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## **Col. Cappone To Serve As Honorary Captain For Crew SC** *Expressing his gratitude for Ohio's veterans and military families during Military Appreciation Night*

**COLUMBUS** – Ohio's professional soccer team, Columbus Crew SC, is encouraging its fans to show appreciation for our state's active service members, veterans and military families.

Col. Mark Cappone (U.S. Army retired) will serve as honorary captain for Crew SC's match with the rival New York Red Bulls. He will officiate the coin toss and share the state's gratitude for Ohioans past, present and future who bravely protect America's freedom.

**WHO:** Col. Mark Cappone, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services  
Columbus Crew SC  
New York Red Bulls

**WHAT:** Military Appreciation Night

**WHERE:** Mapfre Stadium, 1 Black & Gold Blvd., Columbus, OH 43211

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 25 (the coin toss is scheduled for 7:36 p.m. Eastern)

**WHY:** To express Ohio's gratitude for veterans and military families and increase awareness of all the resources available to veterans at [www.OhioVet.gov](http://www.OhioVet.gov)

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services "serves those who have served" by actively identifying, connecting with, and advocating for veterans and their families.

Here are just a few reasons why Ohio is the best state for veterans and military families:

- A new fast track to jobs and education for veterans via [ohiomeansveteranjobs.com](http://ohiomeansveteranjobs.com)
- Free college credit for military experience at all of Ohio's public colleges and universities
- The Ohio Veterans Bonus currently paying between \$500 and \$1,500 to eligible Afghanistan veterans
- County Veterans Service Offices in all 88 counties to help veterans applying for VA healthcare or filing a VA claim for compensation and pension
- CVSOs also provide free transportation to medical appointments and financial assistance for veterans in need

Find all this and more at [OhioVet.gov](http://OhioVet.gov) or call 1-877-OhioVet.



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