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OH Veterans Services Col. Cappone and State Legislators to Honor Nearly 30 Veterans Participating in Plumbing, Pipefitting, and Mechanical Equipment Apprenticeships

Highlights Ohio's New Fast Track to Jobs and Education for Veterans and their Spouses

What: Tour Local 392 Training Center with Col. Mark Cappone, (US Army retired) assistant director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. Then help Col. Cappone honor nearly 30 veterans participating in plumbing, pipefitting, and mechanical equipment apprenticeships. Jerry Back, Local 392 training director, will be recognized with the OhioMeansJobs Veterans Challenge Coin for his dedication to supporting veterans going through the Apprenticeship program.

Local 392 is eager for more veterans to apply. The 5-year program is free and requires no previous education or training. Veterans may be eligible for up to \$1,100 per month in GI Bill funds to support their living expenses during the apprenticeship.

Ohio offers veterans and military spouses a new fast track to jobs and education. Learn more at OhioMeansVeteransJobs.com

Where: Local 392 Training Center, 1300 Century Circle North, Cincinnati, OH 45246

When: **Wednesday, September 7th at 5:15 p.m.**

Who: **Mark Cappone**, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services
Jerry Back, Training Director
Current Veterans going through the apprentice program
State Senator Bill Seitz
State Senator Cecil Thomas
State Representative Lou Terhar
State Representative Jonathan Dever

Background: Ohio is proud to be called home to approximately 900,000 veterans and military service members. Veterans represent the valuable, talented and skilled employees that Ohio businesses need to succeed and grow. Recognizing this, the state continues to cut bureaucratic red tape to prioritize workforce services for veterans, military service members and their families. The Office of Workforce Transformation, together with state agency partners, developed four key strategies to assist military service members, veterans and their families to compete for Ohio's in-demand jobs:

- **Award Credit for Military Experience:** State colleges, universities and licensing boards now award course credit for military education and experience.

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- **Link Veterans to Employers:** The Veterans Business Support Center – accessible at OhioMeansJobs.com – connects employers to qualified veterans for free.
- **Support Ohio's Veterans:** Veterans receive priority of service across the state's workforce system and veteran resumes are prioritized on OhioMeansJobs.com, allowing employers to review these first when looking for perspective employees.
- **Attract Veterans to Ohio:** OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com provides a single point of entry for veterans seeking information about employment, education and financial benefits available in Ohio.

To learn more about benefits, bonuses, jobs and resources for Ohio veterans and military families visit www.ohiovets.gov or call 1-877-OhioVet.