



Ohio Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee
12 November 2013

Mission

Our Mission is to support, offer assistance, and be a conduit to resources for any Ohio Service Member and Military Family in recognition of the sacrifices and struggles associated with a military career.

Purpose

The purpose of the ISFAC is to connect Military Families with national, state, regional and community resources as well as volunteer support services.

Our primary concern is that no military Service Member or Military Family is left behind. The ISFAC serves as a statewide "safety net" in support of all Ohio Military Families.

Ohio Department of Veterans Service
Legislative Update
November 2013

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Ohio Legislative Update

Legislative Information Site

www.legislature.state.oh.us

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NEW ODVS Director

Timothy Gorrell

Retired Colonel, U.S. Army
31 Year Military Career

Ohio Veteran Bonus DEADLINE

Persian Gulf, August 2, 1990 and March 3, 1991, the date when Iraq accepted the conditions for a permanent cease fire. [Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus until December 31, 2013.](#)

Iraq, March 19, 2003 and December 31, 2011. **Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus until December 31, 2014.**

Afghanistan since October 7, 2001. Eligible Veterans can apply for a bonus for up to three years after the President declares an end to U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

www.veteransbonus.ohio.gov

ODVS Smart Phone App



Ohio Legislative Update

HB 288 VETERANS CONCEAL CARRY LICENSE

(Ruhl M) To eliminate the time limit within which retired and honorable discharged members of the Armed Forces of the United States are exempt from the requirement to complete firearms training as a prerequisite to obtaining a concealed handgun license.

Current Status:

10/29/2013 – House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

HB 310 ASSISTANCE DOGS

(RUHL M) To include persons diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder as mobility impaired persons for purposes of the statutes governing assistance dogs and to prohibit misrepresentation of a dog as an assistance dog.

Current Status:

11/6/2013 – House Health & Aging Committee

Ohio Legislative Update

SB 197 Bridge Designation

(Cafaro C) To designate the "Persian Gulf Veterans Bridge" and the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Bridge" within the municipal corporation of Niles in Trumbull County.

Current Status:

10/2/2013 – Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

HB 287 Bridge Designation

(Letson, O'Brien) To designate the "Persian Gulf Veterans Bridge" and the "Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Bridge" within the municipal corporation of Niles in Trumbull County.

Current Status:

10/29/2013 – House Military & Veterans Affairs Committee

Ohio Legislative Update

HB 98 OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING LAW

(GONZALES A, RETHERFORD W) To revise the Occupational Licensing Law regarding military service members and veterans.

Current Status:

11/6/2013 – **Voted out of both chambers with emergency clause.**

HB 85 HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

(TERHAR L) To enhance the homestead exemption for military veterans who are 100% disabled from a service-connected disability.

Current Status:

11/6/2013 - House Finance and Appropriations Committee

Ohio Legislative Update

HB 65 HUNTING LICENSE-ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY

(Rosenberger, Green) To allow an individual on active military duty, while on leave or furlough, to hunt deer or wild turkey without procuring a deer or wild turkey permit.

Current Status:

10/15/2013 – House Agriculture & Natural Resources Committee

HB 286 'DAV' License Plate

(Retherford) To create the "Disabled American Veteran" license plate.

Current Status:

10/29/2013 – Reported out of House Committee

2013 Wellbeing Questionnaire



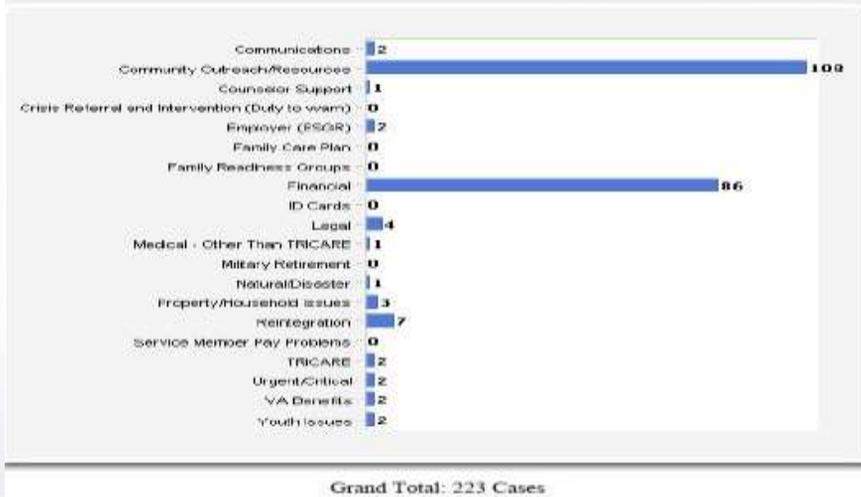
A total of 5,777 Service Members have completed the questionnaire
 4766 Army
 1011 Air

Of the 5,777 Service Members that have completed the questionnaire the following have asked for assistance:

- 340 Career preparation
- 998 Finance assistance (budget, retirement planning, debt)
- 1209 VA assistance (benefits and healthcare)
- 1479 Education benefits
- 547 Stress Management

Results as of 6 Nov 13

TFAC Cases based on Responses



"When Called, We Respond with Ready Units"

2013 RISFAC Summary

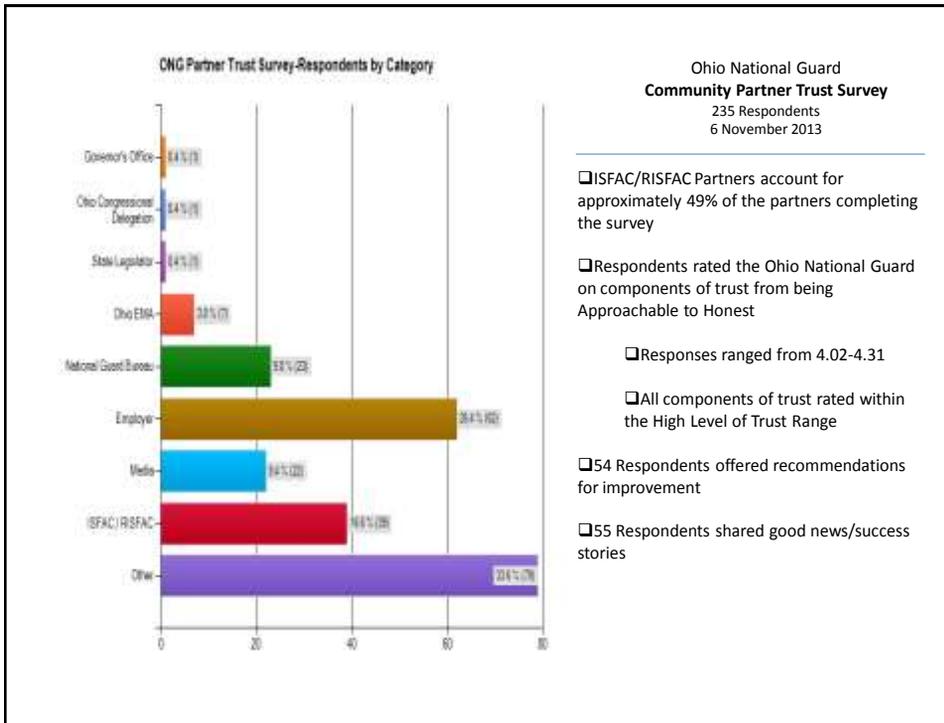


* 4,766 forms of outreach completed to those who responded to the Wellness Questionnaire; 622 of those completed by our FAC/Employment Specialists

- Approximately 900 Community Partners attended RISFAC meetings. An increase of 38% from 2012
- 275 of those Community Partners were first time attendees

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Resource Features:

*** Cara Hill – Apprisen Financial Services**

*** Lt Col Bernard Willis – Veterans Empowered through Motorsports**

*** Katie Feldhues and Len Klakulak – OMK and the Year in Review**

What's In Our Name?



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*Apprise: to inform,
enlighten or counsel*



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Apprisen Helps People Get Their Finances Back On Track



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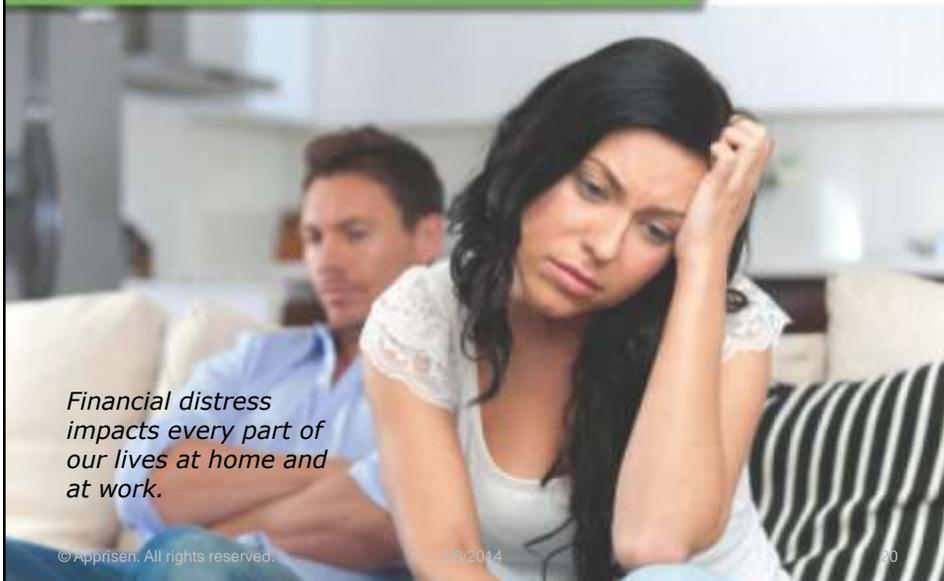
Apprisen's Clients Are Real People with Real Problems



Every one of them comes to us for help when their finances have gotten off track.

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Apprisen Understands the Effects of Financial Stress



Financial distress impacts every part of our lives at home and at work.

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Apprisen Provides Financial Counseling



We offer knowledge and skill on a wide range of financial topics.



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Debt Management Plan



Our average client is able to pay off all debts in full within 48 months.

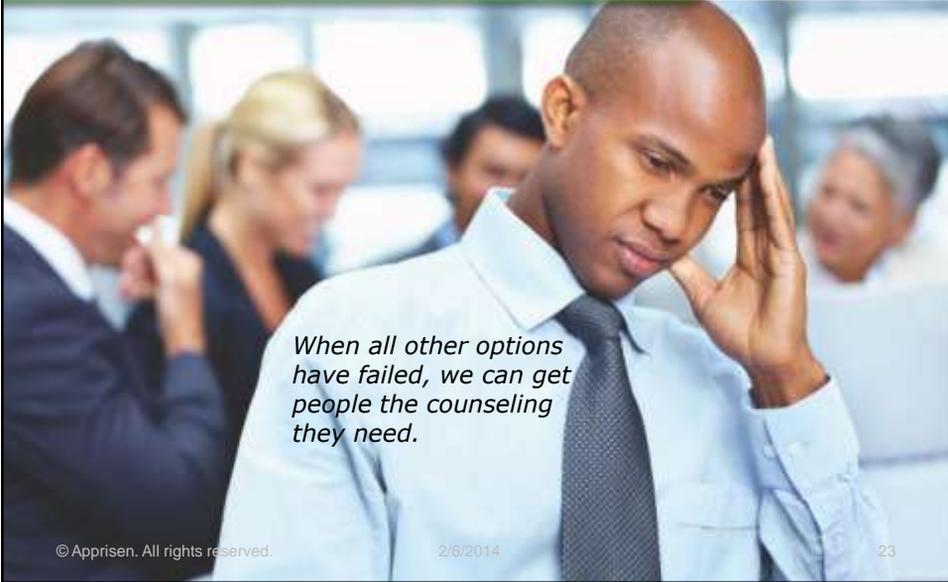


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Apprisen Offers Bankruptcy Counseling



*When all other options
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people the counseling
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Apprisen Provides Housing Counseling



*Apprisen can assist
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Next OHIO ISFAC Meeting: 11 February 2014
Location: [Xenos Church 1340 Community Park Dr,](#)
[Columbus OH 43229](#)

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