



Untapped Talent Training Series: Veterans Training 3 – Veterans Benefits and Resources

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Veterans Benefits & Resources



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Please visit our website at:

www.ohiovets.gov

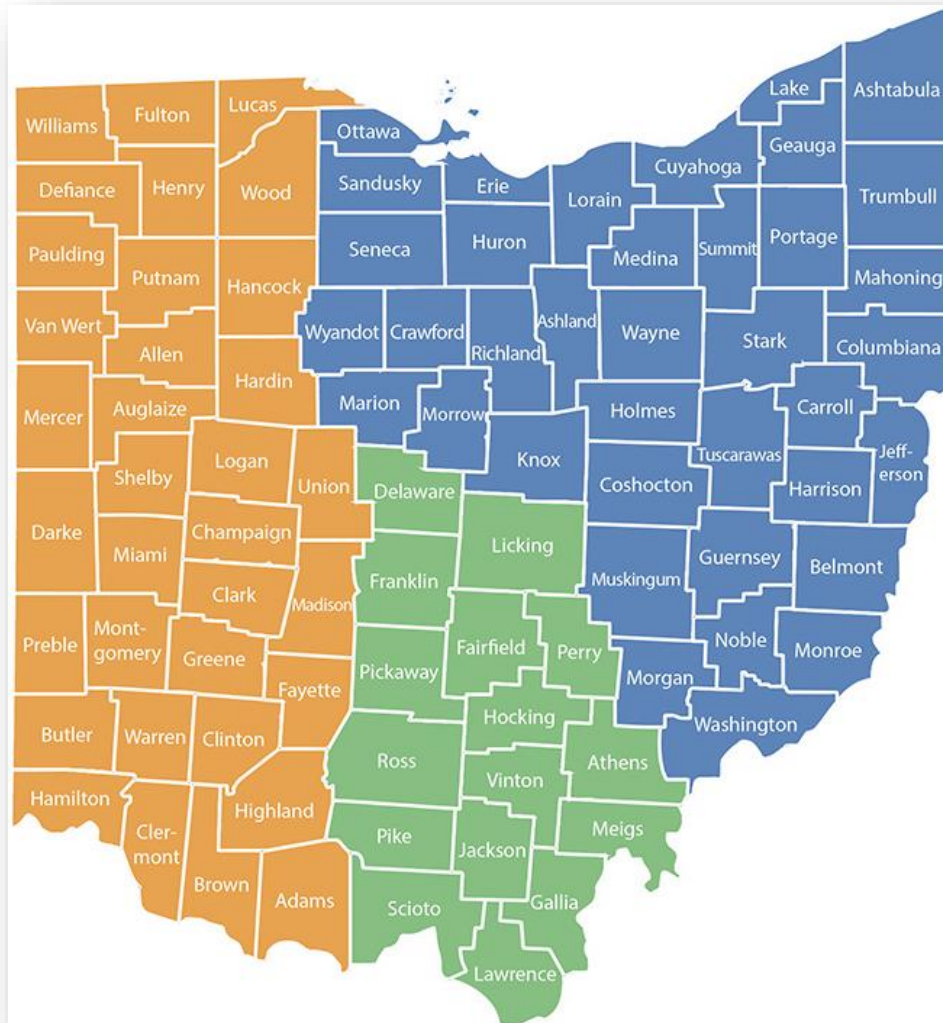
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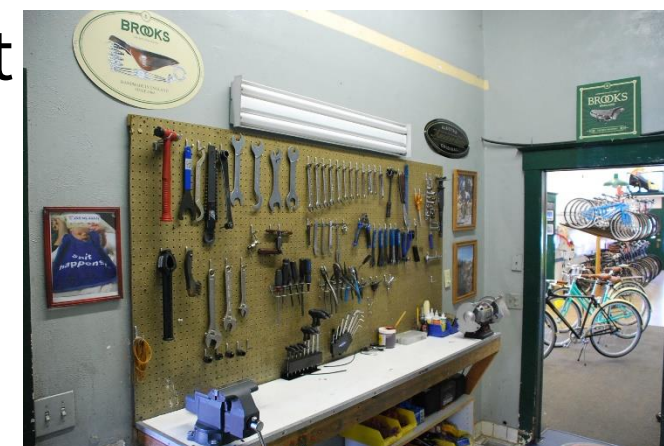
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What We Provide

- One-on-one or group training for employer human resources staff and senior management
- **Support to veteran employee resource groups (VERGs)**
- Connections to veteran applicants via OhioMeansJobs, National Guard Employment Enhancement Program, etc.
- Information for apprenticeship/OJT approval



Training Presentations



- Veteran Hiring Overview
- Military Culture
- Veteran Benefits and Resources
- Stereotypes and Myths
- Interviewing Veterans
- Mental Health
- **Veteran** Employee Resource Groups
- Managing Veterans
- Military Spouses

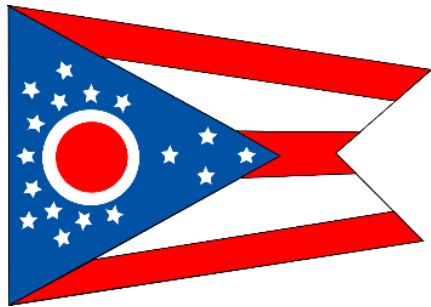


Ohio Veterans: By the Numbers...



Ohio

- ~700,000 Veterans
- 5th largest in the country



Top 5 Counties

- Cuyahoga
- Franklin
- Hamilton
- Montgomery
- Summit



Benefits Veterans Have Earned



Why Bother?



Financial Stability

STABILITY



Career Transitioning



Healthcare Support



Continued Learning and Personal Growth

Support for Family Members



First Stop in OHIO:



Your Local **County Veterans
Service Office**

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/resources-for-veterans/find-a-cvso>





County Veteran Services Offices (CVSOs)

- File claims and claim appeals with the VA
- Obtain transportation to medical appointments
- Access all other available resources
- Inform, Connect, and Advocate for veterans and their families



At the Federal Level in Ohio



- Veterans Administration
- 4 VHA Medical Centers – Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chillicothe and Dayton
www.va.gov/health/findcare.asp
- 1 Ambulatory Care Center - Columbus
- 18 VA Outpatient Clinics
- 8 Veteran Centers www.vetcenter.va.gov





Ohio's Vet Centers Provide:

- Community Based Counseling Services for
 - Individuals
 - Groups
 - Families



State Level



- Military Records May be obtained (DD214 etc.) :
 - Dept. of Veterans Services – www.ohiovets.gov
 - County Veterans Service Offices - <https://dvs.ohio.gov/resources-for-veterans/find-a-cvso>
- Ohio Veterans Homes (wartime veterans)
 - Sandusky (Nursing Home and Domiciliary)
 - Georgetown (Nursing Home)

www.ohiovets.gov





OVH Sandusky

The Sandusky Home opened in 1888 to care for veterans of the American Civil War.



OVH Georgetown

The Georgetown Home opened in 2003, and is located in the scenic countryside of Brown County.



Education and Employment



- Ohio GI Promise...in-state tuition for service members, veterans, and dependents
- Streamlining of licensing/certification...credit for military education
 - Team evaluating training requirements of each military specialty for equivalent credits (Military Training Assurance Guide)
- Post 9/11 GI Bill...fully vested after 36 months service time
 - 100% tuition assistance up to highest public rates for 36 months
 - Housing/living stipend
- Ohio Nat'l Guard Employment Enhancement Program



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Education



- **Ohio G.I. Promise / Collegiate Purple Star** / Veteran Contacts located at every Public College and University:
<https://highered.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odhe/initiatives/campus-initiatives/education-for-veterans/vet-services-ohio-campuses>
- **Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Program (WOS)** [Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship Program \(WOS\) | The Ohio Department of Higher Education](#)
- **Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3) / Purple Star School Recognition Program** [Purple Star Designation | Ohio Department of Education](#)



Education (cont.)



- **National Guard Scholarship Program**, available to current members of the Ohio Army & Air National Guard, as well as former members with qualifying deployment time. [Ohio National Guard Education Programs and Services](#)





Employment

- Ohio Means Jobs Centers
 - Present in all 88 Counties www.jfs.ohio.gov/owd/wioa/map.stm
 - Job postings, Job Fair and Training workshops focusing on such topics as: Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills and more at: www.ohiomeansjobs.com
 - Department of Labor, Veterans' Employment & Training Services www.veterans.gov





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The New Ohio Means Jobs



Let's take a look at Ohio Means Jobs!

A screenshot of the Ohio Means Jobs website homepage. The header includes the logo "Ohio MEANS Jobs.com" and navigation links for "For Job Seekers", "For Employers" (highlighted with a red box), "For Students", and "News & Events". On the right, there are icons for "Chat Offline", "Site Search", and a "My Profile" button. A red banner below the header contains a COVID-19 update: "Get the latest information about COVID-19 from the Ohio Dept. of Health on Responsible RestartOhio. View More". The main content area features the heading "Find Your Next Opportunity" and a subtext: "Find a job, learn career skills, meet the requirements of your government benefits, and more on OhioMeansJobs.com". Below this is a search bar with the placeholder text "Search by job title, skill or company" and a "Search" button. A statistics section displays: "186,581 Total Jobs Available", "96,350 Over \$50K Salary", and "3,236 Internships", with a note "As of April 18, 2021". At the bottom of the statistics, there is a link "Post Your Resume" followed by the text "It only takes a few seconds". On the right side of the page, there is a large image of a person in a plaid shirt working on a machine in a workshop.

The New Ohio Means Jobs



Search keywords, job titles, and by location radius

Look for the red, white, and blue “V” or “S” next to the candidate’s name

The screenshot shows the Ohio Means Jobs website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Ohio MEANS Jobs .com' and 'POWERED BY MONSTER'. Below that, there are tabs for 'Post A Job', 'Find Candidates', and 'Business Support Center'. A search bar contains the keyword 'Forklift'. The results show 434 candidates, 0 stars, 0 filters, and 0 messages. The top skills listed are 'Forklift, Customer Support/Service'. Two candidate profiles are visible:

- Willie Hill** (marked with a red, white, and blue 'V'): Production Technician 1 /Machine Operator, Columbus, OH. Updated 1 day ago. Current: Production Technician 1 /Machine Operator, Frito-lay, PepsiCo. Previous: Order Puller/Forklift Operator, FLASH GLOBAL LOGISTICS. Top Skills: Forklift, Preventative Maintenance, Regulations +76 more.
- Randy Moore** (marked with a red, white, and blue 'S'): Shipping SPV, Sabina, OH. Updated 1 week ago. Current: Shipping SPV, Fortis Plastics. Previous: Quality auditor/Printer, New Sabina Ind. Top Skills: Forklift, Customer Support/Service, Billing +7 more.

On the right side, a message states 'No candidate selected' and 'Select a candidate from the results to view a profile'. The left sidebar includes options for 'Monster Semantic Search Engine', 'Manage Fields', 'Clear Fields', 'Candidate Sources', 'ALL CANDIDATES', 'SHOW LIST', 'Skills' (with 'Forklift (Required)' selected), 'Location' (with '43215 (50 miles)' selected), and 'Resume Updated' (with 'Last 30 days' selected). At the bottom left, there is an 'Enable Notifications' toggle switch.

License and Registration



- Military Skills Test Waiver Program
 - Allows drivers with two years' experience safely operating heavy military vehicles to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL) without taking the driving test (skills test).
- Disabled Veterans License Plates
 - 100 percent service-connected disabled veterans are eligible for a free state of Ohio driver's license.



Financial Assistance



- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP): 614-644-6600
www.energyhelp.ohio.gov
 - HEAP is designed to help eligible low-income Ohioans with winter heating bills
- **County Veteran Service Offices**
 - Short-term Financial Assistance
- Private Veteran Services Organizations
 - American Legion
 - Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) etc.



Home Loans



- VA Home Loan Guaranty
 - Active Service Members and Nat'l Guard & surviving spouses
 - 24 months of continuous service
 - Purchase, Repair, Refinance a home
 - Contact info: VA Loan Office, Cleveland VA Regional Office ph: 877-827-3702
www.benefits.va.gov/homeloans



Recreation Discounts (for qualifying veterans)

- Camping
- Fishing and Hunting licenses
- Watercraft Registration

[Recreation Discounts | Department of Veterans Services \(ohio.gov\)](#)



"Hiring a veteran brings so much to your company: experience, leadership skills, and a great work ethic for starters."

– Ohio Governor Mike DeWine



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Questions?



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