



RISFAC

(Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee)

January 2017

Region 5, Northwest Ohio

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January 10, 2017 - Meeting Summary

The meeting started at 6:30 pm with 14 people present. Patricia introduced the FAC role and stated all housekeeping needs. Dr. Brett Holden from Bowling Green State University was the featured presenter for the meeting. Dr. Holden is the Assistance Professor of Film Studies, Department of Theatre and Film with a focus on war, film and the soldier experience. During his class, students will examine the image of modern and contemporary military-service personnel in popular film in comparison/contrast to the images they portray of themselves and their military-service experiences in personal writings and testimony. The course examines central topics such as, mental effects of combat, the challenges of deployment, reintegration, the impact on military families, etc. One of the key components to the class is also the service-learning aspect. Each of Dr. Holden's students will be required to perform a minimum number of service hours to benefit veterans, military personnel or their families. In the past, they have worked with the Ohio Army and Air National Guard to assist with pre/post mobilization events; volunteered at the Equine Conflict Resolution Workshop for Families of the Deployed; interviewed veterans and provided a keepsake

report for the veteran and their family; and much more! Dr. Holden encourages his students to get engaged, be involved and serve the veteran/military community so they can understand the difference between what is presented on film and the reality of service members and veterans, among other things. By the end of the term, his students should be able to draw parallels between the military-service experience in war, consider the works they have read/viewed as acts of witness, draw some general parallels between their own life experience and those reflected in the works, and explain how war has oftentimes been portrayed in cinema.

Everyone in attendance took a few moments to introduce themselves and provide a brief description of their organization and how they may be able to assist or work with a veteran, military member or military family. Immediately following these introductions, we provided an opportunity to eat and network.

The meeting concluded at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting: Mansfield - April 11, 2017 6:30-8:00pm

Upcoming Meetings

- April 11, 2017 (Mansfield: American Red Cross, 39 N. Park, Mansfield, OH 44902)
- Jul 18, 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 - JANUARY 10, 2017

J. Troy Amundson
 Veronica Bauer
 Amy Carles
 Veronna Drane
 Rick Glover
 Jenny Hoeffel
 Brett Holden, Ph.D.
 Leon Johnson
 Christa Luttmann
 1SG Robert Markowski
 Kari Pfeifer
 Robert Schmitt
 SSG Aaron Zdawczyk
 George Shaughnessy

Camp Perry
 The Vet Center (Toledo)
 Office of the Ohio Consumers Council
 Habitat for Humanity
 Lucas County VSC
 SSVF Maumee Valley Guidance Center
 BGSU
 VFW
 Ohio Attorney General's Office
 983rd Army Reserve
 VFW
 American Legion
 HHC 1-148th INF
 American Legion



Free Legal Advice Clinic

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR VETERANS

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 Toledo VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic
 1200 S. Detroit, Toledo, OH 43614
 2nd floor conference room

***Lawyers are available to assist with foreclosures, divorce, child custody, bankruptcy or other civil matters. Simple wills are done through a separate clinic at different times.

Volunteer attorneys are available to answer legal questions for veterans. Walk-in only. No prior registration is required.

*Please note that the attorneys are available to answer questions only, and they will not attend court with you. If you have an upcoming court deadlines, you should contact legal representation through another entity.



Team RWB's mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connection them to their community through physical and social activity.

Enrichment is defined as creating quality relationships and experiences that contribute to life satisfaction and overall wellbeing. The concept of enrichment consists of three core components - health, people, and purpose - that define a rich life.



kickboxing

PEOPLE...



rowing

Creating authentic connections (defined as genuine, quality, supportive relationships that generate mutual trust and accountability), reflected in an **increased number of close relationships and improvements in teammates' sense of belonging, purpose, and community engagement.**

Health...

Creating frequent opportunities for team members to connect through fitness, sports and recreation to improve physical, mental, and emotional well-being.



yoga



Walk, run, or ruck!

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

Engaging members in meaningful team and community-based experiences such as leadership and service that, beyond physical and social activities, renew self-identity and purpose in life.

Log on to:

www.teamrwb.org

For more information or to find a chapter near you!

Veterans, families of veterans, and those who support them are welcome to join Team RWB.

Purpose...

AAFES

Army & Air Force Exchange Services

The DoD announced that on November 17, 2017 veterans will be able to shop online at military exchanges. The policy will extend limited shopping privileges to all honorably discharged veterans.



Presented by:
THE ARMS FORCES

April 9, 2017

Annual 5K/1K
Run / Walk / Wheel

* Save the Date *

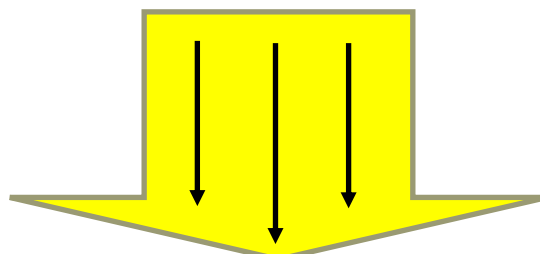
For more details, or to volunteer, contact Pam Hays at hope@thearmsforces.org

1 STUDENT VETERAN



Education and Career Resources

- 1. Questions about educational pathways or career goals?**
Sign up for free Chapter 36 Education & Career Counseling through VA by visiting: http://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/edu_voc_counseling.asp.
- 2. Looking for information about a school?**
Review school characteristics like cost, veterans' services and student success rates on the VA's GI Bill Comparison Tool here: <http://department-of-veterans-affairs.github.io/gi-bill-comparison-tool/>.
- 3. Experiencing persistent problems with your school?**
File a formal complaint with VA on issues like financial fraud, discrimination, program quality or any other problem via the GI Bill Feedback System here: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/Feedback.asp>.
- 4. Need help paying for college?**
Apply for the VFW's "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship" program here: www.vfw.org/scholarship or look into your Federal Student Aid options at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>.
- 5. Looking for job opportunities after graduation?**
Register with the Veterans Employment Center here: <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/jobs>; visit www.vetjobs.com; or find an American Jobs Center in your community here: <http://www.servicelocator.org/>.



JUNE 23, 2017

Summer Disco Party

Proceeds benefit Veterans Matter.

Visit veteransmatter.org for more information!

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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
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ID Center (NW Ohio) 180th FW, Swanton, Ohio
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