# Welcome to The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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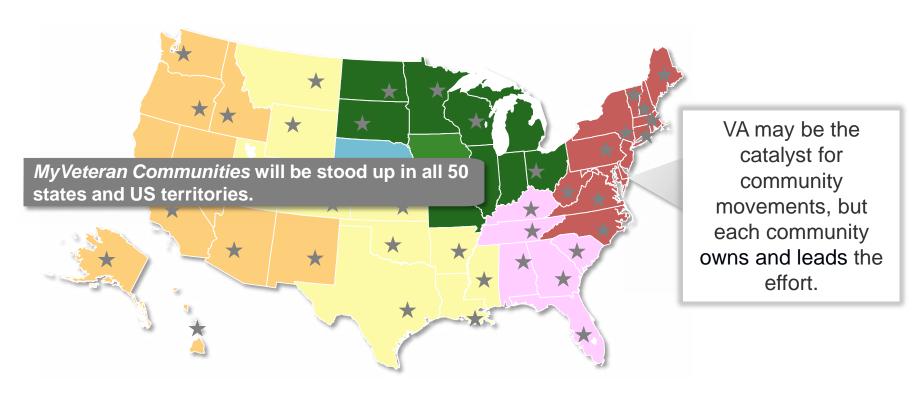




- Welcome (Dr. Barlow)
- Introductions around the room (All)
- myVeteran Community purpose (Dr. Barlow)
- GMV myVeteran Community Charter (Dr. Barlow)
- Status Listening Sessions
- Status myVeteran Community Regional Forum 24 May 16
- Discussion
- Meeting Adjourned

### What is a MyVeteran Community?

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



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#### 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**.



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## GMY my Yeteran Community Charter

- Mission: Improve support to Veterans, Service Members and their families by connecting regional Veterans service providers, resources, advocates and other stakeholders.
- Vision: National Leader in Serving Veterans



## GMY my Yeteran Community Charter

#### **Objectives:**

- Identify and highlight/advertise resources around the region available to Veterans, transitioning Service Members and Families
  - Assist United Way of Greater Dayton with VetLink 211 initiative to identify and connect Veterans with resources
  - Regularly meet with strategic Veteran Service providers across region to share best practices via the Dayton Region Military Collaborative
  - Assist veterans in identifying and reaching the existing resources via regular listening sessions and communiques through Ohio Department of Veterans Services and the Veterans Administration.
- Identify & facilitate forums where service providers can learn about each other in order to work together to enhance effectiveness and improve outcomes
  - Work with Ohio National Guard to add more service providers to Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee meetings.
  - Promote cross function information sharing between service providers with similar missions and monitor flow/use to ensure to gap is uncovered
- Facilitate feedback mechanisms for Veterans
- Host listening sessions in every county of Region to gather Veterans' needs.



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**WPAFB** 

**Ohio National Guard** 

Ohio Department of Veterans Services

**Veterans Administration Medical Center** 

Veterans Administration National Cemetery

**Veterans Experience Office** 

**Montgomery County Veterans Services** 

**Greene County Veterans Services** 

Allen County Veterans Services

Auglaize County Veterans Services

**Butler County Veterans Services** 

Champaign County Veterans Services

Clark County Veterans Services

Clinton County Veterans Services

**Darke County Veterans Services** 

Hardin County Veterans Services

Logan County Veterans Services

Mercer County Veterans Services

Miami County Veterans Services

**Preble County Veterans Services** 

**Putnam County Veterans Services** 

**Shelby County Veterans Services** 

Warren County Veterans Services

Wayne County Veterans Services

## GMY MyVeteran Community Members

**Projects Unlimited** 

**GE** Aviation

**Dayton Development Coalition** 

LexisNexis

**Kettering Foundation** 

Vietnam Veterans Association

Dayton VAMC Veterans Advisory Council

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 Association

Operation Pathfinder

Military-Transition.org

Community Support Coordinator, Ohio, West Virginia

**Disabled American Veterans** 

US Veterans Motorcycle Club

**Resurrecting Lives Foundation** 

Habitat for Humanity

Honor Flight

**Red Cross** 

St Vincent de Paul

**Wounded Warrior Project** 

Reynolds and Reynolds



## Listening Session Status

- Objective:
  - Give Veterans a voice.
- Where: March-WSU/March-Huber Heights/April-Beavercreek/ Union/Vandalia/Springfield and Clark State/Spencerville/Greenville and WSU Lake Campus
- Details:
  - Professors at WSU designed study to collect data
  - Each session is recorded
  - Veterans have been very interested in sharing experiences and thoughts on Veterans Services in region
  - Sessions will be transcribed, content analyzed and delivered to Veterans Affairs, Dayton, Ohio Department of Veterans Services and County Veterans Services Offices
  - Focus group from offices above will come together to review results



## Veterans Moving Forward

- Objective:
  - Bring together veteran service providers from across our region once a year to network, and ensure Veterans are aware of service providers in their region.
- Where and When: 24 May 3-6 WSU Student Union, Apollo Room
- Details:
  - Honor Guard and opening from VA and State
  - Table space for over 60 Veterans Service Providers
  - VA Mobile Clinic and Sim Center in Parking Lot
  - Food inside
  - Flyers sent out through multiple venues
  - Personal invitations sent to Distinguished Visitors
  - Radio Ads
  - News Release
  - Ask letters sent



Health Benefits **Burials & Memorials** About VA Media Room Resources Locations I AM A ... VA » Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination » MyVA Community Model Select One Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination ▶ For Veterans ▶ For Family Members & Spouses MyVA Community Model ▶ For Employees ICBC Home ▶ For Business ▶ Forms & Publications ▶ Jobs Volunteer or Donate **Putting Veterans First** Public & Intergovernmental Affairs What is a MyVA Community? 1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1 VA is working to engage with existing community Veterans groups to improve outcomes for Service members, Veterans and their families. In areas where there Benefits

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

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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

Contact Us

www.va.gov/icbc

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 ₽

eBenefits

VA Caregiver Support

My HealtheVet

http://www.collaborationdayton.com



"The Military is the Community and the Community is the Military"

#### What We Do

Foster effective communication, innovation, partnership, and collaboration within the Dayton Region Community and its military and veteran organizations. This effort will include discussion, activities, and actions to provide:

- · Channel for communication between military and community leadership across multiple areas
- · Mechanism to share best practices and innovation
- · Sustainment of partnership initiatives

#### Contact Us

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## my Veteran Community

Discussion