



# Base Cleveland Veteran News

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*Prepared and distributed to Veterans and supporters of those who served*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### SAVE THE DATE

- **2019 Cleveland National Air Show dates released, featuring U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds: August 31 through September 2, 2019**  
<https://fox8.com/2019/01/04/2019-cleveland-national-air-show-dates-released-featuring-u-s-air-force-thunderbirds/>
- **National Veterans Memorial & Museum in Columbus, Ohio**  
For more go to: <https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/nvmm-dedication-and-grand-opening.pdf>
- **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\***

### 1. **Last Doolittle Raider: Richard Cole, an Ohio native, dies**

Retired Lt. Col. Richard "Dick" Cole, the last of the 80 Doolittle Tokyo Raiders who carried out the daring U.S. attack on Japan during World War II, died Tuesday at a military hospital in Texas. He was 103. Robert Whetstone, a spokesman for Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, confirmed Cole's death. Cole's daughter, Cindy Chal, said he was having some heart issues but had walked into the emergency room.

Cole, who lived in Comfort, Texas, had stayed active even in recent years, attending air shows and participating in commemorative events including April 18, 2017, ceremonies for the raid's 75th anniversary at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force near Dayton, Ohio.

<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/2019/04/10/last-doolittle-raider-richard-cole-ohio-native-dies/3420815002/>

**2. Navy drops charges against officers involved in fatal USS Fitzgerald collision**

Fox News: The U.S. Navy on Wednesday announced it will drop all criminal charges against two officers involved in the 2017 collision of the USS Fitzgerald that killed seven U.S. sailors, according to a press release.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/navy-drops-charges-against-officers-involved-in-fatal-uss-fitzgerald-collision-report>

**3. 13 U.S. Navy Aircraft Carriers and 8 Battleships Were Defeated by This During World War II**

After two grueling months of action in the Pacific, Vice Admiral John S. “Slew” McCain’s powerful Task Force 38 retired in late November 1944 to the big Caroline Islands base of Ulithi Atoll for a 10-day breather.

<https://nationalinterest.org/blog/buzz/13-us-navy-aircraft-carriers-and-8-battleships-were-defeated-during-world-war-ii-50197>

**4. The new push for getting more women to sign up for VA benefits**

Pennsylvania Rep. Chrissy Houlahan admits she never even looked into her veterans benefits until she ran for Congress. “I just never thought that I should.”

<https://link.militarytimes.com/>

**5. After 9 years deported, female Marine’s husband may be able to come home**

Perez, 40, was honorably discharged from the Marines in 2009 and fell in love with a soccer coach in California. She got married and immediately started a family. But her husband Marcos Perez, now 46, was in the U.S. illegally. He was detained after a traffic stop and deported in 2010.

<https://link.militarytimes.com/>

**6. This grandmother returned from Syria in her first deployment in the National Guard**

Sixteen years ago at age 41, Monica Willis, then a member of the Cross Lanes-based Army Reserve’s 261st Ordnance Co., was looking forward to what was to have been a deployment to Iraq.

<https://link.armytimes.com/>

**7. This Japanese-American Army unit is the reason we celebrate National ‘Go For Broke’ Day**

The phrase was popularized as the motto of the Army’s famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team during WWII.

<https://link.armytimes.com/>

**8. Ill-fitting gear could put female pilots' lives at risk — but a redesign is on the way**

Forcing women to wear poorly fitting flight equipment designed for men not only produces discomfort, it could even lead to hypoxia and unconsciousness, or serious injuries while ejecting.

<https://link.airforcetimes.com/>

**9. Navy drops all criminal charges against commander, junior officer in Fitzgerald collision cases**

(Navy Times) The Navy is expected Thursday to drop criminal charges against the commanding officer of the warship Fitzgerald and another officer who were facing court-martial trials tied to the fatal 2017 collision with a merchant vessel, according to Navy officials and the family of one of the fallen sailors.

<https://link.navytimes.com/>

**10. Three Marines killed in Bagram roadside bomb blast identified by Pentagon**

(Marine Corps Times) The deaths of the three Marines in Afghanistan are the first for the Corps in several years

<https://link.marinecorpstimes.com/>

**11. A U.S. citizen has amassed his forces near Tripoli, but U.S. troops aren't the solution, officials say**

(Air Force Times) Fighting has surrounded the Libyan capital of Tripoli, but don't expect U.S. forces to step in this time.

<https://link.airforcetimes.com/>

**12. SECNAV defends plans to mothball aircraft carrier Truman**

(Navy Times) Navy Secretary Richard Spencer defended Wednesday a plan to retire the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman early.

<https://link.navytimes.com/>

**13. Keep those Iraq War notes handy: Small wars, not great power battles, still the most likely future fight**

(Military Times) The findings in the long-awaited Iraq War Study at first glance appear to not be in lockstep with the Pentagon's new focus on China and Russia, but are perhaps more important than ever.

<https://link.militarytimes.com/>

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

**Polish Legion of American Veterans Winter 2019 News Letter:**

<https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/plav-ohio-2019-winter-newsletter.pdf>

## Vietnam Veterans for Greater Cleveland Chapter #15 – January 2019 News Letter

<https://clecityhall.files.wordpress.com/2019/01/vva-greater-cleveland-chapter-15-newsletter-january-2019.pdf>

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\***

[Jokes and Humor](#)

Military Jokes and Humor: [45 Reasons to Re-enlist](#)

[15 RANDOM FUNNY MILITARY PICS OF THE DAY](#)

## OTHER CONNECTIONS

### 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/](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](mailto: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](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 <http://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](http://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](http://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](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](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](mailto: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/](http://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](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](http://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](mailto: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](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](https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1NiwCZ_V-9ibUNOOG02S2gybWc/view?usp=sharing)

**Columbus Honor Flight:** [www.honorflightcolumbus.org](http://www.honorflightcolumbus.org)

**Honor Flight Cleveland:** [www.honorflightcleveland.com](http://www.honorflightcleveland.com)

**Veterans Crisis Line:** 1 800 273 8255

**Women of Hope, Inc:** [www.womenofhopeoh.org](http://www.womenofhopeoh.org)

**Chase Bank Support for Veterans:** [www.ChaseMilitary.com](http://www.ChaseMilitary.com)

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

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

**Military Memorabilia Donations:** [www.ohiohistory.org/militarycall](http://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](http://www.jvccoc.org)

**Equal Honor for All:** [www.equalhonor.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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/>