




The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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GMV my Veteran Community Agenda

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What is a MyVeteran Community

MyVeteran Communities bring together local Veteran service providers, resources, advocates, and other stakeholders to improve outcomes for Veterans, Service members, and their families.



VA may be the catalyst for community movements, but each community owns and leads the effort.

Inclusive

Accessible

Community-Driven

Flexible

Integrated

What does a MyVeteran Community do?

A **MyVeteran Community** drives a **shared understanding among stakeholders** of the complex challenges that Veterans and transitioning Service Members face and **leverages its collective strengths to improve the Veteran experience.**

MyVeteran Community



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GMV my Veteran Community Charter

❖ Mission:

- ❖ Improve support to Veterans, Service Members and their families by connecting regional Veteran service providers, resources, advocates and other stakeholders.

❖ Vision:

- ❖ Be a national leader in serving veterans

GMV my Veteran Community Charter

- ❖ Identify and highlight/advertise resources available to Veterans and their Families
 - ❖ Assist United Way of Greater Dayton with VetsLink to connect Veterans with resources
 - ❖ Annually host Veterans Moving Forward Resources Fair
- ❖ Identify & facilitate forums where service providers can connect to improve outcomes
 - ❖ Regularly meet with Veteran Service Organizations
 - ❖ Promote information sharing between service providers
- ❖ Facilitate feedback mechanisms for Veterans
 - ❖ Host listening sessions to gather Veterans' needs



GMV MyVeteran Community Members

Senator Portman's Office
Governor's Office
Lt Governor's Office
Commissioner Rick Perales
WPAFB
AF Wounded Warrior Program
Ohio National Guard
Ohio Department of Veterans Services
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
Ohio Means Jobs
Veterans Administration Medical Center
Veterans Administration National Cemetery
Veterans Experience Office
Ohio's Hospice
Huber Heights Military/Veterans Comm.
Montgomery County VSO
Greene County VSO
Allen County VSO
Auglaize County VSO
Butler County VSO
Champaign County VSO
Clark County VSO
Clinton County VSO
Darke County VSO
Hardin County VSO

Logan County VSO
Mercer County VSO
Miami County VSO
Preble County VSO
Putnam County VSO
Shelby County VSO
Warren County VSO
Wayne County VSO
Wright State
Univ of Dayton
Cinci. State
Sinclair
Clark State
CareSource
Projects Unlimited
LexisNexis
GE Aviation
PNC Bank
Red Cross
Honor Flight
GI Bucks
SOCHE
Blue Star Families
Greetree Group
PESystems

Volunteers of America
Dayton Development Coalition
Kettering Foundation
Vietnam Veterans Association
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Veteran Owned Business
Omega Baptist
United Way of the Greater Dayton Area
Goodwill Easter Seals of the Miami Valley
Miami Valley Human Resources Assoc.
Operation Pathfinder
Military-Transition.org
Community Support Coordinator, OH, WV
Disabled American Veterans
US Veterans Motorcycle Club
Resurrecting Lives Foundation
Habitat for Humanity
Paralyzed Veterans of America
Vet Center – Fairfield Commons
Soldiers Surgeon
Gauntlet Development
Better Business Bureau
Cinci Vet Center
Dayton Vet Center

St Vincent de Paul
Wounded Warrior Project
Reynolds and Reynolds
Because You Served
Dayton Metro Library
Extreme Focus
ABLE and Legal Aid of Western Ohio
Blue Skies for the Good Guys
Dayton Defense
Miami Valley Fair Housing
Lady Veterans Connect
GreatDogs
Patriot Enterprises
Wright Patt Credit Union
Alzheimers Association
Blue Skies/Good Guys & Gals
Caption Call
American Veterans Heritage Center
VA History Center Foundation
Woodhaven
Kindred

- ❖ **Mission:** Provide timely regional resource information to Veterans 24/7/365.
- ❖ **Why:** 180K+ Vets in region who need quick access to information regarding the resources available in the Greater Miami Valley
- ❖ **Accomplishments:**
 - ❖ Sponsorship of VetsLink launch provided by multiple companies in region
 - ❖ Annual Golf Tournament hosted by Rafi Rodriguez to benefit VetsLink
 - ❖ Hired Veteran call-center specialists to answer VetsLink line
 - ❖ Collected and vetted resource agencies from around the region to include in VetsLink resources database
 - ❖ United Way 211 website updated to incorporate VetsLink
 - ❖ Created VetsLink dashboard for United Way website to indicate recent needs of Veterans
- ❖ **Top Veteran Needs – Dayton.211counts.org**
 - ❖ Food
 - ❖ Electric Bill assistance
 - ❖ Rent assistance
- ❖ **Unmet Veteran Needs – Gas/Transportation/Moving expenses**



VETSLINK 211

Get Connected to the Answers You Need

United Way of the Greater Dayton Area



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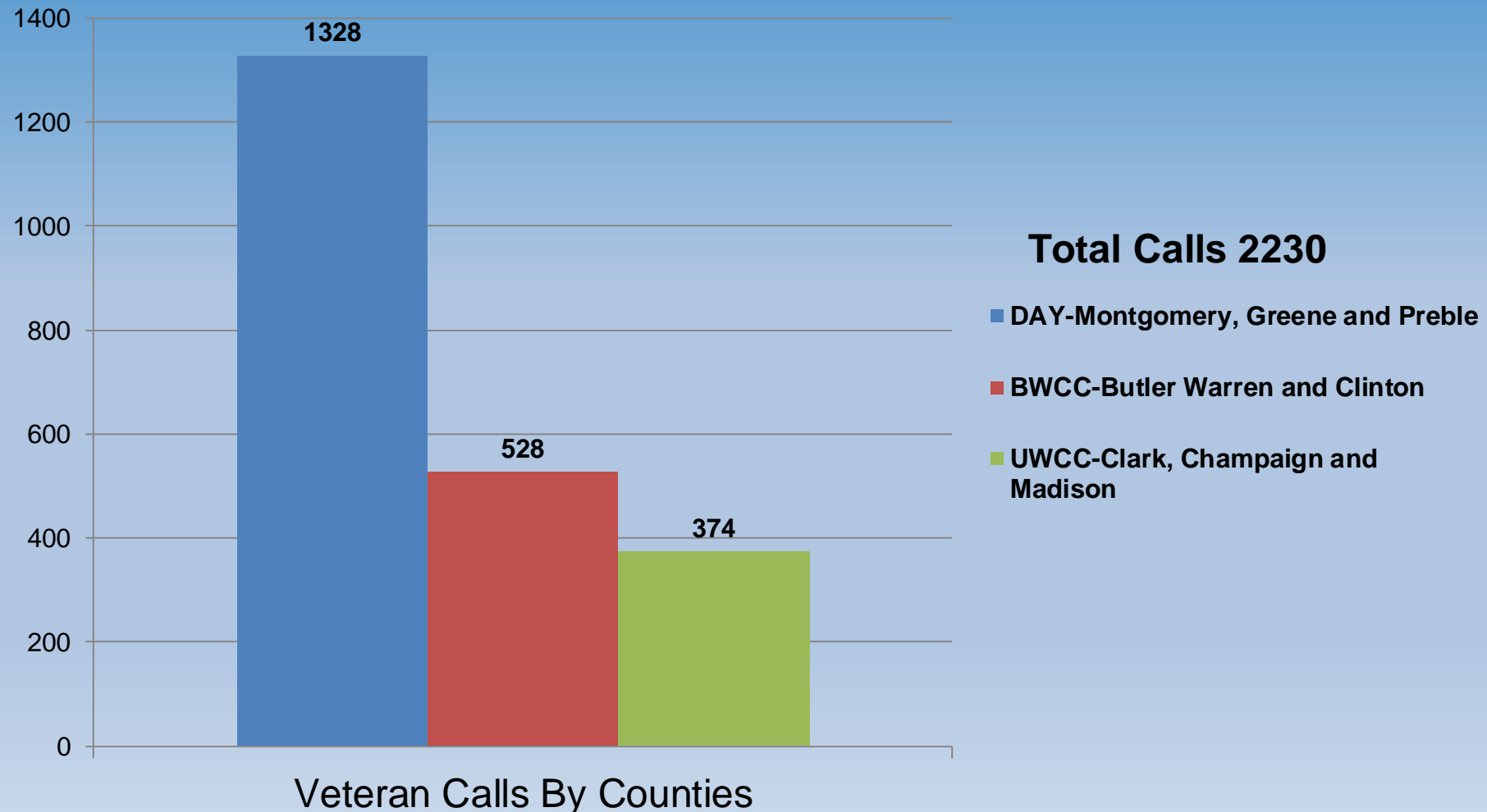


Overview

- Calls received from March 2020 – July 21, 2022:
 - 2230 calls received from Veterans and their families
 - 9 Counties- Montgomery, Greene, Preble, Clark, Champaign, Madison, Butler, Warren and Clinton
- Emerging Unmet Needs:
 - Automobile Gas/Gas Card Assistance
 - Transportation Expense Assistance
 - Moving Expense Assistance



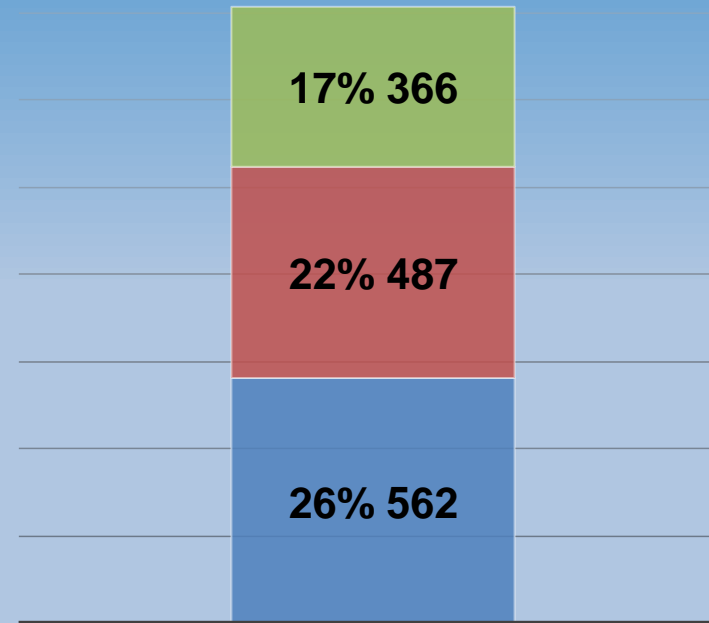
Veteran Profile: Total Calls





Veteran Profile: Top 3 Referrals

Top 3 Referrals- 1415
These 3 categories
comprise 65% of all
calls for assistance



- Food Assistance
- Electric Payment Assistance
- Rent Payment Assistance

Top 3 Met

366

487

562



Past and Upcoming Events

- Blue Star Families, Greene County UW and VetsLink 211 prepared and shipped Care packages for Deployed Soldiers (June 22, 2022)
- Blue Star Families Welcome Week, 1711 Run Way, Middletown, OH 45042 (Sept 24, 2022, 11am-4pm)
- Blue Star Families/UWGDA Partnership for a Food drive for 400 Military and Veteran families (TBD October 22)
- *If interested in participating or being a volunteer for either of these events, contact Dr. Geri Maples @ (513) 292-9270 or email gmaples@bluestarfam.org



Most Referred Agencies



Dayton VA Medical Center, Ohio





Questions



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Alzheimer's Military Task Force

- ❖ **Mission:** Build sustainable relationships to improve services to Military and Veterans with Dementia.
- ❖ **Why:** 180K+ Vets in region; 60% higher risk of dementia based on PTSD and TBI
- ❖ **Accomplishments:**
 - ❖ WPCU Sunshine Community Fund Grant
 - ❖ Built task force— VA; Ohio Department of Veterans Services; County Veteran Services Offices; Ohio's Hospice; Alz Assoc; WPAFB
 - ❖ Built video to educate VA visitors about the Military Task Force
 - ❖ Built robust referral system for WPAFB, VA, Ohio's Hospice and Alz Assoc
 - ❖ Trained Speakers Bureau who can education local Veterans Groups
 - ❖ Conducted training sessions for VA, Ohio's Hospice and WPAFB physicians
 - ❖ Worked to establish earlier dementia assessments in local primary care groups
 - ❖ Conducted training sessions for local Veterans Groups
 - ❖ Attended events around the region to educate community on MTF mission
 - ❖ Participated in Walk to End Alz, with MTF t-shirts for sale
 - ❖ Participated as speakers/panels in local conferences
 - ❖ Published multiple newspaper articles in local papers regarding MTF work
 - ❖ Published article in Maria Schriver's Womens Alzheimers Movement website and social media
 - ❖ Advocated for legislation to mandate training on Dementia for First Responders in Ohio
 - ❖ Multiple VAs in Ohio working with Alz Assoc on Age Friendly designations
 - ❖ Hosted Virtual Workshop on Veterans and Dementia (Ohio, WV, Michigan)

Video developed for VA and WPAFB to get word out on resources.

Vets Moving Forward 2022 Results

❖ Objective:

- ❖ Bring together Veterans and Veteran Service Providers from across our region once a year to network, and ensure Veteran awareness of regional assets.

❖ Where and When: May 18th, 2022 (3-7pm)

❖ Goal:

- ❖ Impact thousands of Veterans by helping them find job and resources they need
- ❖ 80 Veteran Service Organization/60 companies seeking employees

❖ Results:

- ❖ ~75 Veterans
- ❖ 75 Veteran Service Organizations
- ❖ 60 Employers
- ❖ Each employer/resource agency reported talking to approximately 20 folks and have heard of many connections made as a result of event

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❖ What will we do differently:

- ❖ Build a communication plan to better advertise/market event
- ❖ Looking at different layout to consolidate a little – even with map, people missed areas
- ❖ Potential sponsors: Amazon, First Student, PE Systems, others....

Virtual Faith Leader Veteran Workshop

❖ Objective:

- ❖ Partner to bring together Faith Leaders from across the State to educate them on Trauma Informed Care.

❖ Where and When: November 16th 2021- Virtual – Love Epidemic II (<https://tinyurl.com/LOVE-EpidemicII>)

❖ Goal:

- ❖ Conduct online survey to inform workshop
- ❖ Bring together Faith Leaders and other caregivers
- ❖ Share best practice

❖ Details:

- ❖ Coordinated with Veteran Interfaith Bridge
- ❖ Coordinated with DRUMM
- ❖ Coordinated with Nevada Faith Summit
- ❖ Met with local faith leaders – lot of interest
- ❖ Partner with VA Chaplains

VETS *MOVING FORWARD*

May 18th, 2022 3PM - 7PM


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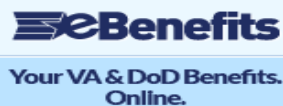
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MyVA Community Model



What is a *MyVA Community*?

VA is working to engage with existing community Veterans groups to improve outcomes for Service members, Veterans and their families. In areas where there are no existing community Veterans groups, VA is facilitating the development of Veteran-focused community networks, using a model we call **MyVA Communities**.

The **MyVA Communities** model enables Veteran advocates, service providers, Veterans, and stakeholders to have a voice in identifying their community goals and work to improve service delivery for Veterans, Service members, and their families.

MyVA Community Objectives

To bring together local resources and advocates to improve outcomes for Veterans, transitioning Service members, and their families.

To enable Veterans to easily identify and reach resources available to them, voice their opinions, and provide valuable input.

To resolve concerns at the local level and improve service delivery methods.

RESOURCES

[ICBC Home](#)

[Federal Recovery Coordination Program \(FRCP\)](#)

[MyVA Community Toolkit](#)

[Contact Us](#)

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Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination
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Washington, DC 20420

Federal Recovery Coordination Program
(877) 732-4456

QUICK LINKS

[National Resource Directory \(NRD\)](#)

[Veterans Benefits Administration \(VBA\)](#)

[Veterans Crisis Line](#)

[VA Caregiver Support](#)

[eBenefits](#)

[My HealtheVet](#)

www.va.gov/icbc

Discussion

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