

RISFAC Newsletter

Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee

**Region 4
(West-Central Ohio)**

May 2014

Partner Highlight from the Meeting

The Veterans & Employers Connection is an alliance of employers, support service providers, community organizations and military liaisons, united around a common objective which is to assist with long-term, gainful employment for veterans. A veteran for our purposes, is anyone who has served honorably or is currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Dan Semsel, Program Manager
Veterans Employment Services,
Goodwill/Easter Seals Miami Valley



RISFAC attendees learning about the Veterans and Employers Connection at the April Meeting in Sidney.

For those of you who asked, we have placed Dan's slides on our website.

<http://www.homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region4Risfac.aspx>

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Thank you to all of our April Attendees!

Jeanette Anderson, I78 FRG
Ed Ball, Shelby County VSO
Tony Bornhorst, Shelby County
Commissioner
Lauren Bowen, State Treasurer of
Ohio, Regional Rep
Pamela Boyd, AFRC Psychological
Health
Timothy Brandon, Graceworks
Lutheran Services
Michael Bryant, Support Services
for Veteran Families
SGM Michael Burress, A Trp
2/107th Cav
Helen Caldwell, Dayton Memorial
Park
Marc Cantrell, American Red Cross
MSG Brian Clum, G Co RRB
Melissa Davis, 371st Sust Bde FRSA

Christopher Day, Preble County
Commissioner
Jessica Dunn, Lowes HR Manager
Jane Esprit, I78 FW/AFPM
Debbie Gomez, ESGR
Kathleen Hayes, Dayton VAMC
Wade Huffman, Montgomery
County VSO
Daniel Kirkpatrick, WSU
Workforce Development
SFC Shawn Mace,
Marilyn McCauley, Operation
Fairborn Cares
Debra Meagher, Berkshire Hathway
Ben Merrill, Dayton VA
Don Regula, Auglaize County
Commissioner
Garland Robertson, Prevention
Coordinator

Luis Rodriguez, Army Reserves
Paul Salchak, VOBOHio
SGT Amanda Schoepflin, HHC
37th STB
Daniel Semsel, Goodwill Easter
Seals (Vets Employment
Services)
Andrew Seward, Operation:
Military Kids
Candy Stephenson, 73 TC FRSA
Jose Tate, ODJFS Vet Program
Manager
Sherise Thompson, 73 TC FRSA
Jenny Wedel, AFRC Psychological
Health
David Wesler, Preble County
Commissioner
Steve Wesseler, Goodwill Easter
Seals
Karon Wolfe, Dayton VAMC

Upcoming Meetings and Locations:

- ◆ July 22, 2014, Dayton
- ◆ October , 2014, Sidney

Dayton Location:

Wright State University
Student Union Hall
Endeavor Room
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy,
Dayton, OH

Sidney Location:

American Legion Post #217
1265 Fourth Ave
Sidney, OH

10th Annual Patriot Freedom Festival

May 24-25, 2014
11am-6pm daily
Memorial Day Weekend
FREE ENTRY, FREE PARKING

Dayton VA Medical
Center Campus
4100 W. Third St
Dayton, OH

Sponsored by Veterans of
Foreign Wars Department
of Ohio Charities



Food, Vendors, Non-Profits,
Freedom Run 5K Run/Walk/Roll,
Re-enactors & Living History, Free
Children's activities and rides,
Period Military Displays, Guided
Historical Tours, Miami Valley
Military History Museum, Petting
Zoo and More!

For more information, call
937-267-7628 or visit the website
www.americanveteransheritage.org

Live Music & Entertainment
Including:

- NoT ThaT BaD
- Still Standing
- SWITCH2
- Columbus Dance Troop & Company
- Military Uniforms Through the Ages
- 4 Freedom Equestrian Team
- Troupe Roja & More!



Freedom Run/Walk and/or Roll 5K

Saturday May 24, 2014
8:30am

Department of Veterans Affairs Medical
Center, Dayton, OH 45428

Take the Gettysburg Ave or Liscum
Drive, Exit via Route 35

Check in and Registration: 7:00am-8:00am
in building 305 (Recreation Building)

Fees: Pre-registration is \$15,
which includes a short sleeve
T-shirt. Deadline for registration is May 18.
Late registration ends at 8:00am the day of the
race and is \$15 with a shirt, if available, \$10
without a shirt. No refunds! Kids' Run (Age
10 and under) is free. Shirts, if available, are
\$6.00.

See flyer/registration in our events section of
the website!

For more information: Rick Schoby, Race Director,
937-836-7346 or Rob Dennis at
americanveteransheritage@aol.com

Online registration: www.active.com or
www.keysports.com

Profits benefit the American Veterans Heritage
Center, Inc.
www.americanveteransheritage.org

Rocky's Run for Freedom 5K Run/Walk
In Memory of Marine CPL Paul W. Zanolick, II,
KIA Afghanistan June 3, 2011

May 24, 2014, Registration starts at 9am
Miamisburg Library Park

To register: www.speedy-feet.com

Charities this year: Fisher House, Honor Flight, Uriah
Zanolick's Trust Fund
(Paul's 4 year old son)

See message to the right from Paul's father

"We have spent the past two years working to get a
Memorial Highway named in honor of our son. On March
4th, the Governor signed H.B. 19 into law! On that day I
threw it out that it would be awesome if we could do the
Road dedication after "Rocky's Run for Freedom" and that
it would be appropriate on Memorial Day weekend! The
Mayor of the City of Miamisburg thought it was a great
idea and went to work to make it happen. The City of
Miamisburg has confirmed that the "Marine Corporal Paul
W Zanolick, II Memorial Highway" dedication will be on
Saturday, May 24th, 2014."

"The plan is to piggyback the dedication with the "Rocky's
Run for Freedom". The memorial run/walk, which will be
held at the Library Park in Miamisburg, will begin at 9 am,
with awards being presented at about 10:05 am and
concluding at 10:30. The memorial Highway ceremony
and dedication will begin at 10:30 am!

Veterans Legal Corps

Veterans and Service Members:
Do you need legal help?

If you have a non-criminal legal problem, the Legal Aid Society may be able to help. Free legal assistance is available to income-eligible veterans, service members and military families. Our office serves residents of Marion, Delaware, Union and Morrow counties.

Call us if you have issues with:

- Public Benefits (Social Security, disability, food stamps, VA appeals)

- Housing (Landlord-tenant disputes, homelessness, eviction/foreclosure)
- Family Law (divorce, child support, child custody)
- Employment (unpaid wages, unemployment compensation, expunging criminal records, drivers license reinstatement)
- Healthcare (Medicare, health access, VHA)
- Consumer Debt (creditor harassment, back taxes, credit repair)

For more information, contact:

The Legal Aid Society, Marion Office

740-383-2161

Toll Free: 888-301-2411

www.columbuslegalaid.org

Please join Governor John R. Kasich and other Ohio Leaders for the
Ohio Holocaust and Liberators Memorial Dedication and Unveiling Ceremony

Monday June 2, 2014, Noon
The Ohio Statehouse

**Rain or shine. Seating will be available for those with special needs. Overflow seating will be available in the Statehouse Atrium.*

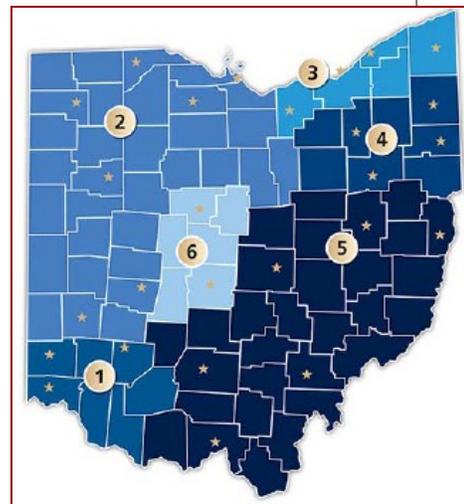
Legal Aid Programs

The Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation administers distributions from the legal aid fund to six legal aid providers, which collectively serve the legal aid needs of the entire state. In addition to Foundation funds, legal aid societies rely on numerous other public and private funders for support. With the financial support of the Foundation and other organizations, every year the state's legal aid providers assist more than 164,000 low-income individuals and families

with their legal needs. While impressive, we know that together we are still only able to assist one out of every four low-income persons in need of civil legal aid.

If you are looking for a specific program, you may call toll-free 1-866-LAWOHIO.

1. Greater Cincinnati
www.lascinti.org
2. Western Ohio
www.ablelaw.org
3. Cleveland
www.lasclev.org
4. Community Legal Aid Services
www.communitylegalaid.org
5. Southern Ohio
www.seols.org
6. Columbus
www.columbuslegalaid.org



Operation Military Kids

Mission: Through a collaborative effort, OMK seeks to provide support to children and youth impacted by deployment. Our joint efforts intend to develop a sense of support from their communities and enhance the well-being of military families.

Education & Outreach:
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614-336-7456

Youth Camps:

- ⇒ Teen Leadership Camp (Ages 13-15)
June 26-30
- ⇒ Camp Kelleys Island (Ages 9-11, 12-15)
August 4-8

Troop and Family Camps:

- ⇒ Camp Joy, Clarksville
June 6-8
- ⇒ Camp Patmos, Kelleys Island
Aug. 22-24

- ⇒ Beulah Beach, Vermillion
Aug 22-24
- ⇒ Camp Ohio, St. Louisville
September 26-28

For more dates and Information, check out
www.go.osu.edu/OMKcamping

Lead Child & Youth Coordinator:
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The feedback that we are getting from some of our community partners is that they would like to have access to a public database of the resources that are being obtained at our RISFAC meetings. This is really no different than what you would be on your business webpage, if you have one.

However, it will be shared within our RISFAC website for ease of use throughout the state, and further may open you up to more email traffic and/or calls. We have prepared a new client sheet which poses the questions of whether or not you would like to be included on this database. This sheet is attached to the email and is also located in the resources section of our website. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of your TFACS!

Check out our website!

<http://www.homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region4RISFAC.aspx>

D-Day Film at COSI

Ladies and Gentlemen, COSI has a special event and you are going to want to see this!! In honor of the 70th anniversary of the Invasion of Normandy, COSI is offering D-Day: Normandy 1944 (Narrated by Tom Brokaw) in 3-D to the world's largest movie screen! The film opens on May 23 and will run at COSI throughout the summer.

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Welcome Home 2014

July 5, 2014
9am-3pm

FREE Entry to Columbus Zoo for Veterans and their families

Live Entertainment
VA Benefits and Enrollment
Veterans Services & Information Fair

www.columbus.va.gov

RISFAC in Other Regions

Region 1 (Northeast Ohio)
July 24, 2014 (6:30-8:00pm)
Veterans Service Commission of Summit County
1060 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron
1-800-589-9914 (Option 1)

Region 2 (Southeast Ohio)
July 16, 2014 (6:00-7:30pm)
Camp Sherman Armory
2154 Narrows Rd, Chillicothe
1-800-589-9914 (Option 2)

Region 3 (Southwest Ohio)
July 29, 2014 (6:30-8:00pm)
Woodlawn Community Center
10050 Woodlawn Blvd, Cincinnati
1-800-589-9914 (Option 3)

Region 4 (West Central Ohio)
July 29, 2014 (6:30-8:00pm)
Wright State University
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton
1-800-589-9914 (Option 4)

Region 5 (Northwest Ohio)
July 15, 2014 (6:30-8:00pm)
Hancock County Red Cross
125 Fair Street, Findlay
1-800-589-9914 (Option 5)

Region 6 (Central Ohio)
July 9, 2014 (6:30-8:00pm)
OSU 4-H Youth Development Ctr.
2201 Fred Taylor Rd, Columbus
1-800-589-9914 (Option 6)

