

The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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GMV my Veteran Agenda

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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.

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 Veterans service providers, resources, advocates and other stakeholders.

Vision: 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
 Regularly meet with Veteran Service Organizations
- Identify & facilitate forums where service providers can connect to improve outcomes
 Work with Ohio National Guard to build Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance
 Committees.
 - 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 **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** 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 **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 Becauser You Served Dayton Metro Library Evireme Focus ABLE and Legal Aid of Western Ohio Blue Skies for the Good Guys G Bucks SOCHE Wright State Sinclair Clark State



VetsLink Update



Alzheimer's Military Task Force

- Mission: Build sustainable relationships between Miami Valley Alzheimer's Association, WPAFB, and Dayton VAMC
- Why: 180K Vets in region; 60% higher risk of dementia based on PTSC and TBI
- Won WPCU Sunshine Community Fund Grant
- Built Strategic Plan focused on:
 - Educating/Training military and veteran community on dementia services
 - Marketing dementia services available

Video developed for VA and WPAFE to get word out on resources.



GMV myVeteran Community Storytellers/Vets Voices/Etc.

- ✤ Jeff Johnson leading initiative
- TED like platform for Veterans from different backgrounds with different experiences to share their stories
- The idea is to shape a national narrative that promotes Veteraris as leaders, problem solvers, and team builders.



Vets Moxing Forward

- ✤ Objective:
 - String 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: 22 May 2019 (3-7) WSU Student Union
- Results:
 - ✤ 250 Veterans
 - ✤ 75 Veteran Services Organizations/64 Companies seeking work/orce
- ✤ Details:
 - Honor Guard/Felita LaRobk and opening from Rep Perales, VA, ODVS
 - VA Mobile Clinic in Parking Lot
 - Food Panera/Starbucks
 - Radio Ads
 - ✤ Live Radio
 - Sponsors (BBB, Panera; VA; WSU Hospitality Services; Red Cross; Starbucks; DBJ; RTA, WHIO, K99.1 Soft Rock 92.9; Fresh Thyme; Skyline Chili; Green CATS)







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- Comment Cards:
 - Comments on one side
 - Raffle on the other
 - ✤ 84 comment cards received
 - ✤ Most Liked:
 - ✤ 1) VA Resources
 - ✤ 2) Resources tables/Job tables
 - ✤ 3) Liked everything
 - ✤ What can we do better:
 - ✤ 1) Temperature
 - 2) Combine schools with resources
 - ♦ 3) Vet Friendly Businesses
 - ✤ How did you hear about event:
 - ✤ 1) TV/Radio
 - 2) Newspaper
 - 3) Radio

Best Comment: "Loved everything!"

ets Moving Forward Comment Cards









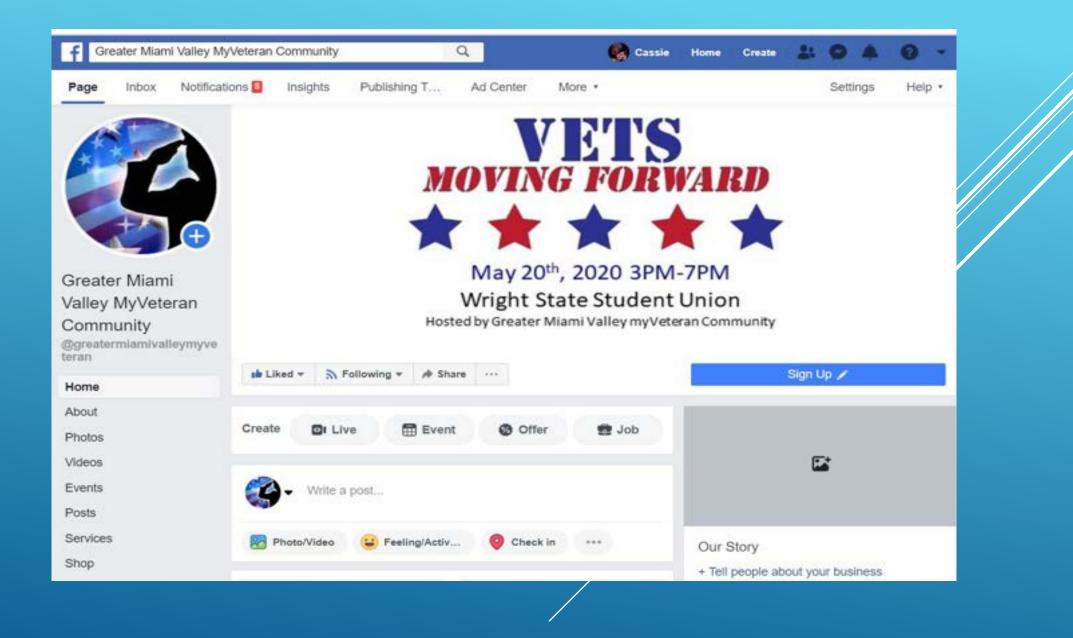






Vets Moving Forward 2020

Wednesday 20 May 2020 3:00-7:00 at WSU Student Union







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.

My HealtheVet

www.va.gov/icbc

(NRD)

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

Veterans Crisis Line of

VA Caregiver Support

eBenefits

Discussion