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*and more...*

## New Budget Strengthens Ohio's Status as Veteran-Friendly

Last month, Governor John Kasich signed Ohio's new biennial budget into law, further strengthening Ohio's veteran-friendly status, starting with a 6.3 percent income tax cut that will put more money in Ohioans' pockets.

Soon, many small businesses will pay no income tax, making it easier to hire more workers, including veterans. The new budget cuts income taxes for the first \$250,000 earned by Ohio's small businesses by 75% in the first year of the budget and 100% in the second, allowing them to hire more and reinvest in their businesses and communities. This budget also supports veteran-friendly businesses by giving them a competitive advantage when bidding on state contracts.

Building on the free college credit for military experience established in House Bill 488, this budget provides new tuition freezes at all public universities and requires that public schools credit students' associate degrees towards a four-year degree so they can graduate more quickly and affordably. New budget language also ensures veterans can expedite their training when certifying to become a civilian paramedic.

The War Orphans Scholarship fund for the children of wartime disabled or deceased veterans will see a nearly 30 percent increase to \$7,124,141. This is especially important as we see an increase in applicants from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars.

Ohio is now better positioned to attract talented veterans from across the nation by offering in-state tuition rates at Ohio's public universities for veterans and their dependents and spouses, even if they have not lived in Ohio previously.

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Governor Kasich and the General Assembly reaffirmed their commitment to Ohio’s military installations by creating the Ohio Military Facilities Commission, which will receive \$2.5 million per year to support job creation and capital improvement projects at Ohio’s military installations.

This budget broadens the progress we have made together for Ohio’s military families and it will help ensure more veterans are connected to the resources and economic opportunity they have earned.

## Ohio Veterans Received a 21.6% Increase in Compensation and Pension Payments

Ohio veterans received a 21.6 percent increase in compensation and pension payments in FY 2014 when compared to FY 2013, according to the recently released 2014 Geographic Distribution of U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Expenditures (GDX) report. The number of Ohio veterans connected to VA disability compensation also rose 7.7 percent in FY 2014.

“Together we are connecting a higher percentage of Ohio Veterans to federal VA benefits than at any time in the recent past,” said Col. Tim Gorrell, director of the Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services (ODVS).

ODVS, County Veteran Service Offices (CVSOs) and veterans’ organizations work together to reach veterans and link them with federal benefits that can improve their quality of life. ODVS trains and certifies service officers from Ohio’s 88 County Veterans Service Offices to prepare VA claims for Veterans. History shows that veterans receive about 40 percent more of the federal compensation and benefits they have earned when trained professionals assist them with their benefits application. Ohio’s strong results in the GDX are a testament to that.

Ohio also has a good track record in providing veterans education opportunities. VA education expenditures have consistently risen since FY 2008 and were at \$324,969,000 as of FY 2014.

To learn more about benefits, bonuses, jobs and resources for Ohio veterans and military families visit [www.ohiovet.gov](http://www.ohiovet.gov), download the Ohio DVS Mobile App for your phone or tablet, or call 1-877-Ohio Vet.



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## Free Hotel Rooms for Job Hunting Veterans

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) is partnering with Hilton Worldwide and the National Association of State Workforce Agencies to bring the Hilton HHonors Military Program to Ohio. The program provides free hotel accommodations to military veterans searching for jobs outside the regions where they live.

“A free night’s hotel stay will allow a veteran to interview for a job or attend a career fair anywhere in the state,” said ODJFS Director Cynthia C. Dungey. “It’s another way we can help those who have sacrificed so much for us.”



“In the military, veterans put our nation first,” said Tim Gorrell, director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services. “Ohio’s new fast track to jobs and education puts veterans first, making it easier for veterans and military families to bring their expertise to work in Ohio. Hilton’s generous offer will ensure vets are well-rested and prepared for a successful job search.”

The Hilton HHonors Military Program is an extension of the Hilton HHonors point-based rewards program. Once a veteran establishes his or her eligibility, Hilton donates 100,000 points to

the veteran’s account. These points are redeemable at any Hilton property, including Hilton, DoubleTree, Embassy Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn and Homewood Suites.

To be eligible, an individual must be a veteran, active duty transitioning servicemember or active National Guard/Reservist and must be registered with [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com). For more information about the Hilton HHonors Military Program in Ohio, call or visit your county’s OhioMeansJobs Center. To find the OhioMeansJobs Center in your county, go to [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com) and click on the icon for OhioMeansJobs Centers.

Learn more about Ohio’s new fast track to jobs and education by visiting [OhioMeansVeteransJobs.com](http://OhioMeansVeteransJobs.com).



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## Insurance Industry Highlights Career Opportunities for Military Veterans

The insurance industry in Ohio will need to fill tens of thousands of new positions by 2020, due to the retirement of the baby boomers and continued industry growth. Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, Jim Clay, Insurance Industry Resource Council (IIRC) co-chair, Timothy Gorrell, director of Ohio Department of Veteran Services, and Matthew Downing of Progressive Insurance, held a media opportunity in Progressive Field, home of the Cleveland Indians, in front of 38,000 empty seats to demonstrate the depth of the talent gap in the Ohio insurance industry.



“When you look around Progressive Field, the seats are representative of the tens of thousands of available jobs in the insurance industry that need to be filled by 2020,” said Lt. Gov. Taylor, who is also the director of the Ohio Department of Insurance. “These open positions present tremendous career opportunities for military veterans who have served our country and are now transitioning to the private sector.”

A 2013 study conducted by the IIRC and Regionomics LLC identified the talent gap as 26,000 new workers needed by 2020. The study focused on the property and casualty (P&C) segment of the industry. Insight offered by the Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP) and from The Association of Ohio Life Insurance Companies (AOLIC) indicates similar talent needs also exist in those sectors of the insurance industry.



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Insurance is considered an economic pillar for Ohio, employing more than 100,000 Ohioans and generating almost \$18 billion of the state's GDP.

"The insurance industry offers stable, well-paying jobs in all 88 Ohio counties, with the primary pockets of employment existing in Cleveland, Columbus and Cincinnati," said Clay. The Insuring Ohio Futures program aims to educate prospective employees on the wide range of careers and on the benefits of working in insurance. Military veterans are a great match for careers in the insurance industry, and we believe their skills can fill the need for a wide variety of positions."

Matthew Downing, Corporate HR Controller for Progressive Insurance was a 1st Lt. in the U.S. Army. He was attracted to Progressive, which currently has more than 1,200 veterans employed in a company of 26,000, partly because of its veteran's career outreach.

"One of the more intimidating parts of leaving the military is figuring out what's next in your career," said Downing. "During my job search, I learned my skills and habits that formed during my tour of duty helped me to be more effective and confident in my professional life. Most of my post-military career has been in the financial services sector, where employers value the integrity and professionalism many servicemembers exhibit. Progressive offers several programs to support its military employees and help them network internally as they transition into civilian life, and the insurance industry as a whole offers an array of job opportunities for veterans to consider.

"Veterans have world-class skills and we want our veterans to bring their expertise to work in Ohio," said Col. Gorrell "The Insuring Ohio Futures program is a great example of how an industry and its partners in higher education and state government can engage veterans and raise awareness of career opportunities."

The IIRC formed in 2012 after Gov. John Kasich challenged the industry to develop a long-term strategy to combat the talent shortage. It has overseen the building of a public-private coalition consisting of insurance companies, insurance trade associations, institutions of higher learning and public officials all focused on attracting new talent to Ohio's insurance industry.

For more information, visit [www.insuringohiofutures.com](http://www.insuringohiofutures.com).

**Insuring Ohio Futures**



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## VA Expands Review of Chemical Exposure in Drinking Water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune

As part of VA's ongoing commitment to provide care to Veterans and their families, the Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that it will start the process of amending its regulations to establish presumptions of service connection for certain conditions resulting from exposure to contaminated drinking water at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

This process is in addition to the healthcare VA already provides for 15 conditions to eligible Veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953 and December 31, 1987 as a result of the Honoring America's Veterans and Caring for Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012. VA also provides reimbursement of healthcare expenses for those 15 conditions to eligible family members who resided at Camp Lejeune during that time period.

The diseases that are currently being reviewed for potential presumptive service connection include kidney cancer, angiosarcoma of the liver, and acute myelogenous leukemia, which are known to be related to long-term exposure to the chemicals that were in the water at Lejeune from the 1950s through 1987. The chemicals are Benzene, Vinyl Chloride, Trichloroethylene and Perchloroethylene, which are known as volatile organic compounds, used in industrial solvents and components of fuels.

VA will also work with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and potentially the National Academy of Sciences to evaluate the body of scientific knowledge and research related to exposure to these chemicals and the subsequent development of other diseases. VA will carefully consider all public comments received when determining the final scope of any presumptions.

For further information on Camp Lejeune, VHA Office of Public Health has a website on Camp Lejeune historical water contamination at: [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/index.asp).

The U.S. Marine Corps encourages all who lived or worked at Camp Lejeune before 1987 to register for notifications regarding Camp Lejeune Historic Drinking Water at <https://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater>.

Veterans with health problems they believe are related to exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune should contact their County Veterans Service Office (CVSO) to file a claim with the VA. Find your CVSO by calling 1-877-OHIOVET or visiting [www.ohiovet.gov](http://www.ohiovet.gov).



## VA Expands Disability Benefits for Air Force Personnel Exposed to Agent Orange Contaminated C-123 Aircraft

The VA recently published a new regulation that expands eligibility for some benefits for a select group of Air Force Veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel who were exposed to the herbicide Agent Orange through regular and repeated contact with contaminated C-123 aircraft that had been used in Vietnam as part of Operation Ranch Hand (ORH).



The VA published this regulation as an interim final rule so that it could immediately begin providing benefits to eligible Air Force veterans and Air Force Reserve personnel who submit a disability compensation claim for any of the 14 medical conditions that have been determined by VA to be related to exposure to Agent Orange.

The interim final rule can be found on the Federal Register: [www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection](http://www.federalregister.gov/public-inspection). VA will immediately begin processing claims and issuing benefits to eligible Air Force crew members.



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The VA encourages reservists who were assigned to flight, ground or medical crew duties at **Lockbourne/Rickenbacker Air Force Base in Ohio (906th and 907th Tactical Air Groups or 355th and 356th Tactical Airlift Squadron)**, Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts (731st Tactical Air Squadron and 74th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron) or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, International Airport ( 758th Airlift Squadron) during the period 1969 to 1986, and developed an Agent Orange-related disability to file a disability compensation with your County Veterans Service Officer.

VA also has identified several active duty locations where ORH C-123 aircraft may have been used following their service in Vietnam. Active duty personnel who served in a regular USAF unit location where a contaminated C-123 was assigned and who had regular and repeated contact with the aircraft through flight, ground or medical duties during the period 1969 to 1986, and who develop an Agent Orange-related disability, also are encouraged to apply for benefits.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald made the decision to expand benefits following receipt of a 2015 report by the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine (IOM) on Post-Vietnam Dioxin Exposure in Agent Orange-Contaminated C-123 Aircraft. This VA-requested report found evidence that as many as 1,500 to 2,100 Air Force and Air Force Reserve personnel who served as flight, medical and ground maintenance crew members on ORH C-123 aircraft previously used to spray Agent Orange in Vietnam were exposed to the herbicide.



Under this new rule, Air Force and Air Force Reserve flight, medical and ground maintenance crew members who served on the contaminated ORH C-123s are presumed to have been exposed to herbicides during their service, thus making it easier for them to establish entitlement for some VA benefits if they develop an Agent Orange-related presumptive condition. In addition, for affected Air Force Reserve crew members, VA will presume that their Agent Orange-related condition had its onset during their Reserve training. This change ensures that these reservists are eligible for VA disability compensation and medical care for any Agent Orange-related presumptive condition, and that their surviving dependents are eligible for dependency and indemnity compensation and burial benefits.



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For more information on the affected units, Air Force Specialty Codes and dates of service for affected crew members, and a listing of Agent Orange-related conditions, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent\\_orange.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/claims-postservice-agent_orange.asp).

Individuals with specific benefit questions related to herbicide exposure on C-123s may call VA's special C-123 Hotline at 1-800-749-8387 (available 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. EST)

Ohioans should visit their County Veterans Service Office (find yours at [www.ohiovet.gov](http://www.ohiovet.gov) or by calling 1-877-Ohio-Vet) for assistance in filing a claim. History shows veterans and family members receive 40 percent more of the benefits they have earned when they work with trained professionals to submit their claims.

## New Agreement Allows the VA to Send Veterans to Wright-Patterson Medical Center for Inpatient or Outpatient Services

A new agreement was signed May 1 , 2015 at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in an effort to dramatically improve the timeliness of medical care to veterans throughout Ohio and optimize the training and readiness of personnel at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center (WPMC).





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Col. Timothy Ballard, commander of the 88th Medical Group (88 MDG), and Jack Hetrick, network director for Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 10) signed the agreement to create the Buckeye Federal Healthcare Consortium, to optimize the utilization of Department of Defense and Veterans Affairs medical resources in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky.

In essence, this agreement will allow the VA to send veterans to Wright-Patterson Medical Center for inpatient or outpatient services, expanding the current relationship between VISN 10 and DOD.

“This is a huge deal in terms of not only public/public partnerships but this is a huge deal in supporting our veterans,” said Col. John Devillier, commander of the 88th Air Base Wing. “It’s monumentally important in terms of the services that we can provide to the veterans who have earned that entitlement. On the flip side, it does great things for our medical staff here at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.” The commander explained that by providing care to the veterans from the VA, medical center staff members’ credentialing is aided and their skills are enhanced, resulting in even better care to warfighters. “It’s mutually beneficial on both sides of the aisle,” Devillier said. “This provides our medical staff the opportunity to view cases that normally they would not see, ones that are much more complex and more in line with what they would see in a deployed environment.”

The colonel commended Ballard for his leadership in bringing the agreement to fruition. The agreement will pave the way for future agreements between the VA and the Department of Defense nationally, he said.

“I saw this as an opportunity to partner with the VA in a symbiotic manner,” Ballard said. “We have capacity in our sub-specialties across the board to bring in quite a bit of volume.”

“We really benefit from taking care of veterans - so these veterans, who have contributed so much, will now contribute in another way,” Travis said. “We get to take great care of them, which is a true privilege and an honor, but they get to contribute to the readiness of the next generation. “This agreement is custom-made for success,” the general said.

- Courtesy of Air Force News Service.



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## Honoring Ohio's Fallen Servicemembers

The month of May was filled with parades and ceremonies across Ohio remembering Ohio's military servicemembers and their beloved families who paid the ultimate price for the national freedom we all enjoy. The Governor's Wreath-Laying Ceremony is held each year the week prior to Memorial Day to honor the men and women of Ohio who were killed during the previous year in service to our nation. In 2015, six fallen servicemembers were honored. Preceding the ceremony, each gold star family met privately with Governor Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Taylor where they presented the families with an Ohio flag flown over the Statehouse in their loved one's honor.





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The Ohio General Assembly held a Joint Session to award the next-of-kin of the fallen the Ohio Medal of Distinction on their loved one's behalf. This year's presentation included Senate President Keith Faber, Speaker of the Ohio House Clifford A. Rosenberger and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor. The annual Governor's Wreath Laying Ceremony immediately followed the Military Medal of Distinction presentation. The ceremony in the Statehouse Atrium was attended by several eras of Ohio Gold Star families, state leadership, veterans organizations and the public. The keynote speaker, James Bernholtz, delivered a very powerful, personal message to all Ohioans.

Mr. Bernholtz graciously agreed to allow us to share his remarks with you:

*First, I would say thank you to every fallen hero, your sacrifice is what allows us to be here today, to live freely; to enjoy our way of life here in America.*

*But not only here! There are many nations throughout the world that also thank you and our allies for the freedoms they also enjoy. And in the countries that we have most recently served, people now live free from tyranny and evil in their land. Freedom that allows them to go to school again, to shop, to own property, and walk down a street without fear of being threatened or killed if they did not adhere to the ruler's oppressive code. Free from a life under the direction of local terrorist overseers, who in many cases had their own agenda with little to no accountability for their actions.*

*I am sorry such a heavy price for our freedoms has been paid for with our dearest blood, as in so many conflicts over the years. It seems that people who obtain positions of power over others do not learn from the history, having observed the outcome of all conflicts that inevitably end with the good overcoming evil. Many of us here today already know the outcome of this world, who wins, and who has already lost. However, it does not always feel that justice is being served. When we are in the midst of war, the battle that costs us our own, it can feel like the darkness is winning. But the dawn does come, the fight is won, the race finished.*

*On August 3rd of this year, my wife and I will observe the end of our first decade without our son Eric James Bernholtz, who not only was known as a LCPL in the United States Marines, but a soldier in God's Army first and foremost.... and as a citizen of Grove City, Ohio, a brother, an uncle, and as friend. He had many dreams of what he wanted to do, who he wanted to marry, the children we wanted to have, the place he wanted to live, the relationship he wanted to continue with his older brother, his best friend!*





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LCpl Eric James Bernholtz

*I wish I could tell the Gold Star parents here that have lost a son or daughter in the War on Terrorism, that it gets easier to bear the grief, but it does not. If anything, the knowing what we have lost becomes more keen. For the brothers, sisters, and close friends that often long delay their grief to aid the grieving parents, if you have not already started on that road of knowing your own grief, that day will come. Do not fear it.*

*But I can say this as a word of encouragement to you from my own experience. Losing my son was like losing my right arm. Over the last 10 years the wound has healed, the pain is no longer so all consuming. But the limb is gone. I do nothing the same, I am changed. But I also live, and I see the good that has been preserved and protected. I watch my grandchildren grow, and I laugh with them and have joy. The sorrow is never far away though, lurking around a familiar corner I've walked or played with my son, or hidden in a comment that reminds me of things he said, or when I see a man's profile in the sun that looks like him, or even someone driving a red truck like he drove down the streets of Grove City...*

*You never know when you will be taken back to your grief. Some think this is a bad thing, but it is not, it is the way we were made, it is good to have such sharp memories of our loved ones that are gone, it is part of how we remember them. But it is not always a sad, grief griped moment! Sometimes it is overflowing joy or laughter with that memory! Grieving is not at all a bad thing, it is necessary.*

*Gold Star parents, remember this, you will need it in the days ahead. I do enjoy my life, and rejoice in the innocence I see. I am glad not everyone knows my grief, because to know it you must have the same loss. I have seen what you now see today. I have sat in your chair. Those you have lost in this life are watching you; they desire us to live full lives because of their sacrifice. Seek life, look with your eyes for them, hear them, try to see what they would see... we will never forget them.*

*I would also like to address our War Veterans, and those currently serving in our Armed Forces that have seen action, some call it being "In Theater." Specifically to those of you that have lost brothers and sisters serving beside you. I was reminded of this recently, though I have known it because of my father, a WWII veteran, and my oldest brother, a combat Vietnam Vet.*

*A Marine from Lima Company that served with my son wrote a detailed account of the first battle in Iraq where they lost two of their fellow Marines in a fire fight. I will not share this story here; I doubt I could get through it. The account was shared in social media a few days before Mother's Day. It was ten years ago on a Mother's Day in 2005 that this happened. What struck me was a renewed awareness of the countless thousands that have seen what this solder had seen, not just once, but many times before those that survived came home.*



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*These are our walking wounded, those that carry in themselves the ongoing cost of freedom. They do not often, and some never, speak of it except to those that were there with them. They are changed, never to be the same person that went off to war. Just ask any mother, father, or spouse of a soldier that has seen combat. They do not want you to know what it is like, because they know that to understand it, you would have had to have been there too. Most of these good people, these heroes who would never want that title said of them, carry on. They carry that burden with them till they too lay in peace beside their brothers and sisters.*

*Those that have past long after their time at war are also the ones we honor today. Some that carry this burden are sitting or standing beside you now, who when their days are done will be counted among those we will continue to honor every year. They work beside you and serve you, and all the while they know the true cost of freedom, and they too carry your loss in their hearts. For them it is very much the same as it is with a Gold Star parent and family member. I cherish them and I thank them when the opportunity arises, because I see my son in their eyes.*

*Lastly, to those that know a Gold Star family member, I would encourage you to share things you know about these fallen heroes. Often we do not know what to say to someone in grief over a lost loved one, and often it is best when we don't know what to say, to just be there, it is enough. But do not be afraid to share a story that they may not know about their lost one. We cherish every new thing we can discover of our sons and daughters! These are the only new memories we will ever know. Just ask them if they are ready to hear it, and save it if need be till they are.*

*Thank you again for allowing me to speak today. God Bless you all, God Bless America, and let all of America bless God.*

- James Bernholtz

To watch video of Ohio's Memorial Day Ceremonies please visit:  
<http://www.ohiochannel.org/MediaLibrary/Media.aspx?fileId=146563>

Governor John Kasich's Memorial Day proclamation is available at: [www.governor.ohio.gov](http://www.governor.ohio.gov)

Ohio Senate President Keith Faber's remarks can be viewed at:  
<http://www.ohiosenate.gov/faber/press/honoring-the-greatest-sacrifice>

Ohio Speaker of the House Clifford Rosenberger's press release can be viewed at:  
<http://www.ohiohouse.gov/cliff-rosenberger/press/ohio-house-of-representatives-holds-military-medal-of-distinction-joint-convention-ceremony>



## Clark State Receives “Purple Heart Campus” Designation



Clark State Community College became a Purple Heart Campus on April 29, 2015. Clark State joins an elite group of colleges with this designation and is believed to be one of the earliest in Ohio to become a Purple Heart Campus. The designation is intended to support, honor and welcome veterans and active military members to Clark State’s campuses.

Military serviceman Tyler Ogden was awarded a Purple Heart following injuries he sustained while serving in Iraq in 2011. Ogden remains active in



the Ohio Air National Guard, is vice commander for the Springfield Order of the Purple Heart and has attended classes at Clark State. “It’s an awesome thing to know that they are supporting the community veterans,” said Ogden. “I know sometimes as veterans you can get misplaced or misunderstood. When you have a school that is supportive of your goals and ambitions, it really gives the veteran the inspiration and drive to succeed.”

## Civil War Encampment set for August 22, 9:30am - 5:30pm & August 23, 10:00am - 3:00pm at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky





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# WORLD WAR II

## *70th Anniversary* COMMEMORATION of the War's End

at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky

*August 14, 2015*



### ODVS Prepares to Honor the 228 Ohio WWII Veterans Living in the Ohio Veterans Homes

ODVS Director Gorrell and Major General Mark Bartman, the Ohio Adjutant General will join the 160 Ohio World War II veterans living in the Sandusky Veterans Home and their families for a celebration of the wars end.

During the celebration, General Bartman and Director Gorrell will present each veteran with a special honor coin to thank them for their service. The celebration will continue with refreshments and entertainment from the Andrews Sisters.

The Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown will hold their celebration on September 2, the 70th anniversary of the signing of the surrender document ending WWII.



*Happy 225th  
Anniversary  
to the  
U.S. Coast Guard!*



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*Pass it on!*

## The Ohio Women Veterans Conference



Hilton Columbus  
at Easton  
Saturday, Sept. 12, 2015

Register online at <https://sites.google.com/site/ohiowomenveteransconference/register-attendee>.