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www.ohlovets.gov

A photograph of a smiling veteran couple in camouflage uniforms, each wearing a matching cap. They are holding a young child who is smiling and holding a small American flag. The background is a large American flag.

Benefits Resource Guide

Introduction

OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com

OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com gives Ohio veterans, service members and their families one easy entry point to find information about jobs, building civilian resumes, professional licenses, benefits and how to obtain free college credit for military training, education and service.

OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com offers:

Military Skills Translator

Translate your MOS code/title into civilian terms to help build your resume.

Military Occupation Search

Learn how your MOS code/title translates to Ohio's in-demand jobs.

Licensing and Certification

Turn your military training and experience into a professional license and/or certification. State boards and commissions expedite applications for military members and spouses.

Free College Credit for Military Experience

Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities are trained to recognize military training and experience and translate it into FREE college credits.

Military Friendly Employers

Find more than 2,100 Ohio employers provide hiring preferences or other benefits to veterans and their families.

Veteran-Owned Businesses

Learn about resources and programs to help veterans start or grow a business.

Veterans Resource Guide

Find out about local, state and federal Veterans benefits.

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 to help Ohio's Veterans apply for all benefits earned by active military service, which are 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.

Introduction

Where Do Veterans Go to Get Help?

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.

Many County Veterans Service and County Recorders offices make Veterans ID cards.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

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

Or visiting:

www.ohiovets.gov

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Crisis Counseling

Veterans Crisis Line

Call 800-273-TALK (8255)

or

Text 4HOPE to 741 741

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

or text 4HOPE to 741 741

(Ohio's Crisis Text Line)

website:

www.veteranscrisisline.net



Education

Federal Benefits

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 MGB 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) Call 7AM - 6PM CST (M - F)
website: www.benefits.va.gov/gibill

Education

State Benefits

Fast Track to College Credit for Veterans

If you have served in the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard, your training, experience and/or coursework may translate to free college credit. Military Transfer Assurance Guides (MTAGs) provide a statewide guarantee that certain types of military training, experience, and/or coursework align to existing college and university courses and will be awarded appropriate credit.

Contact:

See how your military experience will transfer.
Visit the website: <https://transfercredit.ohio.gov>

Ohio's public colleges and universities are required to provide priority course registration, academic and career counseling for Veterans and Veteran support services on campus.

Contact:

Veteran contacts at each public college and university are available at the website:
www.ohiohighered.org/veterans/campus-services

Education

State
Benefits

Ohio GI Promise

Ohio GI Promise authorizes the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education 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:

website: www.ohiohighered.org/veterans

Education

State
Benefits

Ohio War Orphans Scholarship

The Ohio War Orphans Scholarship program provides tuition assistance to children of deceased or at least 60% VA-rated service-connected disabled Ohio Veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during a period of declared war or conflict – DEADLINE IS JULY 1st OF EACH YEAR.

Eligibility:

- Veteran parent must be deceased or at least 60% VA-rated service-connected disabled for level of disability and financial situation to be 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 Department of Higher Education can be contacted at:
614-752-9528

website: www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans

Education

State
Benefits

Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund

This fund provides a tuition waiver for children of members of the U.S. Armed Forces who 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 U.S. Armed Forces 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 Department of Higher Education
614-752-9528

website: www.ohiohighered.org/safety-officers-college-fund

Education

State Benefits

Military Interstate Children's Compact

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 website: www.mic3.net



Education

State
Benefits

Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program

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 12 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 unit drills.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5919.34

Contact:

Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program Office
614-336-7143 or 888-400-6484

website:

http://ong.ohio.gov/information/education/scholarship_index.html

Education

Local Benefits

High School Diploma

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 U.S. 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
Benefits

USERRA – Uniformed Services Employment & Re-employment Rights Act

This act is intended to ensure that persons who serve or have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, National Guard or other “uniformed services” are: not disadvantaged in their civilian careers because of their service; promptly re-employed upon their return from duty, and are not discriminated against in employment based on past, present or future military service.

Contact:

website: www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra

Federal
Benefits

Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR)

ESGR promotes a culture where all employers support and value the military service of their employees. ESGR recognizes outstanding support, increasing awareness of the USERRA law and resolving conflict through mediation.

Contact:

800-336-4590

website: www.esgr.org

Employment/Jobs

Federal
Benefits

Center for Energy – Troops to Energy Jobs

Troops to Energy Jobs offers Veterans the opportunity to enter the energy industry seamlessly, regardless of their geographic location or targeted company.

Contact:

website: www.troopstoenergyjobs.com

Helmets to Hardhats

The fastest way for service members to transition from active duty to a career in the construction industry.

Contact:

866-741-6210 | www.helmetstohardhats.org



Employment/Jobs

Federal
Benefits

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (aka VR&E, VET90 or Ch. 31 Program)

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:

216-522-3535

website: www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab

Feds Hire Vets

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.

website: www.fedshirevets.gov

Employment/Jobs

Federal
Benefits

Apprenticeships/ On the Job Training

Veterans may receive tax-free living expenses during an apprenticeship or On the Job Training if the company's training program is certified for GI Bill® funding.

Apprenticeship programs teach high-level skills for today's workplace. Ohio has more than 1,100 registered apprenticeship programs in fields as diverse as construction, energy, health care, manufacturing, and utilities. Search the list of state apprenticeships available at the link below and contact the company you are interested in to see if they are certified to receive GI Bill® funding. If they are not, contact the DVS State Approving Agency.

Contact:

Ohio State Apprenticeship Council
website: <http://omj.ohio.gov/program/index.stm>

Ohio DVS State Approving Agency
614-466-9287

Employment/Jobs

Federal
Benefits

“COOL” – Credentialing Opportunities Online

Veterans who need help in translating their military experience into everyday terms have online assistance. The U.S. Armed Forces have developed “COOL” websites that help Veterans translate their military skills into terms civilian employers can understand. The sites, which stand for “credentialing opportunities online,” allow Veterans 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.

Contact:

The relevant service sites are below:

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

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usmc/index.htm>

<https://www.cool.navy.mil/usn/index.htm>

<https://afvec.langley.af.mil/afvec/Public/COOL/Default.aspx>

Employment/Jobs

State
Benefits

OhioMeansJobs Centers

Veterans and military spouses can access free, one-on-one personal coaching for their job search at any of the 88 county OhioMeansJobs Centers.

Additional intensive services are provided to eligible Veterans by Veterans under the Jobs for Vets State Grant Program. Priority is given to serving those who are economically or educationally disadvantaged, including homeless Veterans and Veterans with barriers to employment.

Contact:

888-296-7541, option 5;

website: www.jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wioa/map.stm

Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Service
866-487-2365;

website: www.dol.gov/vets

Job postings, job fair and training workshop listings, practice interviews and much more are available online at: www.ohiomeansjobs.com.



Employment/Jobs

State
Benefits

OhioMeansVeteranJobs

OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com gives Ohio veterans, service members and their families one easy entry point to find information about jobs, building civilian resumes, professional licenses, benefits and how to obtain free college credit for military training, education and service.

Veterans who register on the site will have their resumes seen first by employers who have jobs matching their skills.

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Employment/Jobs

State
Benefits

Fast Track to Professional Licenses for Veterans

Turn your military training and experience into a state-issued professional license and/or certification. Honorably discharged Veterans and their spouses can use a prioritized process that applies military training and experience to expedite obtaining a professional state license or certification. Eligible Veterans may use GI Bill funds to pay required testing or fees. Veterans, military members and their spouses who are qualified teachers can receive their state teaching license and renewal fees for free.

Use the MOS/MOC to State Issued License and Certification Tool to match military occupations to civilian occupations that require a state-issued license.

Contact:

website: <http://omj.ohio.gov/Veterans/index.stm>

Insuring Ohio Futures

Ohio's insurance industry forecasts thousands of available jobs in many different career paths. The industry is actively seeking military service members and Veterans to fill these vacancies.

Contact:

website: www.insuringohiofutures.com

Financial Assistance

Federal
Benefits

Department of Defense Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)

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.

Contact:

website: <http://hap.usace.army.mil>

Financial Assistance

State
Benefits

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

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
website: www.energyhelp.ohio.gov

Financial Assistance

State
Benefits

Smart Money Choices

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, homeownership, identity theft and fraud prevention, insurance, investments, kids and money and Social Security.

Contact:

Ohio Treasurer of State

800-228-1102

website: www.tos.ohio.gov/smartmoneychoices

Local
Benefits

County Assistance

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:

Contact your local County Veterans Service Office for more information (see listings beginning on page 60).

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

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

Or visiting the website: www.ohiovets.gov

Health Care

Federal
Benefits

Medical Centers

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 63 contains a listing of VA Medical Facilities in Ohio.
website: www.va.gov/health/findcare.asp

MakeTheConnection.net

provides links to helpful resources and to VA services, benefits.
Visit <https://maketheconnection.net/resources/va-information>.

Health Care

Federal
Benefits

Vet Centers

Vet Centers understand and appreciate Veterans' war experiences while assisting them and their family members toward a successful post-war adjustment in or near their community. The VA provides mental health counseling for Veterans and families at seven Vet Centers in Ohio.

Vet Center staff provide individual, group, family, military sexual trauma and bereavement counseling. Services include treatment for PTS or help with any 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.

Contact:

Ohio Vet Center locations are listed beginning on page 66. Contact the nearest center or visit www.vetcenter.va.gov.

If you or someone you love is experiencing an emotional crisis, call 800-273-TALK (8255) and press 1 for Veterans. More info about the Veterans Crisis Line is available on page 5.

Visit Help Ohio's Heroes at www.ohiovets.gov/main/help-ohio-heroes.html for suicide prevention resources and solutions to common stressors Veterans and military families may face.

Health Care

Federal
Benefits

MakeTheConnection.net

MakeTheConnection.net features 400 Veterans and family members from across the country sharing their stories of strength and recovery. Find life experiences you can relate to and explore information about signs, symptoms, and conditions that are related to mental health and well-being. When it's time to reach out, MakeTheConnection.net's resource locator can help you find resources, programs and facilities in your area, no matter where you are.

State
Benefits

**Community-Based
Behavioral Health Providers**

Locate behavioral health professionals in your community who have military culture training. Star Behavioral Health Providers have specialized training in understanding and treating military service members and their families.

Contact:

Visit www.starproviders.org

Health Care

State
Benefits

Ohio Cares for the National Guard



Ohio Cares is a collaboration of state and local agencies supporting the behavioral health of current active Ohio National Guard personnel and their families.

Contact:

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

For information: 800-761-0868

website: www.ohiocares.ohio.gov

Local
Benefits

Veterans Service Offices

The County Veterans Service Office in each county provides transportation to VA medical appointments. Contact your local office for specific information.

Contact:

A listing of these offices can be found beginning on page 60.

Veterans can also find their local office by calling:

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

Or visiting: www.ohiovets.gov

Homelessness

Local
Benefits

Preventing Homelessness

Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless can call or visit their local VA Medical Center. The VA can connect you with comprehensive programs to prevent loss of housing.

Contact:

Call the VA National Call Center for Homeless Veterans now at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838).

Visit the Ohio Homeless Shelter Directory at:
www.homelessshelterdirectory.org/ohio.html

Local
Benefits

Short-Term Assistance

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:

Contact your local County Veterans Service Office for more information (see listings beginning on page 60). Veterans can also find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838) Or visiting the website: www.ohiovets.gov

Home Loans

Federal
Benefits

VA Home Loan Guaranty

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

website: www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans

Home Loans

State
Benefits

Ohio Heroes Program

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.

Contact:

website: <http://myohiohome.org/ohioheroes.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

website: <http://myohiohome.org/faqs.aspx>

Injury Compensation

Service-Connected Injury/ Disability Compensation

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

Federal
Benefits

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 60. Veterans also can find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838)

Or visiting:

www.ohiovets.gov



Legal

Federal Benefits

USERRA – Uniformed Services Employment & Re-employment Rights Act

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 re-employed in their civilian jobs on 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 website: www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra

Federal Trade Commission

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

Free Credit Report

www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports

Legal

State

Benefits

Operation Legal Help Ohio

Operation Legal Help Ohio is a non-profit organization with the mission of serving low income Veterans and active service members who are encountering certain types of civil, not criminal, issues within Ohio's justice system. OLHO has a network of volunteer lawyers willing to represent Veterans without charging a fee.

Issues handled by lawyers in Operation Legal Help Ohio include landlord/tenant matters, credit card debt defense, uncontested divorce, wills and powers of attorney, employment matters and VA benefits.

Eligibility:

Veterans whose family income is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Contact:

877-759-6182

website: www.olhoh.org

Legal

State
Benefits

Patriot Program

The Ohio Attorney General provides services for Ohio military.

Legal Assistance: This pro bono program provides volunteer lawyers to assist military personnel and their families.

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

Consumer Protection: This section provides information to enable active duty personnel and Veterans to protect themselves from scams and to assist those who have fallen victim.

Civil Rights: Ohio law prohibits discrimination for military status in employment, housing and public accommodations, to include against a disabled active duty person or Veteran who needs a service animal. Ohio law also prohibits discrimination for race, sex, color, age, religion, national origin, ancestry and disability, protecting Veterans in those protected classes.

Identity Theft: This section helps identity theft victims by working with credit report agencies, creditors, collectors, etc.

Eligibility:

- Active duty, Reserve & National Guard and their families.
- Veterans (except for Legal Assistance).

Contact:

Ohio Attorney General's Office

800-282-0515 | for Civil Rights issues, 614-466-7900

website: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/ServicesforVeterans.aspx

Legal

State
Benefits

Ohio's Veterans' Courts

Courts throughout Ohio are implementing special Veterans' Courts, where the emphasis is on treatment and diversion rather than punishment. The Ohio Department of Veterans Services has established effective working relationships with these courts in order to provide guidance and assistance on issues like sustainable funding and obtaining certification from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Contact:

Current information for Ohio's Veterans' Courts is at the website: www.ohiovets.gov/main/ohio-veterans-courts.html



License Plates

State Benefits

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

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
- Women Veteran plates

These special plates cost the same as a regular plate and normal vehicle registration fees apply. Personalized or reserved license plates will require additional fees.

Eligibility:

Veterans must present their DD-214 at the BMV 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

State
Benefits

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:

800-589-8247

(8am - 5pm)

website:

www.Oplates.com



Deputy Registrar license agency locations:

<http://bmvo.hio.gov/locations.aspx>

Disability plates can be reviewed at:

<http://bmvo.hio.gov/vr-sp-disability.aspx>

Military plates can be reviewed at:

<http://bmvo.hio.gov/vr-sp-military.aspx>

A portion of the POW-MIA Awareness license plate fee supports the Ohio Military Injury Relief Fund.

Military Burials

Federal/
State
Benefits

Burial and Memorial Benefits

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 usually can arrange for these specific services on request.

Military Burials

Federal/
State
Benefits

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 60. Veterans can also find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838) Or visiting: www.ohiovets.gov



Military Injury Relief

State

Benefits

Military Injury Relief Fund

The fund grants a one-time, tax-exempt monetary payment to military service members injured in active service as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces while serving after October 7, 2001 and to individuals diagnosed with post-traumatic stress while serving after October 7, 2001.

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 (PTS). Documentation of PTS must include medical diagnosis.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5902.05

Contact:

Applications are available on www.ohiovets.gov/main/mirf.html or at each of the 88 County Veterans Service Offices. Call 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838), select option 3

Military Records

Federal/
State
Benefits

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

Nat'l Personnel Records Center – St. Louis, MO

Contact:

314-801-0800 – Select military personnel rcds opt. (fees may apply)
website: www.archives.gov/veterans

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

Contact:

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

Military Awards & Decorations

Requests for 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 medals.

Contact:

website: www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Military Records

State/
Local
Benefits

**Ohio National Guard
Library/Military Records**

Contact: 614-336-7038

**Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services
(ODVS) – Records Office**

Veterans can request military records at their County Veterans Service Office (listings begin on page 60). ODVS also has discharge records from the early 1900s to date for Veterans who enlisted from Ohio, and wartime bonus records prior to 1993 as well as records for the Ohio Veterans Bonus enacted in 2009. 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 should a certified copy be 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 website at:
www.ohiovets.gov/main/request-for-records.html
or call our office at 877-644-6838,
or your local County Veterans Service Office.

Military Voting

State
Benefits

Military Ready to Vote/ Vote in Honor of a Veteran

The Military Ready to Vote program of the Ohio Secretary of State is intended to make it easier for active duty Ohio-resident military service members stationed outside the state to register and cast their votes. Online services of the program include:

- A Military Ready-to-Vote (MRV) packet designed to allow active duty service members to register to vote and request an absentee ballot. The packet also has a Track your Ballot feature to ensure that the ballot reaches a local board of elections.
- An electronic download of the MRV packet or a .PDF of the Federal Post Card Application for an absentee ballot.
- An e-mail sign up for elections updates and reminders.
- Ballot information on state and local candidates and issues.
- Online Ohio elections results.

The Secretary of State also offers the Vote in Honor of a Veteran program, which enables any voter to pay tribute to an individual service member by dedicating their vote to them. It also allows a voter to post a testimonial about their military loved one and to receive a special pin to wear on Election Day.

Contact:

877-767-6446 or 614-466-2655

website: www.ohiomilitaryvotes.com

Ohio Veterans Bonus

State
Benefits

Bonus for Service in Afghanistan & Elsewhere

This program provides a monetary bonus for those who served during the time of the conflict in Afghanistan. It pays \$100 per month for service in Afghanistan and \$50 per month for service elsewhere, up to a maximum of \$1,500.

Eligibility:

Veterans (including those currently serving) can determine if they are eligible by visiting the website and using the eligibility tools.

Generally, anyone who served honorably anywhere in the world for more than 90 days (not for training) on or after October 7, 2001 is eligible. Applicants must have been Ohio residents at the time of entry onto active duty and must be current Ohio residents.



Ohio Veterans Bonus

State
Benefits

**Bonus for Service in
Afghanistan & Elsewhere**

Contact:

Applications and Q&A
are located at:

www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov

or at any of Ohio's 88
County Veterans Service Offices.

For more information,
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 HOF

State
Benefits

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was created 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 HOF

State

Benefits

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Purpose: The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes the post-military achievements of outstanding Veterans and spotlights all Veterans' contributions to the civilian workplace and community.

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 current ODVS employees, state elected officials, Veterans Service Commissioners and members of the executive committee and foundation for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 5904

Contact:

Nomination packets can be printed off of the website at:

www.ohiovets.gov/main/veterans-hall-of-fame-nominations.html

Or reach the Hall of Fame Coordinator at halloffame@dvs.ohio.gov or 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838), option 4.

Mail packets to: Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

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

Ohio Veterans Homes

State
Benefits

The Ohio Veterans Homes

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

- Located near Lake Erie in Sandusky, Ohio (approximately 60 miles west of Cleveland), the Sandusky Home offers standard and memory 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.
- Located in scenic, rural Georgetown, Ohio (approximately 45 miles east of Cincinnati), the Georgetown Home offers skilled nursing services providing two levels of nursing care — standard care and memory care.



Ohio Veterans Homes

State
Benefits

The 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 Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal or Vietnam 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 have medical conditions that cannot be adequately supported by OVH personnel are not eligible for immediate admission.

Contact:

800-572-7934

Pre-admission form and application can be found at:

www.ohiovets.gov/main/ovh-admission.html

Pensions

Federal
Benefits

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 60. You can also find their local office by calling: 877-OHIO-VET (877-644-6838) Or visiting: www.ohiovets.gov

Recreation Benefits

State
Benefits

Free Licenses

Eligibility:

Ohio Revised Code provides for eligible resident disabled Veterans and former prisoners of war to receive a

- fishing license
- hunting license
- fur taker permit
- deer permit
- wild turkey permit
- wetlands habitat stamp

or any combination of these licenses free of charge.

Contact:

800-WILDLIFE (945-3543)

More information can be found at:

<http://wildlife.ohiodnr.gov>

Recreation Benefits

State Benefits

Free Registration of Watercraft

Eligibility:

Registration is available to 100 percent service-related disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs, Medal of Honor recipients, or Veterans Car Assistance Program participants.

Contact:

Veteran's Boat Registration, Ohio DNR Division of Watercraft
614-265-6494

Discounts at Ohio State Parks

Eligibility:

- Free camping is available to 100-percent disabled Veterans (as rated permanently and totally disabled by the VA) or former POWs.
- A 10 percent discount on camping, getaway rentals, cottages and lodge rooms is available to active duty military and Veterans.

Contact:

website: <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov/discounts>

Small Business

Federal
Benefits

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

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:

800-827-5722

website:

www.sba.gov/content/veteran-service-disabled-veteran-owned

Small Business

State
Benefits

Small Business Development Centers

The Ohio Development Services Agency, in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, has a network of Small Business Development Centers in Ohio. These centers contribute funds and resources to support small business development.

Contact:

800-848-1300 | <https://clients.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov>

1st Stop Business Connection

This state program provides free information for business people to get started or to continue to develop and grow a business.

Contact:

800-248-4040 | <http://business.ohio.gov/starting>

GrowNOW

Veterans receive approval preference through the Ohio Treasurer's Office on reduced rate loans for small businesses.

Contact:

800-228-1102 | www.tos.ohio.gov/grownow

Small Business

State
Benefits

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs)

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 614-644-1637 (Fax: 614-466-4172).

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

Taxes

State Benefits

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

Mobilized Military Member Tax Exemption

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 Exemptions

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

Effective August 21, 2008, surviving spouse benefit plans are also exempt from Ohio income tax and local school district income taxes.

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

Taxes

State Benefits

Homestead Exemption

Veterans who are rated by the VA as 100-percent disabled due to a service-connected disability are eligible for expanded Homestead Exemption property tax relief on their primary residential home. Instead of the \$25,000 allowed for other eligible 65-and-older or permanently disabled applicants, eligible Veterans can exempt \$50,000 of the assessed value of their primary residential home from property taxes, meaning that a home valued at \$150,000 will only be taxed at a value of \$100,000. These Veterans are also exempt from the \$30,000 limit on annual income applied to other applicants; eligible Veterans have no limit on their annual income.

Eligibility:

A Veteran must have been separated or released from active duty under honorable conditions and receive a total disability rating, or total disability rating for compensation based on individual unemployability, for a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities.

Location in Ohio Law: Ohio Revised Code 323.152

Contact:

Application must be made through the county auditor in the county where the home is located. A directory of county auditors is at: <http://caao.org/auditors-directory/>

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	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	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) 695-2717	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			



Additional info
can be found at:
www.ohiovets.gov

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

Visit www.homefront.ohio.gov OR call your Family Assistance Center

1-800-589-9914

Region 1 Northeast Ohio

(Prompt 1)

Region 2 Southeast Ohio

(Prompt 2)

Region 3 Southwest Ohio

(Prompt 3)

Region 4 West Central Ohio

(Prompt 4)

Region 5 Northwest Ohio

(Prompt 5)

Region 6 Central Ohio

(Prompt 6)



Airmen & Family Readiness Program Locations

Mansfield - 179th AW (800) 642-8365 x 7

Springfield - 178th W (937) 525-2583

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	2044 Lambros Ln. 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	513-247-4610
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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 St. Cincinnati, OH 45220	513-861-3100
Dayton VA Medical Center	4100 W. 3rd St. Dayton, OH 45428	937-268-6511 or 800-368-8262
Louis Stokes VA Medical Center	10701 East Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44106	216-791-3800 or 877-838-8262

VA Outpatient Clinics

Canton Outpatient Clinic	733 Market Ave. South Canton, OH 44702-1018	330-489-4600
Gallipolis Outpatient Clinic	323A Upper River Rd. Gallipolis, OH 45631	740-446-3934
Youngstown Outpatient Clinic	2031 Belmont Ave. Youngstown, OH 44505	330-740-9200

VA Facilities in Ohio

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

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics

Akron Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	55 W. Waterloo Rd. Akron, OH 44319-1116	330-724-7715
Athens Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	510 W. Union St. 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 Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45244	513-943-3680
East Liverpool/Calcutta Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	15655 State Route 170, Ste. A Calcutta, OH 43920	330-386-4303
Georgetown Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4903 State Route 125 Georgetown, OH 45121	937-378-3413
Grove City Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1955 Ohio Dr. Grove City, OH 43123	614-257-5800
Hamilton Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1750 South Erie Highway Hamilton, OH 45011	513-870-9444
Lancaster Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1703 N. Memorial Dr. 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 St. Lorain, OH 44052	440-244-3833
Mansfield Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1025 S. Trimble Rd. Mansfield, OH 44906	419-529-4602
Marietta Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	418 Colegate Dr. Marietta, OH 45750	740-568-0412

VA Facilities in Ohio

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

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, continued

Marion Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1203 Delaware Ave. Corporate Center #2 Marion, OH 43302-6419	740-223-8809
McCafferty Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4242 Lorain Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113	216-939-0699
Middletown Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	4337 N. Union Rd. Middletown, OH 45005	513-423-8387
New Philadelphia Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1260 Monroe Ave., Ste. 1A New Philadelphia, OH 44663	330-602-5339
Newark Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1855 W. Main St. Newark, OH 43055	740-788-8329
Painesville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	7 West Jackson St. Painesville, OH 44077	440-357-6740
Parma Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	8787 Brookpark Rd. Parma, OH 44129	216-739-7000
Portsmouth Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	840 Gallia St. Portsmouth, OH 45662	740-353-3236
Ravenna Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	6751 N. Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH 44266	330-296-3641
Sandusky Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	3416 Columbus Ave. Sandusky, OH 44870	419-625-7350
Springfield Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	512 South Burnett Rd. Springfield, OH 45505	937-328-3385
Warren Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	1460 Tod Ave. (NW) Warren, OH 44485	330-392-0311
Wilmington Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	448 West Main St. Wilmington, OH 45177	937-382-3949

VA Facilities in Ohio

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

VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics, continued

Zanesville Community-Based Outpatient Clinic	2800 Maple Ave. Zanesville, OH 43701	740-453-7725
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Veterans Health Admin. - VISN 10: VA Healthcare Sys of OH

VA Vet Centers

Cincinnati Vet Center	801B W. 8th St., 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 St. 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 Ave., Ste. 203 Cleveland, OH 44113	216-939-0784 or 877-927-8387
Parma Vet Center	5700 Pearl Rd., Ste. 102 Parma, OH 44129	440-845-5023 or 877-927-8387
Stark County Vet Center	601 Cleveland Ave. N., Ste. C 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 Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45203	419-259-2000
Toledo Vet Center	1565 S. Byrne Rd., Suite 104 Toledo, OH 43614	419-213-7533 or 877-927-8387

VA Facilities in Ohio

Veterans Benefits Admin.

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

Nat'l Cemetery Admin. - Indianapolis Memorial Service Ntwk

Camp Chase Confederate Cemetery	2900 Sullivant Ave. Columbus, OH 43204	937-262-2115
Confederate Stockade Cemetery	Johnson's Island Sandusky, OH 44870	330-335-3069
Dayton National Cemetery	4400 West Third St. Dayton, OH 45428	937-262-2115
Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery	10175 Rawiga Rd. Rittman, OH 44270	330-335-3069
Woodland Cemetery Soldiers' Lot	6901 Woodland Ave. Cleveland, OH 44104	330-335-3069

VA Contact Info

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.va.gov/opa/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.benefits.va.gov/gibill
Home Loan Guaranty:	www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans
Life Insurance:	www.benefits.va.gov/insurance
Vocational Rehabilitation:	www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp
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
P.O. Box 8007
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
PO Box 686
Niles, OH 44446

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
3296 Blueacres Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45239
513-923-4920

Marine Corps League

35 E. Chestnut Street
5th Floor, Suite 504
Columbus, OH 43215
614-464-1775 | Fax: 614-469-5674

Military Officers Assoc. of America

Ohio Council of Chapters
483 Hunt Valley Dr.
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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

Ohio National Guard Association

1299 Virginia Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212
614-486-4186

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

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

See the listing beginning on page 60 or call:

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

Get the latest information, sign up for news updates or
download the Ohio Veterans app for your phone or tablet.

www.ohiovets.gov



Veterans Crisis Line:

Call 800-273-TALK (8255) or text 4HOPE to 741 741