



# Welcome to The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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# 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.



**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.**

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# GMV my Veteran 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



# GMV my Veteran 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 VetsLink 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.



# GMV MyVeteran Community Members

Senator Portman's Office  
Governor's Office  
Lt Governor's Office  
Representative Rick Perales  
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  
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Putnam County Veterans Services  
Shelby County Veterans Services  
Warren County Veterans Services  
Wayne County Veterans Services  
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  
Because You Served  
Dayton Metro Library  
Extreme Focus



# VetsLink Update





# Next Step with Listening Sessions

- ❖ Recommendation from Listening Sessions
  - ❖ Communication Plan taking into consideration generational differences
    - ❖ Inform Veterans of Benefits
    - ❖ Inform Veterans of Community Resources
    - ❖ VetsLink can play a critical role in communication efforts
- ❖ Task Force to meet with Social Services Agencies to discover vets needs

# Veterans Moving Forward

- ❖ Objective:
  - ❖ Bring together Veterans and Veteran Service Providers from across our region once a year to network, and ensure Veterans awareness of regional assets.
- ❖ Where and When: 23 May 2018 (3-7) WSU Student Union, Apollo Room
- ❖ Details:
  - ❖ Honor Guard and opening from VA and State
  - ❖ National Anthem
  - ❖ Veterans Service Providers
  - ❖ Job Fair
  - ❖ VA Mobile Clinic
  - ❖ Hearing Aid tests
  - ❖ Food – Panera/Starbucks
  - ❖ Radio Ads
  - ❖ Live Radio
  - ❖ Sponsors

# National Veterans Intermediary

- ❖ NVI is for communities that want to collaborate more effectively to serve all Veterans and their families
- ❖ Funded by the Bob Woodruff Foundation (\$2,000 grant for GMV myVeteran)
- ❖ Provides the opportunity to leverage the best ideas from the public and private sectors
- ❖ [www.nvi.org](http://www.nvi.org)





# GMV myVeteran Community Speakers Bureau

- ❖ Spread the word around our region on the GMV myVeteran Community
- ❖ Slides w/notes created and sent to all
- ❖ Talk to your Community Groups (School Boards, Rotaries, Chambers, etc)



# GMV myVeteran Community StoryTellersX

- ❖ In 2012 “Got Your 6” was launched to change negative and inaccurate perceptions of Veterans
- ❖ Through StoryTellersX it has provided a Ted Talk like platform for Veterans from different backgrounds with different experiences to share their stories
- ❖ The VA, Got Your 6 and other partners are calling on local leaders to bring StoryTellers to their community
- ❖ Idea is to shape a national narrative that promotes Veterans as leaders, problem solvers, and team builders.



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The Apollo Room at Wright State University

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## Greater Miami Valley MyVeteran Community



## MyVeteran Community

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The MyVeteran Communities model enables Veteran advocates, service providers, Veterans, and stakeholders to have a voice in identifying their community goals and work to resolve issues at the local level to improve service delivery for Veterans, Service members, and their families.

Community involvement is key to the success of our MyVeteran Community transformation effort. As a result, VA and community leaders have begun participating more actively in community-based efforts to maximize the collective impact of local services, stakeholders, and federal/state agencies working together to improve Veteran outcomes.

## CENTER FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

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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**.

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#### 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 HealthVet

**Veterans Crisis Line**  
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

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