



# Base Cleveland Veteran News

Saturday, October 15, 2018

*Prepared and distributed to Veterans and supporters of those who served*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

- **National Veterans Memorial & Museum to Open October 27 in Columbus, Ohio**  
For more go to: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/nvmm-dedication-and-grand-opening.pdf>
- **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.
- **USS Cod Submarine Memorial: "Where Cleveland Honors Veterans!"**  
The **USS Cod Submarine** opened for tours on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're open every day until September 30<sup>th</sup>. Then Saturdays only through November 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **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      **\*NEW\***

All US F-35s grounded worldwide

(Military Times) The Pentagon announced Thursday it is grounding its entire fleet of F-35s, just days after the first crash of an F-35B led investigators to suspect there is a widespread problem with the advanced fighter's fuel tubes.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/dod-announces-global-grounding-of-all-f-35s/>

### **Tyndall sustains 'direct hit,' 'extensive damage' from hurricane**

(Air Force Times) Hurricane Michael slammed into Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida as a Category 4 storm on Wednesday, causing extensive damage and leaving the base closed until further notice.

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/tyndall-sustains-direct-hit-extensive-damage-from-hurricane/>

### **More doctor visits, more money: Obese soldiers may be too expensive to keep, Army study suggests**

(Army Times) Almost one in five active duty male soldiers in 2015 was obese, and one-half were overweight.

<https://www.armytimes.com/more-doctor-visits-more-money-obese-soldiers-may-be-too-expensive-to-keep-army-study-suggests/>

### **Army expelled 500 immigrant recruits in 1 year**

(The Associated Press) Over the course of 12 months, the U.S. Army discharged more than 500 immigrant enlistees who were recruited across the globe for their language or medical skills and promised a fast track to citizenship in exchange for their service, The Associated Press has found.

<https://www.armytimes.com/army-expelled-500-immigrant-recruits-in-1-year/>

### **Head of military school fired for using marijuana extract to treat cancer**

(Military Times) A Vietnam War veteran who spent 22 years in the Air Force was fired last month from his job as the dean of academics at the Air Force Special Operations School for using a non-psychoactive cannabis extract to treat his prostate cancer.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/head-of-military-school-fired-for-using-marijuana-extract-to-treat-cancer/>

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

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

**AL POST 703 NEWS LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018:** <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/al-post-703-sept-oct-2018-newsletter.pdf>

**This Week at the VA:**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/bulletins/20c2125>

## **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](http://www.navy.mil/submit/display.asp?story_id=103650)

## **DID YOU KNOW...\*NEW\***

- 30 of the 43 Presidents served in the Army, 24 during time of war, two earned the rank of 5-star General (Washington and Eisenhower) and one earned the Medal of Honor (T. Roosevelt)

- Less than 28 percent of Americans between the ages of 17-23 are qualified for military service, that's only about 1-in-4.
- Only one President (James Buchanan) served as an enlisted man in the military and did not go on to become an officer.
- The Department of Defense employs about 1.8 million people on active duty. It is the largest employer in the United States, with more employees than Exxon, Mobil, Ford, General Motors, and GE combined!
- The Department of Defense owns worldwide 29,819,492 acres of land worldwide.
- The United States has 737 military installations overseas alone.
- The Navy's bell-bottom trousers, are commonly believed to be introduced in 1817 to permit men to roll them above the knee when washing down the decks and to make it easier to remove them in a hurry when forced to abandon ship or when washed overboard. In addition the trousers may be used as a life preserver by knotting the legs and swinging them over your head to fill the legs with air.

## **OTHER CONNECTIONS**

### **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/](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](mailto: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](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](http://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](http://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](http://www.dol.gov/vets/programs/userra/userra_fs.htm)

## INFORMATION LINKS

### 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](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](mailto: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/](http://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](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](http://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](mailto: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-9iSONiUjQ3cnFLTE0/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iSONiUjQ3cnFLTE0/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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9ibUNOOG02S2gybWc/view?usp=sharing)

**Columbus Honor Flight:** [www.honorflightcolumbus.org](http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org)

**Honor Flight Cleveland:** [www.honorflightcleveland.com](http://www.honorflightcleveland.com)

**Veterans Crisis Line:** 1 800 273 8255

**Women of Hope, Inc:** [www.womenofhopeoh.org](http://www.womenofhopeoh.org)

**Chase Bank Support for Veterans:** [www.ChaseMilitary.com](http://www.ChaseMilitary.com)

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

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

**Military Memorabilia Donations:** [www.ohiohistory.org/militarycall](http://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](http://www.jvcooc.org)

**Equal Honor for All:** [www.equalhonor.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/>