

### 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

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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

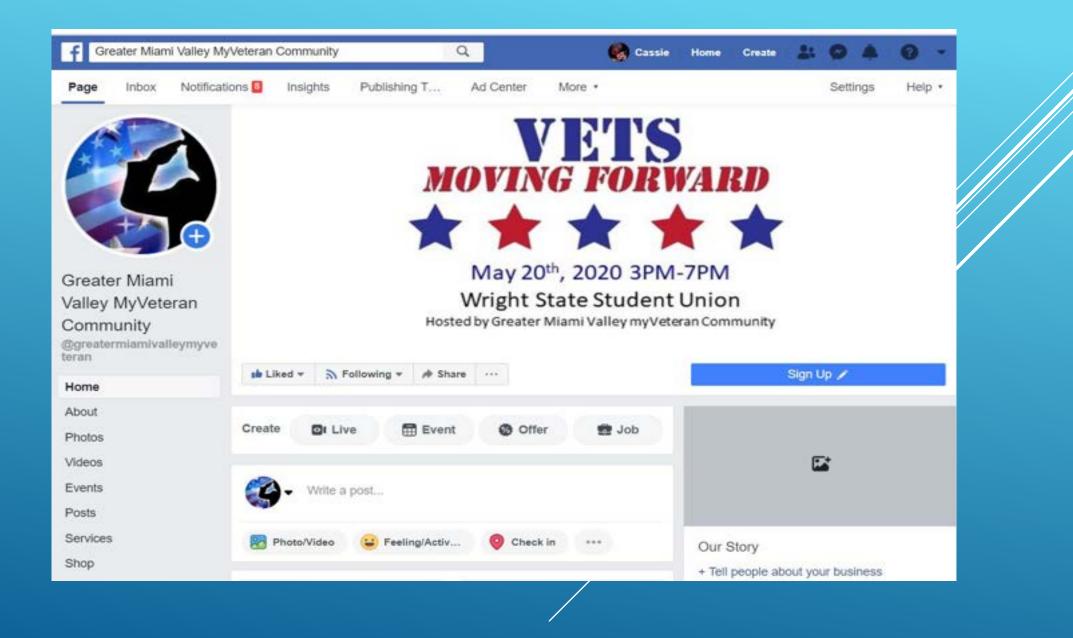
- Mission: Build sustainable relationships between Miami Valley Alzheimer's Association, WPAFB, and Dayton VAMC
- Why: 180K Vets in region; 60% higher risk of dementia based on PTSC and TBI
- Won WPCU Sunshine Community Fund Grant
- Built Strategic Plan focused on:
  - Educating/Training military and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

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



# **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: 20 May 2020 (3-7) WSU Student Union
- ✤ Goal:
  - ✤ Over 300 Veteras
  - ✤ 75 Veteran Services Organizations/64 Companies seeking work/orce
- ✤ Details:
  - + Honor Guard/Felita LaRock and opening from Rep Perales, XA, ODVS
  - 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)







#### 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