

October 2016

### Piano4Patriots



**Piano4Patriots provides free music lessons for school age military family members**

Ed Rothaker, the founder of Piano4Patriots was our guest speaker for October's RISFAC. He started this non profit with the understanding of how music can enrich the lives of children. A study published in 2007 by Christopher Johnson, professor of music education and music therapy at the University of Kansas, revealed that students in elementary schools with superior music education programs scored around 22 percent higher in English and 20 percent higher in math scores on standardized tests, compared to schools with low-quality music programs, regardless of socioeconomic disparities among the schools or school districts.

**Thank you for all who were able to join us at this months meeting!**

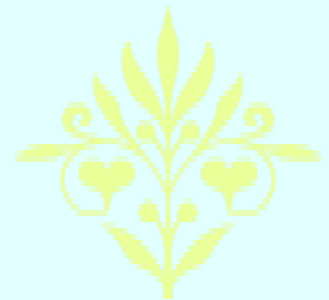
#### Upcoming Events

November 2: Veteran Job and Resource Fair at Nationwide Children's Hospital, 3:00—6:00 p.m.

November 11 & 12: Ohio State Hockey Military Appreciation Nights. Tickets are \$6.75 each.

December 3rd: Winter Wonderland. See page 3

November 18, 2016 through January 1, 2017: Wildlights at the Zoo:



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Next RISFAC 12 JAN 17

## Holiday Adoptions

It is getting close to the Holidays, and now is the perfect time to embrace the giving spirit. Each year we have been able to help struggling families receive assistance through what can be a difficult financial time thanks to Community Partners and others. If you are a family going through a particular hard time or are interested in adopting a family for the holidays, please follow this guidance.

- 1) Community partners or other interested parties contact our office and communicate they want to sponsor a family for the Holidays. They may specify how large or small of a family they are desiring to help.
- 2) We issue a form to families in need to complete with specifics on gender, ages, clothing sizes, and requested gifts.
- 3) As completed requests are collected, we match families with Community Partner who wish to sponsor based on given information and guidance.
- 4) We will specify a date, time and location for gift drop off. Please leave gifts unwrapped but feel free to include wrapping paper.
- 5) Families come and pick up items before the Holidays.

**“Education is  
the most  
powerful  
weapon which  
you can use to  
change the  
world.”**

**-Nelson Mandela**

## Veterans Day November 11

A big Thank you going out to all Veterans and Military Members! On Veteran’s day this year many retailers and restaurants are offering free and discounted items to Veterans those in the Armed Services. Take advantage of these offers, you could eat your way through the day! For more information, visit this website.

[www.military.com/veterans-day/veterans-day-military-discounts.html](http://www.military.com/veterans-day/veterans-day-military-discounts.html)

## Shane Center Therapeutic Horsemanship

Located at Willow Farm in Centerburg, Ohio, and situated on 40 beautiful acres in scenic Knox County, The Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through innovative equestrian activities.

Founded in 1993 by Karen and Joel Sanchez as Equine Assisted Therapy and renamed The Shane Center for Therapeutic Horsemanship in 2014, it is the oldest therapeutic riding program in Central Ohio and has a reputation for providing safe, quality, family-oriented services that is second to none. We are a proud member of Path, International (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship), who has been a global authority, resource, and advocate for equine assisted activities and therapies since 1969.

Therapeutic riding provides benefits in the areas of therapy, education, sport, and recreation. The active participation required by riding a horse allows people to extend their dreams beyond the confines of their disability





# WINTER WONDERLAND 2016

Presented by Ohio Military Kids & the Ohio National Guard

Saturday, December 3, 2016

1:00pm — 4:30pm

FREE & Open to all Ohio Military, Veterans, and Gold Star Families

**\*\*\*Even though this is a free event, please register by November 30, 2016 at the following address:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2016WinterWonderland>

Military Service Member does not need to be present to attend  
More information will be e-mailed to you prior to the event

### Location of Winter Wonderland:

Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center

Columbus, OH

Questions or concerns, please contact Mark Scherer at  
[mark.a.scherer7.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:mark.a.scherer7.ctr@mail.mil) or 614-336-4214

### Activities to include

- Pictures with Santa
- Zoo Animals
- Cookie Decorating
- 4-H PetPALS
- Hot Chocolate
- Popcorn
- Face Painting
- Live Entertainment
- Crafts
- Family Resources
- Plus More!



If you are interested in setting up a table as a vendor, please contact me no later than 7 NOV 2016.

## October RISFAC Attendees

Jennifer Andrade Military Resource Center DeVry University

Scott Weyand VHA

SGT Melodi Ward Military Liaison from 147th RTI

Leslie Murphy FRGL for 147th RTI

Ed Rothaker Piano4patriots

Pete Cline Vet Motors Sports

Jovanda Curry Education and Incentives JFHQ

Damir Cerkez NOSC Columbus

Kayla Sheehan Education and Incentives JFHQ

Madel O'Neil Heroes Care

Bob Williams Shane Center

LTC Eric Kaiser Commander 2/147th GS BN

Janet Mitchell DeVry University

Joe Warner NOSC Columbus

Diana Evans Vance Buckeye Military Moms Chapter 9

Chris Peppel NOSC Commander

Ron Kohr Ohio Benefit Bank

Michele Pershing H2H/ESGR

Thanks to all who were in attendance for this months RISFAC. Please bring a friend to next quarters meeting, on 12 January 2017 at Devry University. If you have any unique "outside th box" ideas for a RISFAC, please let me know. Happy Holidays to you all!

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