




# The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

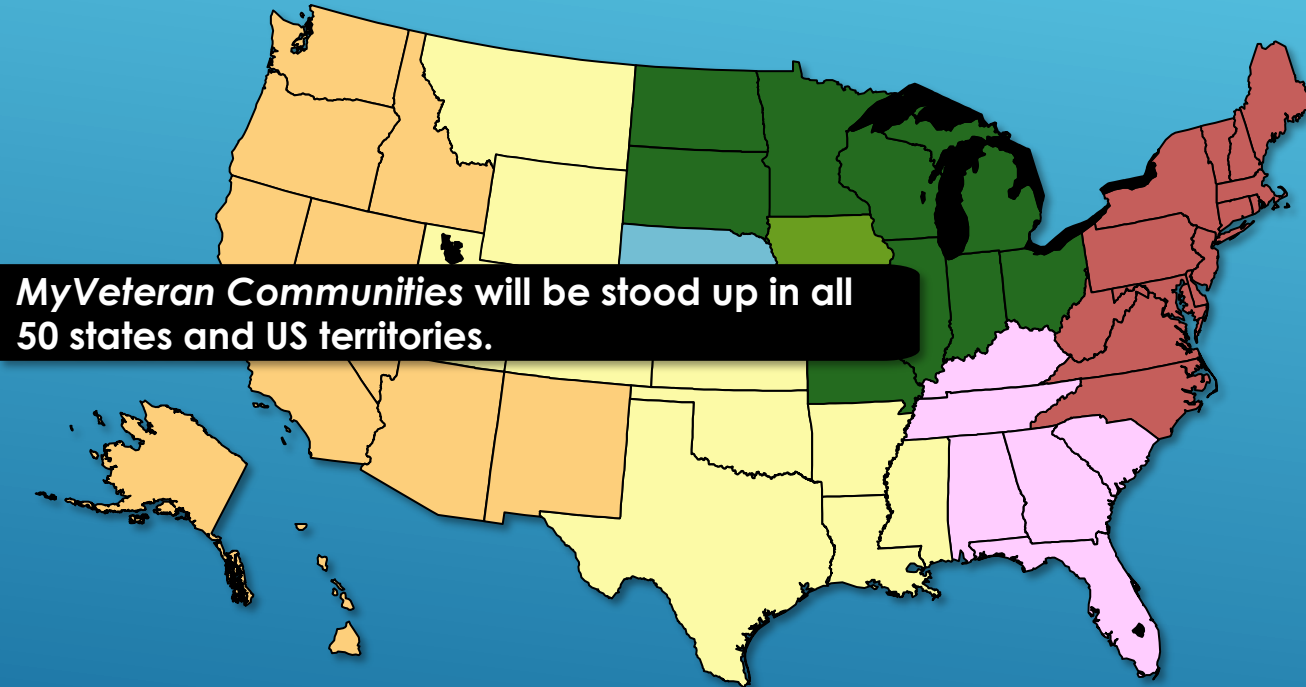
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# GMV my Veteran Community Agenda

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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.



**MyVeteran Communities will be stood up in all 50 states and US territories.**

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



Inclusive

Accessible

Community-Driven

Flexible

Integrated

# 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.  
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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  
Invite a Vet



- ❖ **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**



# 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 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

# Vets Moving Forward 2023

## ❖ 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (3-7pm)

## ❖ Goal:

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

## ❖ 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 24th, 2023 3PM - 7PM


Wright State Student Union  
Hosted by Greater Miami Valley My Veteran Community

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# Greater Miami Valley *my* Veteran Community Putting Veterans First





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## Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination

### *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](#)

### CONNECT WITH US

Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination  
810 Vermont Avenue, NW  
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](http://www.va.gov/icbc)



# Discussion

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