



**Department of
Veterans Services**

877-OHIO-VET

ohiovets.gov

Benefits Resource Guide

Proudly serving Ohio's 700,000 veterans



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veterans benefits
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Key Programs

OHIO VETERANS HOMES

Provide independent living, nursing care, and memory care for eligible veterans. Learn about eligibility requirements and apply at ohioveteranshomes.gov, or call (614) 644-0898.

MILITARY RECORDS

We record discharge papers (early/mid 1990s to present) for veterans who enlisted from Ohio and requested copies be returned to the state. For assistance, call our Records Office at [877-OHIOVET](tel:877-OHIOVET).

MILITARY INJURY RELIEF FUND (MIRF)

Provides **tax exempt monetary payments** to service members injured in combat or diagnosed with PTSD related to combat after October 7, 2001.

Learn more at ohiovets.gov/MIRF.

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

Honoring veterans who continue to serve their communities after military service. Learn more or nominate a veteran at ohiovets.gov/HOF.

County Veterans Service Offices

Navigating your benefits.

- County Veterans Service Offices (CVSOs) assist veterans, dependents, and surviving spouses with:
 - Filing and managing federal VA claims
 - Temporary emergency financial assistance
 - Navigating additional local and state resources
- These offices are staffed by **accredited service officers** and provide services **free of charge**.

VETERAN ID CARDS

- Most Ohio counties offer free Veteran ID cards through either the County Recorder's Office or the County Veterans Service Office. You can learn more and find your county's ID location at ohiovets.gov/vetIDs.



Find Your CVSO

Find your local CVSO listed below to reach out concerning your benefits, or visit ohiovets.gov/cvsos. Also, you can call the VA's Veterans Benefits Administration at 800-827-1000.

Adams: 937-544-7857	Hamilton: 513-946-3300	Muskingum: 740-455-7149
Allen: 419-223-8522	Hancock: 419-424-7036	Noble: 740-732-5567
Ashland: 419-282-4225	Hardin: 419-674-2219	Ottawa: 419-898-2089
Ashtabula: 440-964-8324	Harrison: 740-942-8441	Paulding: 419-399-8285
Athens: 740-592-3216	Henry: 419-592-0956	Perry: 740-342-2536
Auglaize: 419-739-6750	Highland: 937-393-8686	Pickaway: 740-474-3650
Belmont: 740-325-1042	Hocking: 740-385-7507	Pike: 740-947-2766
Brown: 937-378-3155	Holmes: 330-674-4806	Portage: 330-297-3545
Butler: 513-887-3600	Huron: 419-668-4150	Preble: 937-456-6111
Carroll: 330-627-2590	Jackson: 740-286-3004	Putnam: 419-523-4478
Champaign: 937-653-4554	Jefferson: 740-283-8571	Richland: 419-774-5822
Clark: 937-521-2030	Knox: 740-393-6742	Ross: 740-772-1600
Clermont: 513-732-7363	Lake: 440-350-2904	Sandusky: 419-334-4421
Clinton: 937-382-3233	Lawrence: 740-533-4327	Scioto: 740-353-1477
Columbiana: 330-424-7214	Licking: 740-670-5430	Seneca: 419-447-2885
Coshocton: 740-622-2313	Logan: 937-599-4221	Shelby: 937-498-7282
Crawford: 419-562-7761	Lorain: 440-284-4625	Stark: 330-451-7457
Cuyahoga: 216-698-2600	Lucas: 419-213-6090	Summit: 330-643-2830
Darke: 937-548-5305	Madison: 740-852-0676	Trumbull: 330-675-2585
Defiance: 419-782-6861	Mahoning: 330-740-2450	Tuscarawas: 330-339-1163
Delaware: 740-833-2010	Marion: 740-387-0100	Union: 800-686-2308
Erie: 419-627-7650	Medina: 330-722-9368	Van Wert: 419-238-9592
Fairfield: 740-652-7920	Meigs: 740-992-2820	Vinton: 740-790-7043
Fayette: 740-335-1610	Mercer: 419-586-3542	Warren: 513-695-2717
Franklin: 614-525-2500	Miami: 937-440-8126	Washington: 740-568-9009
Fulton: 419-337-9266	Monroe: 740-472-0743	Wayne: 800-335-6638
Gallia: 740-446-2005	Montgomery: 937-225-4801	Williams: 419-636-8812
Geauga: 440-279-1860	Morgan: 740-962-4181	Wood: 419-354-9147
Greene: 937-562-6020	Morrow: 419-946-1914	Wyandot: 419-294-2045
Guernsey: 740-432-9295		



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Assistance

- **Ohio Assistance Programs**
ohio.gov/residents/topic-hubs/home-and-community/assistance-programs

Contact your CVSO – see page 3.

Area Agencies on Aging
aging.ohio.gov/about-us/who-we-are/area-agencies-on-aging

- Community Action Agencies
Call: (614) 224-8500
oacaa.org
- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
Call: (800) 282-0880
jfs.ohio.gov/public-assistance/energy-and-community-assistance
- Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)
Call: (800) 861-8144
<https://www.usace.army.mil/Missions/Real-Estate/HAP/>
- Ohio Department of Job & Family Services Call: (614) 466-6282
jfs.ohio.gov

Behavioral Health

- **Veteran Crisis Line**
Dial 988, then press 1
Text: 838255
veteranscrisisline.net

- Make the Connection
maketheconnection.net
- OHIOcares
Call: (800) 761-0868
ohiocares.ohio.gov
- Star Behavioral Health
Email: ohioadmin@starproviders.org
starproviders.org
- VA Vet Centers
va.gov/find-locations/?facilitytype=vet_center

Burials

- Memorial Honors
Call: (800) 342-9647
cem.va.gov/military_funeral_honors.asp
- VA Cemetery info
cem.va.gov/find-cemetery

Caregivers

- VA Caregiver Support Program
Call: (855) 260-3274
caregiver.va.gov



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Education

- GI Bill ®
Call: (888) 442-4551
va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits
- High School Diploma: ORC 3313.616
Contact your CVSO – see page 3.
- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
Call: (614) 949-8584
mic3.net
- Ohio Department of Higher Ed
Call: (614) 466-6000
higher.ed.ohio.gov/initiatives
 - Military Transfer Assurance Guides
 - Ohio GI Promise
 - Ohio Safety Officers College Memorial Fund
 - Veteran Contacts for Colleges & Universities
 - War Orphans
- Ohio National Guard Scholarship program
Call: (614) 440-5379
ongsp.ohio.gov
- Purple Star Schools
Call: (614) 466-4109
education.ohio.gov/topics/other-resources/military-resources/schools
- VA Vet Centers

Families of Our Fallen Heroes

- America's Gold Star Families
americasgoldstarfamilies.org
- Survivor Outreach Services
Call: (210) 834-0494
armyresilience.army.mil/survivor-outreach-services
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance (Chapter 35)
va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/education-and-careers/dependents-education-assistance
- Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)
Call: (800) 959-8277
taps.org
- VA Survivor Benefits
Call: (800) 698-2411
choose.va.gov/family-members
- Valor Tutoring
valortutoring.org

Home Ownership

- Ohio Heroes Program
Call: (888) 362-6432
myohiohome.org/ohioheroes.aspx
- VA Home Loans
Call: (877) 827-3702
benefits.va.gov/homeloans



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Homelessness

- Short Term Assistance Contact your CVSO – see page 3.
- VA Homeless Programs
Call: (877) 424-3838
department.va.gov/homeless

Legal

- Ohio Access to Justice Foundation
ohiojusticefoundation.org
- Ohio Legal Help info Call: (614) 285-6710
ohiolegalhelp.org
- Ohio Veterans Courts
ohiovets.gov/vetscourts

License Plates

- Public Safety/BMV info
ohiovets.gov/licenseplates

Military-Connected Injury Compensation

- Contact your CVSO – see page 3.
- va.gov/disability
Call: (800) 827-1000

Ohio National Guard

- Ohio National Guard Family Readiness & Warrior Support Program
Call: (800) 761-0868

Recreation

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
Call: (800) 945-3543
wildlife.ohiodnr.gov
 - Hunting/Fishing
oh-web.s3licensing.com
 - Parks
parks.ohiodnr.gov
 - Watercraft
watercraft.ohiodnr.gov

Retirement & Pensions

- Contact your CVSO – see page 3.
- Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Call: (800) 321-1080
www.dfas.mil/retiredmilitary
- va.gov/pension
Call: (800) 827-1000
- VA Survivors Pension
va.gov/family-and-caregiver-benefits/survivor-compensation/survivors-pension



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Taxes

- Ohio Department of Taxation
tax.ohio.gov/individual/military
 - Homestead Exemption
 - Military Retirement Pay – State Tax Exemptions

Voting

- Ohio Secretary of State
Military Voting Information
Call: (614) 466-2655
ohiosos.gov/elections/military-and-overseas-voters

Workforce

- Apprenticeship
Email: apprenticeship@jfs.ohio.gov
apprentice.ohio.gov
- Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)
Call: (614) 336-7378
esgr.mil
- Feds Hire Vets
fedshirevets.gov
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA)
dol.gov/vets/programs/userra
- U.S. Department of Labor
Call: (866) 487-2365
dol.gov

Workforce, continued

- VA Vocational
Call: (216) 522-3535
benefits.va.gov/vocrehab
- Veteran Business Resources
 - 1st Stop Business Connection
ohio.gov/business/resources/business-first-stop
 - GrowNOW
Call: (800) 228-1102
tos.ohio.gov/grownow
 - Ohio Department of Development
Call: (800) 848-1300
development.ohio.gov
 - U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
Call: (800) 827-5722
sba.gov
 - U.S. SBA APEX Accelerators
sba.gov/local-assistance/federal-contracting-assistance
- WorkOhio Veteran Resources
Email: workohio@jfs.ohio.gov
work.ohio.gov/job-resources/veterans
 - Military Skills Translator
 - Military Service Career Center

Veteran Care

VA FACILITIES IN OHIO

- Veterans in Ohio receive comprehensive medical care through a network of facilities operated by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA).

- **Chalmers P. Wylie**
VA Ambulatory Care Center
420 N. James Rd.
Columbus, OH

- **Dayton**
VA Medical Center
4100 W. 3rd St.
Dayton, OH

- **Chillicothe**
VA Medical Center
17273 OH-104
Chillicothe, OH

- **Louis Stokes**
VA Medical Center
10701 E. Blvd.
Cleveland, OH

- **Cincinnati**
VA Medical Center
3200 Vine St.
Cincinnati, OH

- **Lt. Col. Charles S. Kettles**
VA Medical Center
2215 Fuller Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI

*The Toledo area is serviced by the Lt. Col. Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, MI.

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