosis are not eligible for immediate admission.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5907

Contact:

800-572-7934

Pre-admission form and application can be found on at:

http://dvs.ohio.gov/veterans_homes/admission_information.aspx

Pensions

Federal

Disability Pensions

Description:

Veterans with low incomes who are permanently and totally disabled, or are age 65 or older, may be eligible for support. Payments are made to bring the total income, including other retirement or Social Security, to a level set by Congress. Unreimbursed medical expenses may reduce VA countable income.

Eligibility:

- A Veteran must have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a wartime period.
- The Veteran's discharge must have been under conditions other than dishonorable and their disability must be for reasons other than their own willful misconduct.
- Veterans who entered active duty on or after September 8, 1980, or officers who entered active duty on or after October 16, 1981, may have to meet a longer minimum period.

Contact:

Your County Veterans Service Officer can explain the requirements for disability pensions and provide assistance to properly complete all applications for this benefit. A listing of these offices can be found beginning on page 56. Veterans can also find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838) Or visiting: www.ohiovet.gov

Recreation Benefits

State

Free Hunting License

Eligibility:

This license is available to 100 percent disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs.

Contact:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses for qualified Veterans
800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)

Free Fishing License

Eligibility:

This license is also available to 100 percent disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs.

Contact:

Hunting & Fishing Licenses for qualified Veterans
800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)

Recreation Benefits

Free Registration of Watercraft

Eligibility:

Registration is available to 100 percent disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs, or Medal of Honor recipients.

Contact:

Boating Licenses for qualified Veterans
FOR INFORMATION CALL 877-426-2837

Free Camping at Ohio State Parks

Eligibility:

Camping is available to 100 percent disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs.

Contact:

Camping at Ohio State Parks
FOR INFORMATION CALL 877-426-2837

web site:

<http://ohiodnr.com/camps/discounts/tabid/205/Default.aspx>

Small Business

Federal

US Small Business Administration (SBA)

Description:

The SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development is responsible for liaison with the Veterans business community, for policy analysis and reporting, for acting as an Ombudsman for Veterans in Small Business Administration programs, for providing business training, counseling and assistance, and for overseeing the Federal procurement programs for Veteran and service-disabled Veteran-owned small businesses.



Contact:

800-877-8339

web site:

www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/ovbd/index.html

Small Business

State

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)

The PTACs help Ohio's businesses sell goods and services to local, state, and federal governments. In addition to services like marketing, one-on-one training, and help with resources, the Ohio PTACs offer (at no cost to Ohio businesses) bid-matching services, product and procurement histories, military specifications, and trade events where Ohio firms can meet government buyers.

Other services include:

- Bid Preparation Assistance.
- Post Award Assistance.
- Subcontracting Assistance.

A broad range of procurement assistance services is provided through a network of centers located throughout Ohio. The program is part of a nationwide network of Procurement Technical Assistance Centers created and monitored by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). In Ohio, the Ohio Development Services Agency is hosting the program at the Minority Business Enterprise Division in partnership with the DLA and the Ohio Small Business Development Centers program. The program is also supported by a number of community-based organizations.

Contact:

Office of the Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Program,
800-848-1300 or 614-466-5700 (Fax: 614-466-4172).

http://www.development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_ptac.htm

Small Business

1st Stop Business Connection

Description:

The 1st Stop Business Connection, a program sponsored by the Ohio Development Services Agency's Small Business Development Centers and the U.S. Small Business Administration, provides free state-level information that business people need to get started or to continue to develop and grow a business.

Contact:

800-248-4040 or 614-466-4232

<http://business.ohio.gov/starting>

GrowNOW

Description:

Veterans receive preference through the Ohio Treasurer's Office which can provide reduced rates for small business loans.

Contact:

614-466-2160

www.grownow.ohio.gov

Taxes

State

Ohio offers a number of tax exemptions for military personnel and retirees.

Mobilized Military Member Tax Exemption

Description:

Effective January 1, 2007, the deduction of military pay from federal adjusted gross income received for active duty while stationed outside of the State of Ohio for greater than 30 days is allowed.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5747.01 A(24)

Military Retirement Pay - State Tax Exemption

Description:

Effective January 1, 2008, military retirement pay and SBP benefits are exempt from Ohio income tax and local school district income taxes.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5747.01 A(26)

Taxes

Surviving Spouse Benefit Plans - State Tax Exemption

Description:

Effective August 21, 2008, surviving spouse benefit plans are exempt from State of Ohio tax.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5747.01 A(26)

Homestead Exemption

Description:

Senior citizens (65 and older) and totally disabled Veterans, regardless of income, are allowed a flat (no phase-out levels) \$25,000 property tax exemption.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 323.152

Contact:

Ohio Department of Taxation:
800-282-1780

www.tax.ohio.gov/ohio_individual/individual/military_tax_provisions.aspx

Homestead Exemption Information:

www.tax.ohio.gov/communications/homestead_exemption_information.aspx

County Veterans Service Offices

Adams County (937) 544-5005	Coshocton County (740) 622-2313	Hamilton County (513) 946-3300	Logan County (937) 599-4221
Allen County (419) 223-8522	Crawford County (419) 562-7761	Hancock County (419) 424-7036	Lorain County (440) 284-4624/25
Ashland County (419) 282-4225 x 4200	Cuyahoga County (216) 698-2600	Hardin County (419) 674-2219	Lucas County (419) 213-6090/92
Ashtabula County (440) 964-8324	Darke County (937) 548-5305	Harrison County (740) 942-8441	Madison County (740) 852-0676
Athens County (740) 592-3216	Defiance County (419) 782-6861	Henry County (419) 592-0956	Mahoning County (330) 740-2451
Auglaize County (419) 739-6750	Delaware County (740) 833-2010	Highland County (937) 393-8686	Marion County (740) 387-0100
Belmont County (740) 325-1042	Erie County (419) 627-7650	Hocking County (740) 385-7507	Medina County (330) 722-9368
Brown County (937) 378-3155	Fairfield County (740) 652-7920	Holmes County (330) 674-4806	Meigs County (740) 992-2820
Butler County (513) 887-3600	Fayette County (740) 335-1610	Huron County (419) 668-4150	Mercer County (419) 586-3542
Carroll County (330) 627-2590	Franklin County (614) 525-2500	Jackson County (740) 286-3004	Miami County (937) 440-8126
Champaign County (937) 653-4554	Fulton County (419) 337-9266	Jefferson County (740) 283-8571	Monroe County (740) 472-0743
Clark County (937) 521-2030	Gallia County (740) 446-2005	Knox County (740) 393-6742	Montgomery County (937) 225-4801
Clermont County (513) 732-7363	Geauga County (440) 279-1860 x 6406	Lake County (440) 350-2567	Morgan County (740) 962-4181
Clinton County (937) 382-3233	Greene County (937) 562-6020	Lawrence County (740) 533-4327	Morrow County (419) 946-1914
Columbiana County (330) 424-7214	Guernsey County (740) 432-9295	Licking County (740) 670-5430	Muskingum County (740) 455-7149

County Veterans Service Offices

Noble County
(740) 732-5567

Seneca County
(800) 820-0189

Tuscarawas County
(330) 339-1163

Washington County
(740) 568-9009

Ottawa County
(419) 898-2089

Shelby County
(937) 498-7282

Union County
(800) 686-2308

Wayne County
(800) 335-6638

Paulding County
(419) 399-8285

Stark County
(330) 451-7457

Van Wert County
(419) 238-9592

Williams County
(419) 636-8812

Perry County
(740) 342-2536

Summit County
(330) 643-2830

Vinton County
(740) 596-4571 x 224

Wood County
(419) 354-9147

Pickaway County
(888) 330-3522

Trumbull County
(330) 675-2585

Warren County
(513) 695-1363

Wyandot County
(419) 294-2045

Pike County
(740) 947-2766

Portage County
(330) 297-3545

Preble County
(937) 456-6111

Putnam County
(419) 523-4478

Richland County
(419) 774-5822

Ross County
(740) 772-1600

Sandusky County
(419) 334-4421

Scioto County
(740) 353-1477



Support and Assistance for you or your Family is only ONE CALL AWAY...

...Call the Family Assistance Center nearest you!

1-800-589-9914

Region 1 Canton/Akron

(Prompt 1)

Region 2 Chillicothe/Portsmouth

(Prompt 2)

Region 3 Cincinnati/Hamilton

(Prompt 3)

Region 4 Dayton/Kettering

(Prompt 4)

Region 5 Toledo/Bowling Green

(Prompt 5)

Region 6 Columbus

(Prompt 6)



Airmen & Family Readiness Program Locations

Mansfield - 179th AW (800) 642-8365 x 5206600

Springfield - 178th FW (800) 851-4503 x 2583

Toledo - 180th FW (800) 495-4250 x 8684550

Columbus - 121st ARW (800) 377-5570 x 5

Our regional Troop & Family Assistance Specialists and Airmen & Family Readiness Program Managers are highly trained professionals who provide information, resources, referrals, and assistance to all Service Members and Families before, during, and after deployments, or whenever there is a need.

Ohio National Guard Family Readiness and Service Member Support Program

VA Facilities in Ohio

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 4: VA Healthcare - VISN 4

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics

Ashtabula County VA Clinic	1230 Lake Avenue Ashtabula, OH 44004	866-463-0912
Belmont County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	103 Plaza Dr., Ste. A St. Clairsville, OH 43950	740-695-9321

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 10: VA Healthcare Sys of OH

VISN 10 Office

VISN 10: VA Healthcare System of Ohio	11500 Northlake Dr., Ste. 200 Cincinnati, OH 45249	513-247-4621
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VA Medical Centers

Chalmers P. Wylie Ambulatory Care Center	420 N. James Rd. Columbus, OH 43219	614-257-5200 or 888-615-9448
Chillicothe VA Medical Center	17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-773-1141 or 800-358-8262
Cincinnati VA Medical Center	3200 Vine Street Cincinnati, OH 45220	513-861-3100
Dayton VA Medical Center	4100 W. 3rd Street Dayton, OH 45428	937-268-6511
Louis Stokes VA Medical Center	10701 East Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44106	216-791-3800

VA Outpatient Clinics

Canton Outpatient Clinic	733 Market Avenue South Canton, OH 44702-1018	330-489-4600
Youngstown Outpatient Clinic	2031 Belmont Avenue Youngstown, OH 44505	330-740-9200

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics

Akron Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	55 W. Waterloo Akron, OH 44319-1116	330-724-7715
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VA Facilities in Ohio

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 10: VA Healthcare Sys of OH

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, continued

Athens Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	510 W. Union Street Athens, OH 45701	740-593-7314
Cambridge Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	2146 Southgate Parkway Cambridge, OH 43725	740-432-1963
Clermont County Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4600 Beechwood Road Cincinnati, OH 45244	513-943-3680
East Liverpool/Calcutta Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	15655 State Rt. 170, Ste. A Calcutta, OH 43920	330-386-4303
Grove City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1955 Ohio Drive Grove City, OH 43123	614-257-5800
Hamilton VA Healthcare Associates - Butler County	1750 South Erie Highway Hamilton, OH 45011	513-870-9444
Lancaster Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	Colonnade Medical Bldg. 1550 Sheridan Dr., Ste. 100 Lancaster, OH 43130	740-653-6145
Lima Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1303 Bellefontaine Ave. Lima, OH 45804	419-222-5788
Lorain Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	205 West 20th Street Lorain, OH 44052	440-244-3833
Mansfield Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1456 Park Avenue West Mansfield, OH 44906	419-529-4602
Marietta Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	418 Colegate Drive Marietta, OH 45750	740-568-0412
Marion Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1203 Delaware Avenue Corporate Center #2 Marion, OH 43302-6419	740-223-8089
McCafferty Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4242 Lorain Avenue Cleveland, OH 44113	216-939-0699
Middletown Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4337 N. Union Road Middletown, OH 45005	513-423-8387
New Philadelphia Clinic	1260 Monroe Ave., Ste. 1A New Philadelphia, OH 44663	330-602-5339

VA Facilities in Ohio

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 10: VA Healthcare Sys of OH

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, continued

Newark Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1855 W. Main Street Newark, OH 43055	740-788-8329
Painesville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	7 West Jackson Street Painesville, OH 44077	440-357-6740
Parma Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	8787 Brookpark Road Parma, OH 44129	216-739-7000
Portsmouth Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	840 Gallia Street Portsmouth, OH 45662	740-353-3236
Ravenna Clinic	6751 N. Chestnut Street Ravenna, OH 44266	330-296-3641
Sandusky Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	3416 Columbus Avenue Sandusky, OH 44870	419-625-7350
Springfield Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	512 South Burnett Road Springfield, OH 45505	937-328-3385
Warren Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1460 Tod Ave. (NW) Warren, OH 44485	330-392-0311
Zanesville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	2800 Maple Avenue Zanesville, OH 43701	740-453-7725

VA Vet Centers

Cincinnati Vet Center	801B W. 8th Street, Ste. 126 Cincinnati, OH 45203	513-763-3500 or 877-927-8387
Cleveland Maple Heights Vet Center	5310 1/2 Warrensville Ctr Rd. Maple Heights, OH 44137	216-707-7901 or 877-927-8387
Columbus Vet Center	30 Spruce Street Columbus, OH 43215	614-257-5550 or 877-927-8387
Dayton Vet Center	627 Edwin C. Moses Blvd. 6th Flr., East Medical Plaza Dayton, OH 45408	937-461-9150 or 877-927-8387
McCafferty Vet Center Outstation	4242 Lorain Avenue, Ste. 203 Cleveland, OH 44113	216-939-0784 or 877-927-8387

VA Facilities in Ohio

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 10: VA Healthcare Sys of OH

VA Vet Centers, continued

Parma Vet Center	5700 Pearl Road, Ste. 102 Parma, OH 44129	440-845-5023 or 877-927-8387
Stark County Vet Center	220 Market Ave. S., Ste. 1160 Canton, OH 44702	330-454-3120 or 877-927-8387

Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 11: Veterans in Partnership

Toledo VA Outpatient Clinic	1200 S. Detroit Avenue Toledo, OH 43614	419-259-2000
Toledo Vet Center	1565 S. Byrne Road, Ste. 104 Toledo, OH 43614	419-213-7533 or 877-927-8387

Veterans Benefits Administration - Eastern Area Office

Cleveland Regional Office	A.J. Celebrezze Fed. Building 1240 East 9th Street Cleveland, OH 44199	800-827-1000
Intake Site at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base	VA/DOD Transition Office 4881 Sugar Maple Drive Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH 45433	

Nat'l Cemetery Admin. - Indianapolis Memorial Service Ntwk

Dayton National Cemetery	VA Medical Center 4100 West Third Street Dayton, OH 45428	937-262-2115
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery	P.O. Box 8 10175 Rawiga Road Rittman, OH 44270	330-335-3069

VA Contact Information

VA Benefits	800-827-1000
Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits:	877-294-6380
Education (GI Bill):	888-442-4551
Debt Management:	800-827-0648
Health Care Benefits:	877-222-8387
CHAMPVA:	800-733-8387
Life Insurance:	800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline:	888-492-7844
Status of Headstones and Markers:	800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD):	800-829-4833
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/ Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation:	800-749-8387

VA Home Page:	www.va.gov
VA Health Care:	www.va.gov/health
Returning Veterans:	www.oefoif.va.gov
Survivor Benefits:	www.benefits.va.gov/persona/dependent_survivor.asp
VA Facilities:	www2.va.gov/directory
VA Forms:	www.va.gov/vaforms
VA Benefit Payment Rates:	www.benefits.va.gov/compensation
Education Benefits:	www.gibill.va.gov
Home Loan Guaranty:	www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans
Life Insurance:	www.benefits.va.gov/insurance
Vocational Rehabilitation:	www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/index.htm
Burial & Memorial Benefits:	www.cem.va.gov
Veterans Employment & Training:	www.dol.gov/vets
Federal Jobs:	www.usajobs.gov
Veterans Preference:	www.fedshirevets.gov/job/vetpref
Military Records:	www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel
Department of Defense:	www.defense.gov

VA-Chartered Veterans Organizations Represented on the Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services Advisory Committee

American Legion

Department of Ohio
60 Big Run Road
Delaware, OH 43015
740-362-7478
Fax: 740-362-1429

AMVETS

Department of Ohio
1395 E. Dublin Granville Rd.
Suite 222
Columbus, OH 43229
614-431-6990 or 800-OH-AMVET
Fax: 614-431-6991

Army & Navy Union USA, Inc.

Department of Ohio
1940 Beaver Tail
Mineral Ridge, OH 44440
330-544-4173

Catholic War Veterans

Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 510
Columbus, OH 43215
614-221-7601
Fax: 614-221-0278

Disabled American Veterans

Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 503
Columbus, OH 43215
614-221-3582
Fax: 614-221-4822

Jewish War Veterans

5519 Naiche Road
Columbus, OH 43213

Korean War Veterans Assoc., Inc.

Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 507
Columbus, OH 43215

Marine Corps League

35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 504
Columbus, OH 43215
614-469-1775
Fax: 614-469-5674

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Department of Ohio
35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
614-228-8250
Fax: 614-228-7290

Veterans of Foreign Wars

35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Room 506
Columbus, OH 43215
614-224-1838
Fax: 614-224-3861

Vietnam Veterans of America

Buckeye Council
35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 501
Columbus, OH 43215
614-228-0188
Fax: 614-228-2711

Military Officers Assoc. of America

Central Ohio
483 Hunt Valley Drive
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
614-771-7516



Your Service May be Worth More than You Think...

Apply for Veterans' benefits at your local
County Veterans Service Office.

See the listing beginning on page 56.

Or call:

877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Get the latest information and sign up for news updates at:
www.ohiovet.gov

