





The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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GMV my Veteran Community Agenda

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Department of VA - Veterans Experience Office

- ❖ The Department of Veterans Affairs Veterans Experience Office is hosting their first conference July 26/27 in Nashville.
 - ❖ The myVeteran Community has been asked to sit on a panel to discuss Community Veteran Engagement Boards.
 - ❖ Nearly 200 organizations from across the country will be in attendance
 - ❖ I'll report out at our next meeting.
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Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community is a Community Veteran Engagement Board focused on improving support to Veterans and their families through connections with Veteran service providers and advocates.

Our primary initiatives include:

- **VetsLink** - 24/7/365 call-in line in partnership with United Way to connect Veterans with regional resources
- **Alzheimer's & Dementia Military Task Force** - to educate Veterans regarding their risks and connect them with resources
- **Vets Moving Forward** – annual resources fair focused on connecting Veterans with Resources/Jobs/VA/Disability Claims
- **Veteran Food Insecurity** – working to reduce food insecurity across our region

Resources:

- **Website** - <https://www.soche.org/MyVeterans>
- **Facebook** - @greatermiamivalleymyveteran
- **CVEB Lead** – cassie.barlow@soche.org



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



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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
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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
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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.

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 2024

❖ **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 22nd, 2024 (3-7pm)

❖ **Goal:**

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

Vets Moving Forward 2023 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 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

❖ Results:

- ❖ ~200 Veterans
- ❖ 75 Veteran Service Organizations
- ❖ 40 Employers
- ❖ VA enrollees -
- ❖ DAV disability claims – 30

Vets Moving Forward 2023

Comments (107 comment cards)

- ❖ Are you enrolled for VA Healthcare:
 - ❖ 58% - Yes; 41% - No (many enrolled that day)
- ❖ Most liked:
 - ❖ VA – 18; PACT Act – 9; Everything – 8; Job Fair – 8; Resources – 4
- ❖ What can we do better next year
 - ❖ Advertising – 4; Parking/Directions – 3; List of Booths – 2; Signage – 2
- ❖ Unmet need
 - ❖ No – 90%; Yes – 10% (Job – 3; VA - 4)
- ❖ How did you hear about event:
 - ❖ Networking/Friend – 28; Mail – 10; Email – 9; TV – 4; Online – 4; Facebook – 2
- ❖ How do you like to receive information
 - ❖ Email – 43; Mail – 7; Social Media – 6; Phone - 3

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❖ What will we do differently:

- ❖ Wheel of raffle for small gift cards
- ❖ Place 300 raffle cards/maps on table and count number
- ❖ Presentations on the hour/half hour (include job seminar)
- ❖ Food location in lobby, with tables in briefing room available for sit down
- ❖ New topic of interest for Vets Moving Forward theme (PACT Act was 2023; ID cards)
- ❖ Feedback to WSU on numbers of employers/resource agencies for proper setup (MVHRA discussion; VA HR)
- ❖ Encourage multiple shifts for resources/job fair tables
- ❖ Placement of volunteers
- ❖ Resume/interview conversations - OMJ
- ❖ Potential sponsors: Same as 2023 + more....

VETS ***MOVING FORWARD***

May 22nd, 2024 3PM - 7PM

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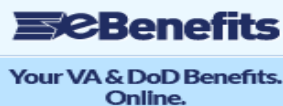
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MyVA Community Model



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

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Federal Recovery Coordination Program
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Discussion

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