



Base Cleveland Veteran News

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Prepared and distributed to Veterans and supporters of those who served

SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

- **** New **** Sunday, September 2nd, 2018 for a Bar-b-q and Baseball Game between the Captains and the Lansing Lugnuts. For more information go to this link:

[Captains and Lugnuts Ball Game September 2nd 2018 MOAA and NCOA Sponsored](#)

- **DAV Recruit Military Veterans Job Fair Coming to CLEVELAND on August 30th, 2018**

We are TWO WEEKS AWAY from the HUGE DAV Recruit Military Veterans Job Fair on Thursday, August the 30th at The Windows on the River at the Nautica Entertainment Complex, Cleveland, OH . Please assist me in passing this information to all the veterans, Active Duty, transitioning military personnel. National Guard members, Reserve members, spouses and dependents that you know and could help. Free for all to attend!! Get the Veterans there!!!

What: DAV Recruit Military Veterans Job Fair

Where: Windows on the River at the Nautica Entertainment Complex, 2000 Sycamore Street, Cleveland, OH

When: Thursday, August 30, 2018, 11 AM - 3 PM

Register to Attend: <https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/cleveland-veterans-job-fair-august-30-2018>

- **USONO Golf Outing:** USO of Northern Ohio Bob Hope Golf Outing Sept 14th, 2018.

See details in the flier at the following link:

<https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/2018-usono-golf-outing-full-page.pdf>

For more information: Call the Admin Office at 216-265-3680 or go to

<https://usonogolf2018.eventbrite.com>

- **Ohio Department of Veteran Services Seeks Veteran & Military Artists for Fall Exhibition. For more information go to...**
<https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/2018-usono-golf-outing-full-page.pdf> or call (614) 644-0898.
- **NOTE THE DATE HAS CHANGED: You are cordially invited to attend the 2018 VA Community Mental Health Summit on September 7th, 2018. There is no cost to attendees of this event. RSVP/table reservation* instructions will be provided when available.**
We look forward to an event that is our biggest and best yet. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a day of learning, partnering, sharing ideas, and collaboration in reaching and providing mental health services to EVERY Veteran in our Northern Ohio service area.
For additional information, please contact Judith Rosen at Judith.Rosen2@va.gov.
Or go to: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/2018-usono-golf-outing-full-page.pdf>
- **USS Cod Submarine Memorial: "Where Cleveland Honors Veterans!"**
The **USS Cod Submarine** opened for tours on Saturday, April 28th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're open every day until September 30th. Then Saturdays only through November 24th.
Following are other 2018 rides and events supporting firefighters and law enforcement like the Never Forget 9/11 Ride and Ceremony on September 19th. Find more information here:
www.firefightersmemorialride.com or www.copsride.com.
- **2018 Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade:** the annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held in the Rotunda of City Hall at 11 a.m. Friday, November 9, 2018 followed by the annual Veterans Day Parade which will step off at 12:30 PM, immediately following the ceremony.
- **Subscribe to the VA Official Blog of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:** <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/subscribe/>
- **Cleveland Veterans Administration:** calendar of events
<https://www.cleveland.va.gov/calendar.asp>.
- **Lest We Forget**
<https://lestweforgetsculpture.org/>

NEWS

Remains of World War II flyer coming home for Nebraska burial

BEATRICE, Neb. — A military agency says the correct remains of a Gage County man who died when his aircraft was shot down during World War II are being returned home for burial.

A funeral with military honors is set for Thursday in Beatrice for Richard Lane, with burial to follow in Filley. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency said in a [news release](#) Tuesday that Lane was co-piloting a B-17 bomber when it was hit by anti-aircraft fire and crashed Dec. 27, 1944, near St. Florian, Austria.

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/remains-of-world-war-ii-flyer-coming-home-for-nebraska-burial/>

New bugs leave millions of phones vulnerable to hackers

Research funded by the Department of Homeland Security has found a “slew” of vulnerabilities in mobile devices offered by the four major U.S. cell phone carriers, including loopholes that may allow a hacker to gain access to a user’s data, emails, text messages without the owner’s knowledge.

The flaws allow a user “to escalate privileges and take over the device,” Vincent Sritapan, a program manager at the Department of Homeland Security’s Science and Technology Directorate told Fifth Domain during the Black Hat conference in Las Vegas.

The vulnerabilities are built into devices before a customer purchases the phone. Researchers said it is not clear if hackers have exploited the loophole yet.

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/manufacturing-bugs-allow-millions-of-phones-to-be-taken-over-dhs-project-to-announce/>

Former NFL star leading the charge for the Army’s new helmet system

A company founded by a former Washington Redskins all-pro has been tasked with designing next-level padding technology to [protect troops from impacts and blasts](#) that can cause brain trauma.

The Army recently announced a \$600,000 contract award for a new [combat helmet](#) padding system to Windpact, an impact [technology](#) company founded by former Redskins cornerback Shawn Springs.

The contract falls under the Army’s Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center program to improve soldier equipment.

<https://www.armytimes.com/former-nfl-star-leading-the-charge-for-the-armys-new-helmet-system/>

Islamic State fighter numbers increase in Syria

The Pentagon has more Islamic State fighters left to defeat in Syria than it has previously acknowledged, according to a US government watchdog.

As US-backed forces begin targeting IS remnants near the Iraqi border, as many as 4,000 to 6,000 IS fighters remain in their former stronghold in northeastern Syria, a joint inspector general [report to Congress](#) on Monday revealed.

The figure, attributed to a Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) assessment, would accord IS significantly more troop strength than the Pentagon has publicly acknowledged.

<https://www.al-monitor.com/islamic-state-fighters-syria-increase.html>

New VA secretary promises veterans better customer service and more medical options

WASHINGTON — In his first public speech since taking over the Department of Veterans Affairs, [VA Secretary Robert Wilkie](#) on Wednesday reiterated his promises to push that bureaucracy towards more customer-friendly practices and more flexible access for beneficiaries.

"VA exists to make life easier for veterans," he told a crowd of veterans at the AMVETS annual convention in Orlando, Florida. "So my prime directive is customer service. When a veteran comes in to VA, it is not up to him to get VA to say 'yes.' It is up to VA to give the veteran tools."

<https://www.militarytimes.com/new-va-secretary-promises-veterans-better-customer-service-and-more-medical-options/>

Sailors dish on new Navy uniforms

Prototype [working uniforms](#) the Navy is testing for sea-duty sailors are wrinkly, hot and uncomfortable, according to some trying out the new duds.

Five sailors with U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, or [NAVCENT](#), volunteered in May to try on the two-piece, flame-resistant uniform, according to a NAVCENT release.

They are part of more than 300 sailors at 34 afloat and operational shore commands involved in the wear test, which runs through September.

<https://www.navytimes.com/sailors-dish-on-new-navy-uniforms/>

These soldiers are deploying to help fight the wildfires ravaging the West Coast

About 200 soldiers from the Army's [2nd Stryker Brigade](#) Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division are being mobilized this week to help fight historical wildfires currently ravaging America's northwest, officials said Tuesday.

The soldiers hail from across the brigade and will be working with civilian firefighters and the National Interagency Fire Center to prepare for the mission, which could begin within a week, according to an Army release.

<https://www.armytimes.com/these-soldiers-are-deploying-to-help-fight-the-wildfires-ravaging-the-west-coast/>

The Future Airman is a Hacker

Forget the flight suit. The ideal airman of the future has serious tech chops in programming, signals intelligence, or some other core technological capability and isn't afraid to break things.

The Air Force is looking to begin recruiting more intensively for these core competencies, in anticipation of the ways artificial intelligence will change the nature of air war.

<https://www.defenseone.com/future-airman-hacker/>

Berkeley protesters cause thousands of dollars in damages to Marine recruiting station

Dueling protests in Berkeley, California, that erupted into violence on Sunday have caused an estimated \$2,000 in damages to the [Marine recruiting station](#) there, according to the Berkeley Police Department.

The windows of the downtown Berkeley Shattuck Ave. Marine station were targeted allegedly by counter-protest movement called Antifa, short for "anti-fascists." The group is known to use violence to confront "[alt-right](#)" groups.

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/berkeley-protesters-cause-thousands-of-dollars-in-damages-to-marine-recruiting-station/>

MORE VETERAN NEWS SOURCES: <https://www.vnnusa.com/>

POW/MIA Bulletin: <http://www.veteransresources.org/powmia-bulletin/#.WoGZ4a6nGpo>

JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH, PTSD MONTHLY UPDATE:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/1f40995>

NAVY WEEK 2018

From Springfield, Massachusetts to Sacramento, California, to Bossier City, Louisiana, America's Navy will sail into 14 cities across the country in 2018 as part of the Navy Week outreach program.

Navy Weeks, coordinated by the Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO), are designed to give Americans the opportunity to learn about the Navy, its people and its importance to national security and prosperity. Since 2005, the Navy Week program has served as the Navy's flagship outreach effort into areas of the country without a significant Navy presence, with 210 Navy Weeks held in 74 different U.S. markets.

Navy Weeks are scheduled for the following cities in 2018:

- ~~-San Antonio, Feb. 19-25~~
- ~~-Waco, Texas, April 2-8~~
- ~~-Birmingham, Alabama, April 9-15~~
- ~~-Tampa, Florida, May 7-13~~
- ~~-Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 11-17~~
- ~~-Reno/Carson City, Nevada, June 17-23~~
- ~~-Sacramento, California, July 16-22~~
- ~~-Fargo, North Dakota, July 23-29~~
- ~~-Milwaukee, Aug. 6-12~~
- Louisville, Kentucky, Aug. 20-26
- Cleveland, Aug. 27-Sep. 2**
- Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sep. 10-16
- Springfield, Massachusetts, Sep. 17-23
- Bossier City/Shreveport, Louisiana, Oct. 29-Nov. 4

http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103650

DID YOU KNOW...

The explosion of the USS SERPENS was the Coast Guards largest single disaster

The largest single disaster suffered by the United States Coast Guard in World War II was the destruction of the USS Serpens (AK-97). The 14,250-ton ammunition ship exploded off Lunga Beach, Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands on the night of January 29, 1945.

Servicemen were loading depth charges when the USS Serpens exploded. The 250 men who died included 193 U.S. Coast Guard sailors, 56 U.S. Army soldiers, and Dr. Harry M. Levin, a U.S. Public Health Service surgeon. Of the 193 Coast Guardsmen, 17 were regular Coast Guard and 176 were reservists.

<http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2018/01/the-long-blue-line-uss-serpens-the-coast-guards-greatest-loss/>

Housing Partnership solves problem of at-risk Homeless Veterans

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2018/04/03/partnership-homeless-veterans/>

Veterans Crisis Line

Veterans, Service members, and their loved ones can call **1-800-273-8255** and **Press 1**, send a text message to **838255**, or chat online to receive free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, even if they are not registered with VA or enrolled in VA health care.

https://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention/

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E)

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/index.asp>

The House Committee on Veteran Affairs:

<https://veterans.house.gov/news/>

About Cleveland Honor Flights:

<https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/about-honor-flight-cleveland.docx>

VOLUNTEERISM

Here are some great opportunities to put your military experiences to work benefiting others in need.

- **National Park Service Volunteer Opportunities**

Make a vital contribution to Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and our community! You can help the park fulfill its mission to provide visitor enjoyment and preserve resources. The mission of CVNP's Volunteers-in-Parks Program is to engage people in the park, building a community of park stewards. The volunteer program is co-managed by the National Park Service and the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Depending on the volunteer position, volunteers will work with staff from National Park

Service, the Conservancy for CVNP, Countryside Conservancy, and Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad.

<https://www.nps.gov/cuva/getinvolved/volunteer.htm>

<https://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/experience/volunteer/>

- The **American Red Cross'** unwavering commitment to members of the U.S. military, its veterans and their families continues to grow and develop more than a century after Clara Barton first recruited nurses to support the U.S. Army. Today, the Red Cross is meeting the needs of a changing military and expanding services to veterans. Red Cross support of military members and their families enhances morale and contributes to increased operational capability in several ways. New volunteers: visit <https://redcross.org/neo> Click on "volunteer" tab.
- **Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket** needs volunteers – preferably military veterans to help Veterans transition to a successful life. If you are interested in volunteering to help our veterans successfully re-enter civilian life, please contact Derek Moore at (216) 664-4712 or via email at moored@cmcoh.org for additional information.
- **Needed: 'A few good mentors': The Cuyahoga Common Pleas Veteran Treatment Court (VTC)** is a judge-monitored treatment program for military veterans. A key component of the program is volunteer Veteran Mentors who volunteer their time to help veterans re-adapt to civilian life. For more information visit: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iTF8wYXhqcE4yWm8/view?usp=sharing

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES / LINKS

Department of Veterans Affairs Link with the VA on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs/>

City of Cleveland

<http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Community/CareerCenter>

Veteran Job Search Assistance: If you know a Veteran or Military Spouse who could benefit from FREE, UNLIMITED job search coaching, please have them visit www.gunnyret.com to schedule a "First Call".

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteransresources.org/>

Ohio National Guard Employment Enhancement

Support: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6KQApfHm1pGbnByRGITNEhyUIU/view?usp=sharing>

Free, Unlimited Military Veteran Job Search Coaching: provided by www.gunnyret.com

VA JOBS Home: <http://www.va.gov/jobs/>

Ohio.gov: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/ohio/default.cfm?clearSearch=1>

USAJobs: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Veterans>

MilitaryJobs.com: <http://www.military.com/veteran-jobs>

Ohio Federal Government Jobs: <http://federalgovernmentjobs.us/job-location/ohio-oh.html>

Stars and Stripes; Veteran Job Center: <http://veteranjobs.stripes.com/>

USERRA: The Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) protects service members' reemployment rights when returning from a period of service in the uniformed services, including those called up from the reserves or National Guard, and prohibits employer discrimination based on military service or obligation. The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) administers USERRA

- Link to DOJ USERRA website: <http://www.justice.gov/crt/military/statute.htm>
- Link to the DOJ website: http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/userra_fs.htm

INFORMATION LINKS

****NEW** ~ VetBizCentral: MICHIGAN - OHIO – INDIANA**

Veterans Helping Veterans - This is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the United States Small Business Administration.

http://vetbizcentral.org/events_oh.php

Cuyahoga County Suicide Postvention Response Team: For additional information, contact Coordinator Pete Bliss of the Cuyahoga County Suicide Postvention Response Team at [216-509-3594](tel:216-509-3594) or suicide_response@outlook.com

USS COD Submarine Memorial: <http://USSCOD.org>

Vietnam Wall <http://thewall-usa.com/names.asp>

Ohio Western Reserve Military Cemetery
<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/ohiowesternreserve.asp>

National Cemetery Administration Gravesite Locator <http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/>

Military Veteran Service Records <https://www.archives.gov/veterans>

Military Veterans' Travel Guide – Ideas, Discounts, & Resources

<https://upgradedpoints.com/military-veterans-travel-guide/>

Welcome to MyVA.COM. . . getting it right from the start

Enrolling for VA care is a life-changing decision for Veterans. Choosing your health care provider is a leap of faith that will impact your entire life. "Welcome to MyVA" (W2MyVA)

starts that relationship right with a welcoming call from an informed, service-oriented VA representative.

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/30277/welcome-myva-getting-right-start/>

Dental Care Resources for Veterans: <https://www.emergencydentistsusa.com/dental-care-resources-for-veterans/>

Cleveland American Veterans Association: <http://www.cava4vets.org/>

Veteran Service Commission Meetings – are open to the public. The Commissioners encourage members of the Veteran Community to come and see how the Cuyahoga County Veteran Commission works and the benefits available to our Veterans. The meetings are held at the Commission offices at 1849 Prospect Avenue, Suite 150, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 at 9:30 AM the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Free Parking: The Veterans Service Commission reserved parking spaces in the lot just East of our building (on Prospect Avenue). The lot has signs posted noting they belong to the Veterans Service Commission. This will allow veterans to park for free.

Peer Advisors for Veteran Education: Representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities have come together to learn ways to support student Veterans who face two significant changes simultaneously: transitioning from the military to civilian life and the transition from the military to academia. Neither of these is easy. Read more at www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/29879/new-va-partnership-expands-power-of-peer-support-among-student-veterans/

Get connected with V.E.T.S Program: The Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is sponsoring a series of job preparedness, career development, financial literacy and computer training workshops. The program is designed to help veterans overcome barriers in order to transition from military life, prepare to compete for jobs in the civilian labor force.

The VETS Program is in collaboration with the Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network (MAGNET), Cuyahoga Valley Careers Center, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Veterans Program

Read it here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iQzJERUUwdThPaG8/view?usp=sharing

VAntage Point: the official blog of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: <http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/subscribe/>

311VET - new app answers general VA benefits questions
<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/23378/311vet-new-app-answers-general-va-benefits-questions/>

Cuyahoga Community College Veteran Upward Bound Program: Since 1973, VUB has provided comprehensive educational support services to eligible U.S. military veterans interested in pursuing a college degree or certificate. Services include academic enrichment classes, math and English tutors, assistance with applying for federal student aid, and

transition into a college or university of their choice. All services are **no cost** to the veteran. For information call 216-987-4938 or visit www.Tri-C.edu/vub

Amputee Recreational Support Group of Central Ohio: <http://www.arsgcooh.org/>
regularly schedules recreational activities for amputees – Veterans and non-Veterans, including Yoga for Amputees, shooting events, and recreational swimming. For more information, contact Robert Hass at (614) 288-5105 or Amputee@columbus.rr.com

Department of Defense Media Center: <http://www.dma.mil/>

Veterans Business Support Center: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iS0NiUjQ3cnFLTE0/view?usp=sharing

Ohio National Guard Employer Advisory Council: The ONG Employer Advisory Council was developed to provide military-friendly employers with useful resources and guidance to help them success with military retention and recruitment initiatives. https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9ibUNOOG02S2gybWc/view?usp=sharing

Columbus Honor Flight: www.honorflightcolumbus.org

Honor Flight Cleveland: www.honorflightcleveland.com

Veterans Crisis Line: 1 800 273 8255

Women of Hope, Inc: www.womenofhopeoh.org

Chase Bank Support for Veterans: www.ChaseMilitary.com

Justice for Veterans: <http://www.justiceforvets.org/>

Google for Veterans: <http://www.googleforveterans.com/>

Military Memorabilia Donations: www.ohiohistory.org/militarycall

Ohio Veterans Memorial Park: <http://www.ovmp.org/>

Cold War Recognition Certificate: the Cold War Recognition Certificate is a recognition certificate awarded by the [Secretary of Defense](#) to all [U.S. Armed Forces](#) personnel and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the [Cold War](#) era, which is defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991. Anyone who served in the military or the Federal Government during this period is authorized to receive the certificate.

<http://usmilitary.about.com/cs/genmedals/ht/coldwar.htm>

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteransresources.org/>

Cleveland VA Regional Benefit Office: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/cleveland/>

This Week at VA: <https://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/47109/va-now-offers-adoption-reimbursement/>

VetBiz.gov Home: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County: www.jvcooc.org

Equal Honor for All: www.equalhonor.org

Greater Cleveland Fisher House: The Goal of the Greater Cleveland Fisher House Organization is to raise \$7,000,000 for the construction of a Fisher House (there are currently 62 houses in operation across the US, Germany, and England) that will be located on the grounds of the Louis Stokes VA Hospital in Cleveland, the third largest VA hospital in the US. <http://greaterclevelandfisherhouse.org/>

Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center:

<http://www.cleveland.va.gov/?wvsessionid=fe802c6620da402484b74ac24a5f1650>

Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial (GCVM): www.clevelandvetmemorial.org

GCVM Honor Roll: The Citizens of Cuyahoga County have served the nation well, and paid a heavy price. When America needed defenders the men and women of Greater Cleveland have answered the call. From 1899 to 2014, a span of 115 years, 5,552 patriots of the county have fallen in military service during time of war. Search the honor roll: <http://www.clevelandvetmemorial.org/GCVM-honor-roll-search.asp>

My HealthVet: www.myhealth.va.gov

Rewards for Justice Website: The Rewards for Justice program continues to be one of the most valuable U.S. Government assets in the fight against international terrorism. Established by the 1984 Act to Combat International Terrorism, Public Law 98-533, the Program is administered by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. <http://www.rewardsforjustice.net/english/most-wanted/all-regions.html>

Locating Veterans and Service Members: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/locate-service-members.html>

National Center for Veterans Analysis and Statistics: <http://www.va.gov/vetdata/>

Military News: www.military.com

The American Legion: <http://www.legion.org/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars USA: <http://www.vfw.org/>

Stars and Stripes Veterans Link: <http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans>

Air Force Times: <http://www.airforcetimes.com/>

Army Times: <http://www.armytimes.com/>

Marine Corps Times: <http://www.marinecorpstimes.com/>

Navy Times: <http://www.navytimes.com/>

Defense News: <http://www.defensenews.com/>

Veterans Benefits Administration: <http://www.vba.va.gov/>

GI Bill website: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>

Explore VA Benefits: www.explore.VA.gov

Ohio VFW: <http://www.ohiovfw.org/>

Ohio Legion News: <http://ohiolegionnews.com/>

National Marine Corp Business Network: <http://www.nmcbn.com/>