

# RISFAC Newsletter

Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee  
<http://www.homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region4RISFAC.aspx>

Region 4  
(West-Central Ohio)

"When Called, We Respond"

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Partner Highlight: Leon Johnson, VFW  
Kari Pfeifer, VFW

Region 4 RISFAC was fortunate to have both Leon Johnson and Kari Pfeifer from the VFW as the featured presenters. Leon spoke about the many programs that the VFW offers and supports across the state of Ohio. They are a resource to Veterans and service members who need any sort of assistance that is necessary to survive. They work hand in hand with **the county VSO's and the TFAC to provide support. They will adopt units around Christmas** time, support family picnics and other unit events and attends all Yellow Ribbon events. Kari highlighted programs that she is involved in currently including scholarships for student Veterans, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Patriots Pen essay contest and Patriotic Art Contest. She **also informed us that the license plates for women Veteran's is now available. The VFW is an** important organization that needs membership support in order to thrive, and membership is free to any veteran.

Thank you both for your wonderful presentations!

Thank you to all of our Attendees!

Wade Huffman-Montgomery  
County VSO  
Ed Ball-Shelby County VSO  
Leon Johnson-VFW  
Kari Pfeifer-VFW  
Dan Semsel-Veterans Employer  
Connection  
Debbie Gomez - ESGR  
Charles Edwards - ACO STB  
37th IBCT  
Marc Cantrell - Red Cross  
Gil Barrie - Chaplain

Matt Miracle - Miami Valley  
Wounded Veterans Fund  
Debbie Santiago - 4C for  
Children  
Darrin Adams - Department of  
Labor—Vets  
Katie Lewis - St. Vincent SSVF  
Kathleen Hayes - VA Hospice  
Pam Holbrook-H.E.R.O.E.S Cares  
Jamie Burdiss - G1 Education  
Office  
John Bolen - Clark County VSO  
Pat Nowak - ONG

Upcoming Meetings and  
Locations:

- ◆ July 26, 2016, Dayton
- ◆ Oct 25, 2016, Sidney

Dayton Location:

VFW Beaver Creek Memorial  
Post 8312  
2389 Dayton Xenia Road  
Dayton, OH

Sidney Location:

American Legion Post #217  
1265 Fourth Ave  
Sidney, OH

# VETERANS MOVING FORWARD

**May 24th, 2016 3 PM - 6 PM**  
 The Apollo Room at Wright State University  
 Hosted by Greater Miami Valley myVeteran Community

**ALL VETERANS:  
THOSE WHO SERVE**

**JOIN US** at Wright State to learn about our community's Veteran support.

**BE HEARD** and see what building a connected community means for you.

**NETWORK** with other like-minded Veterans and swap stories. This event will be supported with resources for every aspect of moving forward and will highlight Housing, Employment, Financial Assistance and tips that will start you and your family on a path to prosperity.

**REGISTER HERE TO ATTEND FOR FREE @ [www.veteransmovingforward.org](http://www.veteransmovingforward.org)**

**VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS:  
SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE**

Be a part of our community that is coming together to provide resources to support our past and present service members as well as their families. Providing support and hope to our Veterans and their families.

**REGISTER HERE FOR SUPPORTER TABLE @ [www.veteransmovingforward.org](http://www.veteransmovingforward.org)**



Zoombezi Bay at the Columbus Zoo, together with Kroger and Pepsi, presents Sneak Peek Sunday May 22, 2016. Tickets may be picked up at the USO Will Call Table in the pavilion outside of the Columbus Zoo main entrance. Zoombezi Bay is open from 10:30 AM to 7:00 PM each day. The tickets also include admission to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium.

"Troops don't come home to government programs; they come home to their families, neighbors and communities. Communities must step up to embrace troops and veterans, particularly once their battle buddies are no longer by their side. They need new battle buddies, but this time from their communities - people who can assist them in transitioning their skills, knowledge and attributes into civilian life and organizations. Government programs can't do it alone, but independent organizations working together at a community level can."

*Army Col. David Sutherland,  
Special Assistant to the  
Joint Chiefs of Staff for warrier and  
family support*

It is our recommendation that organizations "Provide confidential avenues for spouses who feel their service member is exhibiting symptoms of PTS to express their concerns. Spouses need information on how to locate resources and information that may enable their service members to better come to terms with their symptoms and seek the appropriate confidential treatment."

*Blue Star Families  
2012 Military Family Lifestyle Survey  
Recommendation for veterans and  
their spouses regarding PTS/TRI*

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**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE  
HOMETOWN SUPPORT PROGRAM?**

Any post-9/11 service member (active duty, guardsman, or reservist), their spouses, any adult family member / significant other, that is directly impacted by deployment qualify for enrollment.

← PRE-DEPLOYMENT    DEPLOYMENT    DEBRIEFING    REDEPLOYMENT →

**Special note to Stephen Leaders  
and Stephen Ministers**

The H.E.R.O.E.S. Care  
Hometown Support Program  
will train Stephen Leaders as  
"Outpost Leaders (OLs)" and  
Stephen Ministers as "Hometown Support  
Volunteers (HSVs)."

Only trained and commissioned  
Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers  
who complete the eight-hour H.E.R.O.E.S.  
Care workshop, and have met program  
requirements are qualified to serve as  
Outpost Leaders and Hometown Support  
Volunteers.

These are responsibilities that willing  
Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers  
choose to assume -- in addition to the  
leading or care giving they do for Stephen  
Ministry in their own congregation.



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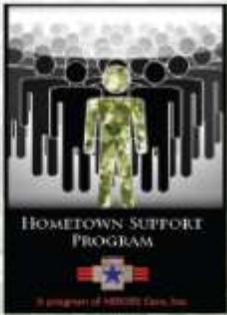
  
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**HOMETOWN SUPPORT  
PROGRAM**  
A program of HEROES CARE, Inc.

*Supporting Our Troops and  
Their Families Before,  
During, and After Deployment*



# PTSD Awareness Motorcycle Ride & Resource Fair

**09:00 Registration**  
**10:00 Ride starts**  
**12:00 Resource fair**



Register at:  
[columbusvaptsdawarenessride.eventbrite.com](http://columbusvaptsdawarenessride.eventbrite.com)

**Questions: (614) 452-0164**



**Columbus VA**  
**Saturday June 4th**



**420 North James Rd. Columbus, OH 43219**



## **MIAMI VALLEY WOUNDED VETERAN SHOOT**

### **MICHAEL W. HEMM MEMORIAL SHOOT**



**When:** Saturday August 20, 2016

**Where:** Hemloch Sportsman Club

**Parking:** Orrmont Estates  
1612 S. Main Street  
Piqua, OH 45356

**Time:** Registration - 08:30      Last Registration 4:00 pm  
Shooting— starts @ 09:00

**Game:** 5 Stand (each round \$15 buy in) 25 birds  
50 bird sporting clay (Main event \$30) \$20 reentry no payout  
Fun Shoot (long rabbit) \$5 buy in

**Pay Out:** Lewis Class – 50 Bird Shoot \$10 of the \$30 dollar payout  
Fun Shoot: long rabbit depending on number of participants  
5 stand \$30 payout

**Contact:** Larry Tebbe - 937- 418-9011  
Matt Miracle - 937-673-7164

**100% of the proceeds will go to fund local returning veterans with disabilities.**

