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Dasia.Clemente@jfs.ohio.gov***National Military Appreciation Month*****ODJFS Reminds Ohioans of Free Employment Services for Military Members and Their Spouses through OhioMeansJobs.com and the OhioMeansJobs Centers**

COLUMBUS, OHIO – In conjunction with National Military Appreciation Month, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Director Matt Damschroder reminds all active and former military members and their spouses that they can access a variety of free employment services at both [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohioMeansJobs.com) and the state’s OhioMeansJobs Centers.

“During National Military Appreciation Month, we highlight and honor members of the military and their spouses who selflessly served this nation,” said Damschroder. “ODJFS is committed to continuing efforts in making Ohio the most military-friendly state in the nation through access to resources like ensuring veterans and their spouses get priority of service at both [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohioMeansJobs.com) and the state’s OhioMeansJobs Centers.”

When military members, their spouses, and veterans register for a free account on [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohioMeansJobs.com), they’re prompted to answer a brief questionnaire asking if they’d like to be contacted by an employment specialist. In addition, the resumes of veterans are designated with a red and blue “V,” and the resumes of military spouses are designated with a red and blue “S,” to make them stand out to military-friendly employers.

Ohio has more than 8,000 employers listed in its “Military-Friendly Employer Registry.” Veterans can view the registry on [OhioMeansJobs.com](https://ohioMeansJobs.com) by clicking on “For Job Seekers” and then “Military Service.” Also on the website, military members, their spouses, and veterans can get help translating their military job experience into civilian experience, post their resumes, request one-on-one assistance, and learn about possible federal and state benefits they may be eligible for.

At their local OhioMeansJobs Centers, military members, their spouses, and veterans can get help with their job searches, attend workshops or other training programs, learn about local labor market information, learn about apprenticeship programs, get referrals to local jobs and service providers, and more. All veterans in Ohio are given priority of service in referrals to job openings and other services. ODJFS also offers incentives for employers who hire veterans, through the federal Work Opportunity Tax Credit program and On-the-Job Training program.



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Ohio has 88 OhioMeansJobs Centers across the state. All offer free career planning, job training, and other employment services to Ohioans looking for work and to employers seeking workers. To find your nearest OhioMeansJobs Center, visit OhioMeansJobs.com and select “For Job Seekers” and “Find a Job Center.”

“I am grateful for our partnership with OhioMeansJobs to help Ohio’s veterans and their spouses find fulfilling employment that allows them to utilize their experience, training, and talents while enjoying the lifestyle this great state provides,” said Maj. Gen. (U.S. Army, retired) Deborah Ashenurst, Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. “Ohio businesses want to hire veterans and their family members for the attributes, ethos, and work ethic they gain through their military service. OhioMeansJobs.com helps these job-seekers find the employers who need them. This is one of the programs that helps to make Ohio the most veteran-friendly state in the nation.”

With approximately 700,000 veterans, Ohio is home to the fifth-largest veteran population in the nation, and new opportunities are constantly being developed to make the Buckeye State an ideal place for military members and their families to thrive. Last year, Ohio launched a new resource page for servicemen and women and their families. For more information, visit the [Military Members and Their Families](#) web page.

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The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services manages vital programs that strengthen Ohio families. These include job training and employment services, unemployment insurance, cash and food assistance, child care, child and adult protective services, adoption, and child support services.

