



# RISFAC

(Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee)

July 2016

Region 5, Northwest Ohio

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## July 12, 2016 - Meeting Summary

The meeting started on time at 6:30 pm. Patricia made general announcements and asked that people silence their cell phones.

The Guest Speaker, Shawn Clark from Veterans Matter, was introduced. Ms. Clark is the National Program Director for Veterans Matter ("VM"). VM is a 501(c)(3) organization established to assist homeless veterans, that are VA eligible, with their rent deposit and the veteran's portion of the first month's rent. All referrals are provided to VM through the VA case workers and their homeless program. Ms. Clark states that they work in 10 other states and those states are determined by specific donations. Their program has housed 1,115 veterans in 10 states! For more information on their program and upcoming events, check out [www.veteransmatter.org](http://www.veteransmatter.org).

Community partner shout-outs were completed, OMK items were discussed and the purpose/role of the TFAC was reviewed. A few highlights from the introductions were:

- ◇ Dr. Holden, from BGSU, advised that he is looking for internship opportunities for his students.

- ◇ Kari, with the VFW, advised that there were a couple scholarship opportunities within the VFW program if anyone is interested.
- ◇ There were four County Veteran Service Offices ("CVSO") represented. **These CVSO's are the first** place a veteran should seek assistance for filing claims with VA, and for emergency financial assistance. They are a great resource within each and every county of Ohio.
- ◇ Jenny Hoeffel is the Veteran Prevention and Outreach Manager at Maumee Valley Guidance Center - which covers Defiance, Fulton, Henry & Williams counties. Currently they have the Supportive Service for Veterans and their Families (SSVF) grant which focuses on improving housing stability of low-income Veterans and their families.
- ◇ Veronica from the Vet Center reminded folks that they offer Readjustment counseling to eligible Veterans, Service members, and their families in the effort to make a successful transition from military to civilian life. To include, individual and group counseling, bereavement counseling, military sexual trauma much more.

The meeting was concluded for networking.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Oct 11, 2016 (Mansfield: American Red Cross, 39 N. Park, Mansfield, OH 44902)
- Jan 10, 2017 (Bowling Green: 1245 W. Newton Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402)

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The RISFAC serves all branches of the Military, Veterans and their families and is sponsored by the Ohio National Guard Family Readiness & Warrior Support Program.

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## ATTENDANCE ROSTER - BOWLING GREEN RISFAC, REGION 5 - July 12, 2016

Jeni K. Biehler, Ottawa County Veterans Service Office  
 Matthew Abraugh, Ottawa County Veterans Service Office  
 Sara Toris, Ottawa County Veterans Service Office  
 Shawn Clark + guest, Veterans Matter  
 Neal Whitney + guest, The Church at Allentown  
 Jenny Hoeffel, Maumee Valley Guidance Center  
 Rick Glover, Lucas County Veterans Service Commission  
 Paige Behrman, Dental Center of NW Ohio  
 SFC Mark Hutton, Ohio National Guard - India Co NCOIC  
 Adam Kaufman + guest, Military OneSource  
 LTC Troy Amundson, Camp Perry Commander  
 Veronica Bauer, The Vet Center  
 Crystal Bennett, Fulton County Veterans Serviced Office  
 Steve Brunn, Survivor Outreach Services  
**Amy Carles, Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel**  
 Nichole Coleman, Hancock County Veterans Service Office  
 Cheryl Hagan, Ohio National Guard Employment Outreach  
 Brett Holden, Ph.D., BGSU  
 Leon Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 Kari Pfeifer, Veterans of Foreign Wars



# OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR



Location: Shady Lane Memorial Park, Norwalk, OH 44857  
(Across the street from the Huron County Job and Family Services)

Opening Ceremony: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Ceremony will start right at 7:00 p.m. We ask that everyone attending please try to be at Shady Lane Memorial Park no later than 6:30 p.m. to allow for parking and seating.

Live Broadcast by K96.1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Family Fun Day: Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Also sponsored by the Huron County Job and Family Services. This event will be a part of the Ohio Flags of Honor.

Closing Ceremony: Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. until complete.

THE OHIO FLAGS OF HONOR CAN BE SEEN AT: [ohioflagsofhonor.org](http://ohioflagsofhonor.org)

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# **Veteran Benefits Resource and Job Fair**

**September 2, 2016  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Fairhaven Hall**

**at the Richland County Fairgrounds  
750 North Home Road, Mansfield**

- ★ We have representatives from over 40 companies looking to hire veterans.
- ★ We will have representatives for information on medical issues.
- ★ There will be representatives from several colleges and universities for veterans interested in furthering their education.
- ★ There will be representatives from Ohio Department of Veteran's Services & Richland County Veterans Service Commission for Veterans Benefits.

## Troop & Family Assistance Center Specialists (“TFACs”)



- Region 1**  
 Joyce Stingel: 614-336-6337  
 Rita Stahl: 614-336-4310  
 Tabitha Hoke-Mujihad: 614-336-4466
- Region 2:**  
 Jennifer Moore 614-336-6943  
 Brian Giesey 614-336-4311
- Region 3:**  
 Mandy Humerick 614-336-6550
- Region 4:**  
 Billy Madden 614-336-6357  
 Jennifer Knoop 614-336-4483
- Region 5:**  
 Margret Szymanski 614-336-4312  
 Patricia Markowski 614-336-6615  
 Tabitha Hoke-Mujihad 614-336-4466
- Region 6:**  
 Heather Smith 614-336-7358  
 Nancy Kary 614-336-4232  
 Angela Dyer (Supervisor) 614-336-7031



- 24 Hour Joint Operations Center**  
 1-888-637-9053
- ONG Transition Assistance Advisors**  
 (Michael Magnusson and Terry Dean)  
 614-336-7349 or 614-336-4192
- Tricare Benefits Assistance**  
 877-874-2273
- Ohio Cares**  
 800-761-0868
- Community Outreach**  
 614-336-7002
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator**  
 877-751-5628
- Military OneSource**  
 800-342-9647
- American Red Cross**  
 800-696-3873

- Survivor Outreach Services Coordinators**  
 614-336-4284 Melissa Wise  
 614-336-8820 Rita Kreitzer  
 614-336-7375 Susan Bogan  
 614-336-4138 Steve Brunn  
 740-637-0348 Tara Reyna
- Psychological Health Coordinators**  
 Barbara Herbst 614-336-8999
- Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (ESGR)** 614-336-7444
- ID Center (NW Ohio)** 180th FW, Swanton, Ohio  
 Call for appointment 419-868-4225

- Airman & Family Readiness Program Managers**
- Judy York - 180th FW 419-868-4550  
 Jane Esprit - 178th FW 937-525-2583, ext. 2583  
 Vacant - 179th AW 419-520-6600  
 Carolyn Ebert - 121st ARW 614-492-4417, ext. 5
- Employment Support Specialists (Contractors):**  
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