

The Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

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GMV my Veteran Community 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.



VA may be the catalyst for community movements, but each community owns and leads the effort.

What does a My Veteran 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.





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



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
 - * Regularly meet with Veteran Service Organizations
- * Identify & facilitate forums where service providers can connect to improve outcomes
 - Work with Ohio National Guard to build <u>Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance</u> <u>Committees</u>.
 - Promote information sharing between service providers.
- ❖ Facilitate feedback mechanisms for Veterans
 - ❖ Host listening sessions to gather Veterans' needs



GMY MyYeteran 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 Day

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

BLE and Legal Aid of Western Ohio

Blue Skies for the Good Guys

G/ Bucks

SOCHE

Wright State

Sinclair

Clark State

Blue Star Families



VetsLink Update



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 TB
- Won WPCU Sunshine Community Fund Grant enabled start of Military Task Force
- Built Strategic Plan focused on:
 - * Educating/Training military and veteran community on dementia services
 - Marketing dementia services available
- Accomplishments:
 - Reinforced referral system between VA/Alz Assoc/WPAFB/Hospice
 - * Trained multiple volunteers to deliver Veteran specific training on Dementia
 - Conducted multiple training sessions across region

<u>Video</u> developed for VA and WPAFB to get word out on resources.



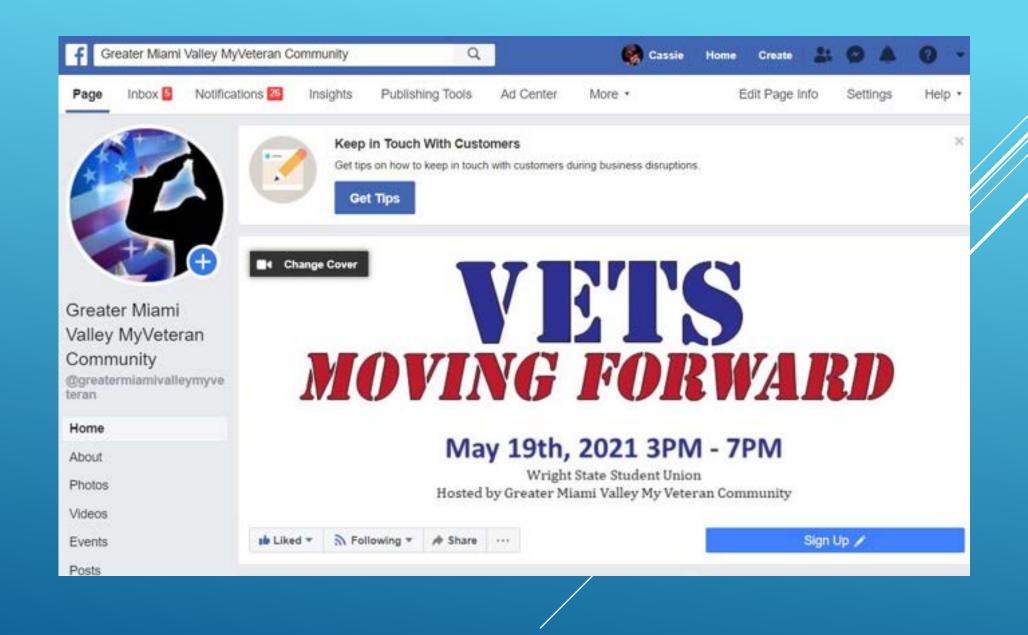
Vets Moving Forward

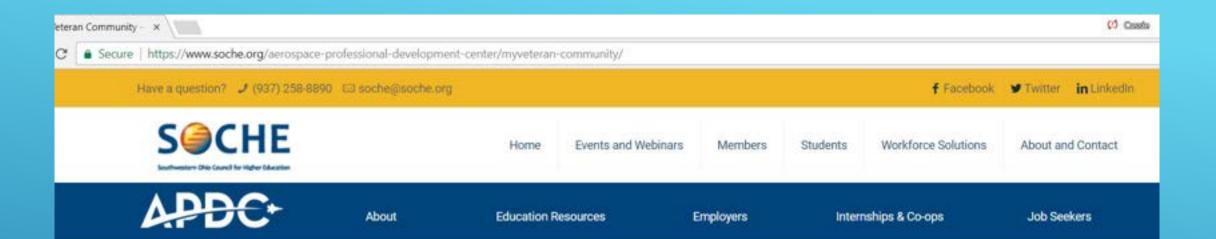
- * Objective:
 - Bring together Veterans and Veteran Service Providers from across our region once a year to network, and ensure Veterans awareness of regional assets.
- Where and When: 19 May 2021 (3-7) WSU Student Union
- ❖ Goal:
 - Over 300 Veterans
 - * 80 Veteran Services Organizations/60 Companies seeking workforce
- Details:
 - Honor Guard/Felita LaRock and opening from State Legislator, VA, ODVS
 - Food Panera Bagels/WSU/Chic-Fil-A
 - 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)



Faith Leader Veteran Training

- * Objective:
 - Partner with Dayton Region Military Ministry to bring together Faith Leaders from across the region to educate them on Veteran needs.
- Where and When: Date/Time TBD at local church
- Goal:
 - Bring together Faith Leaders
 - Share best practice on faith community veteran programming
- Details:
 - Coordinated with Veteran Interfaith Bridge
 - Coordinated with DRUMM
 - Met with local faith leaders lot of interest
 - Partner with VA Chaplains









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

Federal Recovery Coordinatio Program (FRCP)

MyVA Community Toolkit

CONNECT WITH US

Office of Interagency Care and Benefits Coordination 810 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20420

Federal Recovery Coordination

QUICK LINKS

National Resource Directory (NRD)

Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)

Veterans Crisis Line of

VA Caregiver Support

eBenefits

My HealtheVet

www.va.gov/icbc

