



Base Cleveland Veteran News

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE:

- **Pearl Harbor Day Wreath Casting Aboard USS Cod Submarine Memorial** ***NEW***

Veterans groups and the public are invited to attend the commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor to be held at 11:30 a.m. aboard the USS Cod Submarine Memorial on Dec. 7, 2018.

Visitors should arrive by 11:15 for the event. A coffee reception will be held at Burke Lakefront Airport Concourse (Gate 5) for the public after the wreath ceremony.

USS Cod is docked on 1202 North Marginal Rd., between East 9th St and Burke Lakefront Airport.

For more information contact: Paul Farace, President, USS Cod Submarine Memorial *Where Cleveland Honors Veterans!* at 216-408-6991 or www.usscod.org.

- **National Veterans Memorial & Museum to Open October 27 in Columbus, Ohio**

For more go to: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/nvmm-dedication-and-grand-opening.pdf>

- **Ohio Department of Veteran Services Seeks Veteran & Military Artists for Fall Exhibition. For more information go to...** <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/07/2018-usono-golf-outing-full-page.pdf> or call (614) 644-0898.
- **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.

- **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: *NEW*

T-38 crashes at Laughlin

(Navy Times) A T-38 training aircraft crashed Tuesday night at Laughlin Air Force Base in Texas.

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/breaking-t-38-crashes-at-laughlin/>

US Air Force moves to fortify F-35 weak points against hacking

(Fifth Domain) The U.S. Air Force is devoting fresh energy to plugging cybersecurity holes in the F-35's external support systems, deemed the easiest entry points for hackers.

<https://www.fifthdomain.com/us-air-force-moves-to-fortify-f-35-weak-points-against-hacking/>

More than a dozen Navy SEALs may get caught up in war crimes investigation

Military officials are prepared to call nearly a dozen past and present Navy SEALs to testify in the case of one elite Navy commando accused of fatally stabbing an Islamic State detainee in Iraq last year, according to documents obtained by Navy Times.

<https://www.navytimes.com/more-than-a-dozen-navy-seals-may-get-caught-up-in-war-crimes-investigation/>

A ‘crisis of national security’: New report to Congress sounds alarm

(Defense News) America’s military superiority has “eroded to a dangerous degree,” leaving the U.S. in a “crisis of national security,” especially if faced with more than one conflict at once, a new congressionally-mandated report concluded.

<https://www.defensenews.com/a-crisis-of-national-security-new-report-to-congress-sounds-alarm/>

Are those Florida ballots that Trump says showed up ‘out of nowhere’ from military absentee voters?

(Military Times) As President Donald Trump and others express concerns about ballots materializing in Florida after the Nov. 6 election, some advocates are reminding people that many of these ballots are likely coming from military voters and U.S. citizens living overseas.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/are-those-florida-ballots-that-trump-says-showed-up-out-of-nowhere-from-military-absentee-voters/>

NATO chief calls on Russia to stick with INF Treaty

BRUSSELS – NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has warned that the deployment of new Russian SSC-8 missiles puts the “historic” Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty in jeopardy.

<https://www.defensenews.com/nato-chief-calls-on-russia-to-stick-with-inf-treaty/>

This classified operation supports the Saudi military campaign in Yemen

One of three new, classified operations initiated by the Pentagon earlier this year was launched to support Saudi Arabia and other partner nations operating in Yemen, recent reports and documents have revealed.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/this-classified-operation-supports-the-saudi-military-campaign-in-yemen/>

US Air Force’s huge exercise in Ukraine fuels growing partnership and that country’s NATO ambitions

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Dave Goldfein sat down with his Ukrainian counterpart last week to discuss the two countries' growing ties, the first large-scale, multinational air exercise to be held in Ukraine and the possibility of that country joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

<https://www.airforcetimes.com/nato-ambitions-ukraine-looks-west-with-air-exercises-and-high-level-discussions/>

US-backed fighters resume final offensive against ISIS after pause to deal with Turkish tensions

The U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces are returning to the battle against the Islamic State following a pause to deal with clashes between their northern troops and Turkey, which included cross-border shelling by Turkish forces.

The SDF announced Sunday that its troops will resume offensive operations.

<https://www.militarytimes.com/us-backed-fighters-resume-final-offensive-against-isis-after-pause-to-deal-with-turkish-tensions/>

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

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

AL POST 703 NEWS LETTER FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2018: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/al-post-703-sept-oct-2018-newsletter.pdf>

This Week at the VA:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/bulletins/20c2125>

DID YOU KNOW...NEW****

Test your knowledge on the United States Military and History with our Military Trivia Quiz

<https://nvf.org/military-trivia-quiz-how-much-do-you-know/>

More Military Trivia:

31 of the 45 men who've served as President of the United States have served in the military

One U.S. President, Theodore Roosevelt, even received the Medal of Honor. And only one - James Buchanan - never became an officer.

From 1942-1944, the Coast Guard had a championship hockey team, the Cutters

The Cutters played in the Eastern Amateur Hockey League, considered to be one of the most competitive leagues of its time.

So, can we come in? A "roof stomp" (which is nowadays often a "porch stomp") at Schriever Air Force Base, Colorado. Air Force photo[/caption]

A "roof stomp" is an Air Force tradition where airmen welcome new commanders or celebrate special occasions by banging on the commander's roof, windows, and doors

The commander then opens the door to welcome in the group for refreshments. In recent years, some airmen have modified the tradition to a "porch stomp."

Johnny Cash, Morgan Freeman, and James Stewart are just a handful of the celebrities who have served as airmen

Jimmy Stewart – who won an Oscar for “Philadelphia Story” in 1940 before flying on missions in World War II and Vietnam – rose to the rank of brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve.

Every March airmen participate in Mustache March, growing mustaches to honor Air Force legend and triple ace Brig. Gen. Robin Olds

Fewer than 100 people have received the title of honorary Marine

The title of honorary Marine can only be bestowed by the Commandant of the Marine Corps. In order of seniority, the list of honorary Marines includes:

- Chuck Norris (rank unknown but also unneeded)
- [Brig. Gen. Bob Hope](uso.org/stories/154-bob-hope-the-uso-s-one-man-morale-machine)
- Master Sgt. Bugs Bunny
- Cpl. Jim Nabors, star of Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C.
- [Gary Sinise](uso.org/stories/2024-gary-sinise-lt-dan-band-performance-marks-actor-s-97th-uso-tour)

**Only female Marines are authorized to carry umbrellas in uniform
“Tossing a Dixie Cover under the Bridge”**

For many a short-timer, crossing under the Coronado Bridge (or any other bridge near home port) marks a moment of reflection. Should the sailor stay in or get out? Because sailors are often superstitious, many leave the decision up to the sea, tossing their cover into the deep. If it floats, the sea is asking them to stay. If it sinks, it’s time to move on.

Marines often pin their next promotable rank onto their uniforms as a motivator

They usually hide these pinned reminders in their cover, or under a pocket flap.

Before World War II, the Army’s 45th Infantry Division wore a swastika patch on their left shoulders in honor of Native Americans

They changed it to a thunderbird in the late 1930s.

OTHER CONNECTIONS

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

VetBizCentral: MICHIGAN - OHIO – INDIANA

Veterans Helping Veterans - This is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the United States Small Business Administration.

http://vetbizcentral.org/events_oh.php

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.arsgco.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-9iSONiUjQ3cnFLTE0/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 succeed 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.jvcooc.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/>