

Base Cleveland Veteran News

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Special Events

- **Luncheon: Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams, WWII Medal of Honor recipient**

Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams, a WWII Medal of Honor recipient, and founder of the Hershel Williams Foundation <http://hwwmohf.org/> is hopeful of erecting a Gold Star memorial in the City of Cleveland. The Hershel Woody Williams Congressional Medal of Honor Education Foundation, Inc. was established in 2010 and is a charitable 501(c)(3), not-for-profit organization. The Foundation encourages, with the assistance of the public and community leaders, establishing permanent Gold Star Families Memorial Monuments in communities throughout the country and provides scholarships to eligible Gold Star Children.

The primary goal is to honor Gold Star Families, relatives, and Gold Star Children who have sacrificed a loved one in the service of their country.

Luncheon: a Military Recognition Luncheon will be held [Friday, September 29, 2017](#) at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown, [100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland](#) and will feature a presentation by one of four living World War II Medal of Honor recipients, Hershel ‘Woody’ Williams, USMC (ret.)

There is no charge for the luncheon, but seating is limited. <https://wwmoh.ticketbud.com/military-recognition-luncheon>

Please contact Ms. Chari Zito (charizito@cox.net) or LTJG Matthew Previts (matthew.previts@navy.mil) with any questions. Preference will be given to Gold Star Families, Marines and WWII Veterans.

<http://hwwmohf.org/woody-williams.html>

- **Veterans Mobile Outreach**

Federal, State and County veterans' agencies will be available to file a compensation or pension claim, apply for VA Healthcare, request your DD214, file and awards and other earned Veteran benefits.

- Don Umerley Center, 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44146 September 27, 2017 12 noon – 4 PM; and
- Mogadore VFW Post 8487 385 Randolph Road, Mogadore, OH 44260 Oct 4, 2017 12 noon – 4 PM

[M:\Veterans Mobile Outreach.pdf](#)

- **Vietnam Combat Veterans Memorial 'the Moving Wall'**

September 21-24, 2017 at Perry High School, 1 Success Blvd., Perry OH 44081. The opening ceremony will begin at 7 PM Thursday, September 21 and a closing ceremony held at 6 PM Sunday, September 24, 2017.

- **Fisher House Fundraiser**

A special fundraiser to benefit the Greater Cleveland Fischer House is planned for 8 PM – midnight September 30, 2017 at the Holy Spirit Party Center at 5500 W 54 Street, Parma, OH. The event is open to the public and includes raffles, food and dancing. Proceeds will benefit families of patients receiving medical care at military and VA medical centers. For details, call Barb Haselow at 440.886.6157 or Marge Smith at 216.224.4178. Additional information will be provided when made available.

- **Ohio Airborne Days**

The 55th All Ohio Airborne Days will be celebrated Oct 5, 6 and 7 2017. For more information, contact Sean Jennings at telephone 440.915.8223 or Jennsea3@yahoo.com.

- **Annual Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade**

The City of Cleveland will partner and host the annual Veterans Day ceremony and Parade on Friday, November 10, 2017. A limited number of display tables are available to Veteran support groups interesting in displaying or presenting information to the attendees. Please contact Marty Flask at telephone 216.420.7606 or MFlask@city.cleveland.oh.us to reserve a spot. First come, first served. Note: The Red

Cross , VA Medical Center, USO, Homeless Veterans Outreach and VA Vet Center have already reserved a table.

Parade Registration: The deadline for entering your organization, vehicle or float is 1 PM Wednesday, November 7, 2017. For more information, contact Paul Tuggey at telephone 216.952.2884.

- **Save the Date: Cleveland Military Ball**

The Cleveland Military Ball will be held 6-11 PM 18 November 2017 at the Crowne Plaza at 5300 Rockside Road, Independence, OH

Did you know.....

In the history of our great nation, approximately 40 million men and women have served in the Armed Forces. Of those 40 million, just 3,516 have earned the Medal of Honor, the highest award for valor and courage.

Of those 3,516 recipients, 72 are alive today. Of those 72 recipients, only 4 are alive from WWII. Of those 4, there is 1 Marine.

That Marine, Hershel "Woody" Williams will be in Cleveland on 29SEPT17 to propose the creation of a Gold Star Family Memorial

News

Federal government transfers title of former Veterans Affairs hospital campus to Brecksville

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs has transferred the title of its former hospital in Brecksville to the city of Brecksville. It means the city can move forward with plans to transform the 102-acre site into a multiple-use district that might include stores, restaurants, apartments, hotels, hospitals, manufacturing plants, warehouses, offices and laboratories. http://www.cleveland.com/brecksville/index.ssf/2017/09/federal_government_transfers_t.html

MIA World War II airman from Lakewood returned for burial

CLEVELAND, Ohio - For 70 years the remains of Lakewood airman Thomas McGraw lay buried beneath a broken B-24 bomber that crashed in the Adriatic Sea, off the coast of Italy, during World War II . On Friday, Army Staff Sgt. McGraw will finally r... [Read More...](#)

USS COD Submarine Memorial

Drone Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUC4u4ct5B8&feature=youtu.be>

Return to Vietnam brings mixed feelings for US veterans

COLUMBUS, Ohio (Tribune News Service) — The Vietnamese guide drove the sedan through the countryside, carrying the two Americans toward the village of Ban Don and taking former Army Capt. Michael Close nearer to the spot where he spent three of the most harrowing nights of his life. https://www.stripes.com/return-to-vietnam-brings-mixed-feelings-for-us-veterans-1.488190?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines#.Wb_Za6PD9i9

House looks to increase funding for veteran treatment courts

WASHINGTON – A measure to increase funding for veteran treatment courts by \$3 million was added to a House spending bill Tuesday, signaling early support in Congress for diversion, rather than incarceration, for veterans struggling with mental health and substance abuse disorders.

https://www.stripes.com/house-looks-to-increase-funding-for-veteran-treatment-courts-1.487339?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Stars+and+Stripes+Emails&utm_campaign=Daily+Headlines#.WbIq6PD9i9

World Trade Center beam used in Cuyahoga Community College first responder sculpture | [cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com)

http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/09/beam_from_911_world_trade_center_attacks_used_in_cuyahoga_community_college_first_responder_sculpture.html#in_cart_river_mobileshort_home

Never Forget 9/11 Ceremony and Ride (photos)

BROOK PARK, Ohio -- Over 500 motorcyclists honored the victims who perished on Sept. 11, 2001, during the 16th anniversary of the "Never Forget 9/11 Ceremony and Ride" in Brook Park Sunday morning. Herb Holt, 85, of Middleburg Heights, bowed his ... [Read More...](#)

September Marks Suicide Prevention Month - Veterans Resources

The message from the Department of Veterans Affairs to the friends and families of Veterans during Suicide Prevention Month is simple: Be There. “We know that in 2014, an average of 20 Veterans a day died in this country from suicide, which is 20 too many,” said VA Secretary David J. Shulkin. Read it here

http://www.veteransresources.org/2017/09/september-marks-suicide-prevention-month/?utm_source=Feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Veterans+Resources+Feed#.WarRTzz3aEc

VA Health Care: Veterans’ Mental Health Services and Coverage

https://explore.va.gov/health-care/mental-health/?utm_source=govdelivery&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=september-mental.health-monthly.9.7&utm_term=header-image-page&utm_content=mental.health-application-all-testa

Cleveland VA Calendar

<https://www.cleveland.va.gov/monthview.asp?thisMonth=9&thisYear=2017>

26 Things the Forever G.I. Bill Will Do

“This legislation will enable veterans to use the education benefits they’ve earned through the G.I. Bill when and how it suits them best, setting them up for future success in whatever career they pursue,” said Rep. Phil Roe, of Tennessee, chair of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, after the Forever G.I. Bill was signed by the president. While it will indeed erase the expiration date on the benefits themselves for current and former service members and their dependents — it’s certainly not all it will do.

https://military.id.me/vet-pack/26-things-the-forever-g-i-bill-will-do/?utm_source=SOV&utm_medium=post&utm_term=kevin&utm_content=081717

News from VeteransResources.com

<http://docs.google.com/viewer?url=http://www.veteransresources.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/Bulletin-170915-PDF-Edition.pdf>

Buckeye Guard Magazine

Official digital and video magazines of The Ohio National Guard Read it here
<http://ong.ohio.gov/BuckeyeGuard.html>

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs CWV - News Update

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USVA/bulletins/1b10224>

Attention Military Veterans

You may be entitled to VA Medical Care even if you are already covered by employer provided medical coverage

Complete the enclosed VA Form 10-10EZ for the Veterans Administration to determine your eligibility for enrollment in the VA health care system. The information on the form will be used by the VA to determine your eligibility for medical benefits and on average, will take 30 minutes to complete. This includes the time it will take to read the instructions, gather the necessary facts and fill out the form.

If assistance on filling out the form or if you have questions, you may use ANY of the following to request assistance.

- Ask VA to help you fill out the form by calling us at 1-877-222-VETS (8387)
- Access VA's website at <http://www.va.gov> and select "Contact the VA"
- Contact the Enrollment Coordinator at your local VA health care facility
- Contact a National or State Veterans Service Organization

Take advantage of the benefits you earned serving and protecting our country.

Volunteerism

Here are some great opportunities to put your military experiences to work benefiting others in need.

- **Project GreenCare for Troops:** a national 10-year old program that provides free lawn, landscape and snow removal services for military families and veterans with a service-related disability needs your support. There are more than 225,000 military personnel deployed in 150 countries and 3.6 million veterans with a service-related disability needing day-to-day household and lifestyle assistance.

Project EverGreen's GreenCare for Troops and SnowCare for Troops provides complimentary basic year maintenance, and snow and ice removal services to military families and disable Veterans. For more information contact Ki Matsko at 888.611.2955 or kimatsko@projectevergreen.org

- 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

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”.

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>

Cleveland: <http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/HumanResources/OpenPositions>

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

USS COD Submarine Memorial: opened for daily public tours May 1, 2017 10 AM – 5 PM <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-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 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.

Congress established the Cold War certificate in Section 1084 of the fiscal 1998 National Defense Authorization Act. The Department of Defense designated the Department of the Army as the executive agent for the Cold War Recognition Certificate program. <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/>

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 (GCVM) Memorial: 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/>

Veteran Resources: <http://www.veteransresources.org/>

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/>