

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.

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**.





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 <u>United Way</u> of Greater Dayton with VetsLink to connect Veterans with resources
 Annually host <u>Veterans Moving Forward Resources Fair</u>
- 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 Vallex Miami Valley Human Resources Assoc **Operation Pathfinder** Military-Transition.org Community Support Coordinator, ØH, WV Disabled American Veterans US Veterans Motorcycle Chip 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 Projec Reynolds and Reynolds Because Xou Served Dayton Metro Library Extreme Focus ABLE and Legal Aid of Western Ohio Price Skies for the Good Guys Davton 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



VetsLink Update

• 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 recept 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 TBL

Accomplishments:

- * WPCU Sunshine Community Fund Grant
- Built task force–VA; Ohio Department of Veterans Services; County Veteran Services Offices; Ohio's Mospice, 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)

<u>Video developed for VA and WPAFB to get word out on resources.</u>



Vets Moving Forward 2023

***** Objective:

- String together Veterans and Veteran Service Providers from across our region or ce a year to network, and ensure Veteran awareness of regional assets.
- Where and When: May 24th, 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....



Faith Leader Veteran Workshop

- ***** Objective:
 - Partner to bring together Faith Leaders from across the State to educate them on Veterans Needs.
- **Where:**
- **When:**

VETS MOVING FORWARD

May 24th, 2023 3PM - 7PM

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



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Veterans, and stakeholders to have a voice in identifying their community goals

and work to improve service delivery for Veterans, Service members, and their

To bring together local resources and advocates to improve outcomes for

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

To enable Veterans to easily identify and reach resources available to them, voice

Veterans, transitioning Service members, and their families.

www.ebenefits.va.gov

families.

MyVA Community Objectives

their opinions, and provide valuable input.

QUICK LINKS

National Resource Directory (NRD)

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

Veterans Crisis Line 🗗

VA Caregiver Support

eBenefits

My HealtheVet

www.va.gov/icbc

Discussion