



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## OH Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill to Honor Akron FD for Hiring Veterans

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

**What:** Chip Tansill, Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, will tour the Fire Training Academy in Akron and present department leadership with the OhioMeansJobs Veterans Challenge Coin for the Akron Fire Department's dedication to hiring and retaining Ohio Veterans.

Ohio offers veterans and military spouses a new fast track to jobs and education. Learn more at [OhioMeansVeteransJobs.com](http://OhioMeansVeteransJobs.com)

**Where:** Akron Fire Department Training Academy, 1309 Emmitt Rd., Akron, OH 44306

**When:** Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 1:30 pm

**Who:** **Chip Tansill**, director, Ohio Department of Veterans Services  
**Deputy Chief Charles Twigg**, program administrator  
**Lt. Tim Morrison**, cadet program manager  
**State Fire Marshall Larry Flowers**  
**Veterans in the employ of the Akron FD**

**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.
- **Link Veterans to Employers:** The Veterans Business Support Center – accessible at [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://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](http://OhioMeansJobs.com), allowing employers to review these first when looking for perspective employees.
- **Attract Veterans to Ohio:** [OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com](http://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](http://www.ohiovets.gov) or call 1-877-OhioVet.*

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