



Base Cleveland Veteran News

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SPECIAL EVENTS

TRI-C Breaking Down Barriers Hiring Event: June 8th, 2018, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information 216-391-0264, email breakingdownbarriersinitiative@gmail.com or click this link: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/breaking-barriers-hiring-event.pdf>

Invitation to USS Cod Submarine Memorial: Veterans Family Fair, on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an event for veterans and their families to enjoy the Cod (free tours and entertainment) and provide an opportunity for them to explore other North Coast Harbor attractions. A brief program is planned at 12:30 p.m. to salute veterans and their families, complete with a deck gun salute.

The event planners are looking for service organizations that provide services to Veterans and families to set up information displays at this event on August 4th. This is a call to any organization that provides services to Veterans and their families.

Please contact Paul Farace at 216-408-6991 or by email: pfarace@att.net, if you have any questions or are interested in participating.

- **USS Cod Submarine Memorial:** *"Where Cleveland Honors Veterans!"*

The **USS Cod Submarine** opened for tours on Saturday, April 28th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. We're open every day until September 30th. Then Saturdays only through November 24th.

Following are other 2018 rides and events supporting firefighters and law enforcement like the **Cops Ride on June 24th** and **Never Forget 9/11 Ride and Ceremony on September 19th**. Find more information here: www.firefightersmemorialride.com or www.copsride.com.

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

Air Force Reapers are now flying ISR missions from Poland

The U.S. Air Force's MQ-9 Reaper drone quietly started flights from Miroslawiec Air Base, Poland, in May, but the service isn't saying exactly why.

In response to a query, U.S. Air Forces in Europe would only say that the Reapers will be unarmed and only used for intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2018/06/01/air-force-reapers-are-now-flying-isr-missions-from-poland/>

Here's why the Corps is expanding a bombing range in Georgia

The Corps is greatly expanding and modernizing a bombing range in Georgia so pilots of F/A-18s and F-35s can train with precision guided munitions.

Townsend Bombing Range, or TBR, located 82 miles southwest of Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, will grow from 5,000 acres to more than 33,000 acres, according to Capt. Clay Groover, a Marine spokesman.

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/news/your-marine-corps/2018/06/01/heres-why-the-corps-is-expanding-a-bombing-range-in-georgia/>

Video: Meet the military dogs who received the nation's top honor

<https://www.marinecorpstimes.com/video/2018/05/30/meet-the-military-dogs-who-received-the-nations-top-honor/>

Coast Guard blows whistle on thieves of buoy bells, gongs

PORTLAND, Maine — Brass gongs and bells meant to help boats navigate in poor visibility are being stolen from buoys off Maine's coast.

The Coast Guard says the sounding devices have been stolen over the past six months and it's seeking the public's help in finding them.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2018/05/31/coast-guard-blows-whistle-on-thieves-of-buoy-bells-gongs/>

Take a look at the working uniforms the Navy is testing for sea-duty sailors

NAVAL STATION NORFOLK, Va. — For anyone who has been in the Navy for a decade or more, the wear tests starting June 1 of the new at-sea uniforms could be a flash from their own past.

Hot on the heels of finalizing a four-year effort to put fire-retardant coveralls on every fleet sailor, Fleet Forces Command will oversee testing of a new fire-retardant uniform that would be more practical for the average sailor at sea or in operational units.

<https://www.navytimes.com/news/your-navy/2018/06/01/why-the-navy-is-testing-yet-another-working-uniform-for-sea-duty-sailors/>

White House finalizes plan to stem suicides among recently separated troops

WASHINGTON — White House officials on Thursday finalized their promised interagency plan for suicide prevention among veterans and military members, pledging an expansion of outreach and peer support services across a range of government departments.

The move includes bolstering the Defense Department's Military One Source program to include access to mental health resources and other support services for a year after troops leave the service. It also sets a goal of a 20 percent reduction in suicides among troops and veterans by 2025, in keeping with broader administration targets for the nation's mental health.

<https://www.armytimes.com/veterans/2018/05/31/white-house-finalizes-plan-to-stem-suicides-among-recently-separated-troops/>

'Top Gun' sequel starts filming on NAS North Island

"Negative Ghost Rider, the pattern is full ..."

For years fans of the 1986 mega-hit "Top Gun" have debated on a sequel. Should the Air Force get a chance this time? Will the F-35 have a role?

Answers: 1.) Sorry, Air Force, probably not; and, 2.) No Lightning here, Tom Cruise's teaser tweet showcased an F/A-18E/F Super Hornet.

<https://www.navytimes.com/off-duty/movies-video-games/2018/05/31/top-gun-sequel-starts-filming-on-nas-north-island/>

This officer is set to be the first Army doctor to launch into space

After a childhood being interested in reaching Earth's orbit, one Brooke Army Medical Center physician is on track to become the first Army doctor to be sent into space.

Lt. Col. (Dr.) Andrew Morgan will be a part of Expedition 60/61, which is scheduled to launch to the International Space Station in July 2019, according to an Army article. Morgan's assignment to the expedition was announced by NASA last week.

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/06/01/this-officer-is-set-to-be-the-first-army-doctor-to-launch-into-space/>

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

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

***NEW* JUNE IS PTSD AWARENESS MONTH, PTSD MONTHLY UPDATE:**

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVHA/bulletins/1f40995>

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

Did you know.....

After years of anticipation, the pizza MRE is finally coming to the field

<https://www.armytimes.com/news/your-army/2018/06/01/after-years-of-anticipation-the-pizza-mre-is-finally-coming-to-the-field/>

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/

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 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

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 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

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

INFORMATION LINKS

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

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/

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

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

Amputee Recreational Support Group of Central Ohio: <http://www.arsgcoh.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

Department of Defense Media Center: <http://www.dma.mil/>

Veterans Business Support Center: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9iS0NiUjQ3cnFLTE0/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

Columbus Honor Flight: www.honorflightcolumbus.org

Honor Flight Cleveland: www.honorflightcleveland.com

Veterans Crisis Line: 1 800 273 8255

Women of Hope, Inc: www.womenofhopeoh.org

Chase Bank Support for Veterans: www.ChaseMilitary.com

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

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

Military Memorabilia Donations: 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.jvccoc.org

Equal Honor for All: 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

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

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

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

Ohio VFW: <http://www.ohiovfw.org/>

Ohio Legion News: <http://ohiolegionnews.com/>

National Marine Corp Business Network: <http://www.nmcbn.com/>