



REGION 1 RISFAC MEETING

REGIONAL INTER-SERVICE FAMILY ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE

JANUARY 28, 2016

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| 6:30-6:40 | Welcome & Troop and Family Assistance Center update |
| 6:40-6:50 | Project EverGreen's GreenCare for Troops & SnowCare for Troops
Ki Matsko, Program Manager, GCFT/SCFT
Cindy Code, Executive Director, Project Evergreen |
| 6:50-7:00 | CFPB Financial Coaching for Veterans and Survivors
Lori Mann, Financial Coach |
| 7:00-7:10 | YMCA Camp Tippecanoe
Scott Weigley, Camp Director
Carrie Weigley, Program Director |
| 7:10-7:45 | Rapid Fire Introductions |
| 7:45 - 8:00 | Networking and Refreshments |

WELCOME !

Purpose and Intent of RISFAC

The purpose of the RISFAC 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 family is left behind. There are 6 regional RISFACs throughout the state.

RISFAC quarterly meetings focus on building relationships and awareness of military family needs and syncing resources and services with identified needs. RISFAC meetings are facilitated by the Regional TFAC (or Troop and Family Assistance Center) and participants include agencies, organizations and individuals committed to serving military families. Additionally, Unit Commanders, Readiness NCOs, Military Liaisons and Family Readiness Group Leaders from all service branches are invited.

Our success is possible by all of you who attend. Please spread the word if you know of someone who might be interested in joining RISFAC to support our military members and families.

Program Highlight



Troop and Family Assistance Center
(TFAC)

Update



**UPDATES FROM OHIO MILITARY KIDS AND
THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD YOUTH
PROGRAM**

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Social Media



**For program information, camping opportunities,
and ways to volunteer:**

www.ohio4h.org/OMK



**For upcoming OMK event info, latest updates,
and highlights of military resources:**

www.facebook.com/OhioOperationMilitaryKids

Featured Presenter



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— P R O J E C T —

EverGreen

Because Green Matters®



Our Mission

Project EverGreen's mission is to preserve and enhance green spaces in our communities where we live, work and play.

Non-profit



Project EverGreen is a national, 501c(3) charitable non-profit.

Donations are tax deductible.

Project EverGreen was created by individuals who know first-hand the differences green spaces make in the lives of individuals, neighborhoods and communities.

Project EverGreen revitalizes and sustains green spaces so kids and adults alike can enjoy the benefits of playing, working and living in a cleaner, safer society.

Key Programs



GreenCare for Troops

SnowCare for Troops

Healthy Turf. Healthy Kids.



GreenCare for Troops



GreenCare for Troops

- Created to provide military families with a deployed family member, and veterans with a service-related disability, free lawn and landscape services for the length of deployment, or in one-year periods for disabled and wounded veterans.

- Volunteers – mostly professional lawn and landscape contractors – join GCFT because they want to “give back” to the military and their families and provide them with a well-maintained yard.
- Maintained yards provide kids a safe place to play, and stressed moms a natural environment to unwind.
- Yards, parks and gardens also serves as a place of healing for veterans.

- Maintained yards prevent vandalism and crime
- Help kids become more confident in their surroundings
- Maintain property values
- Builds pride in communities

GCFT – Michael Obama

Joining Forces Award



Here's how it works:

- A military family or disabled veteran registers for the program at: www.projectevergreen.org
- Provide your name, address, phone number, email, military affiliation, deployment, services needed, etc.
- Volunteers are matched with families based on zip code and service radius.

- Services include: mowing, fertilization, weed control, edging, tree trimming, aeration, spring and fall clean-up.
- If a volunteer matching a family's needs is available, the volunteer's information appears on the screen for the family to contact and set up a meeting.

- On the other side of the GCFT registration process, the volunteers sign up to help one or more families within a certain radius.
- Many of the volunteers sign up to provide multiple services.

- Volunteers are notified when they have been matched, but they are not provided the name and address of the family.
- Families make the initial contact with volunteers.

SnowCare for Troops



Extension of our GreenCare for Troops program

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Snow Care for Troops

- The SnowCare for Troops program is a natural extension of GreenCare for Troops giving back to deployed military and veterans; and keeping neighborhoods safe for kids and parents alike.
- We find volunteers to plow their drives and shovel walks to help keep our military safe.
- Helps maintain the value of their property and landscape

Healthy Turf. Healthy Kids.



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- Goal to build thriving and healthy communities one field at a time.
- Encourage kids to get out and play; be active!

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- Identify inner-city or underserved fields or recreational playing surfaces in need of renovation.
- 2015: renovated 20 playing fields in major cities across the U.S.

Healthy Turf. Healthy Kids.



- Renewed fields and play grounds will:
 - Benefit kids through outdoor play
 - Create natural gathering spots for parents and community leaders
 - Helps kids build confidence and generate pride in their neighborhoods.



For more information:

Visit www.projectevergreen.org

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RAPID FIRE INTRODUCTIONS



MILITARY

Rank/Name

Unit and Location

Position

Status of Unit

COMMUNITY

Name

Entity you Represent

Networking and Refreshments



NEXT MEETING

April 28, 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)
Cuyahoga Community College
Corporate College East (CCE-205)
4400 Richmond Rd
Warrensville Hts., OH 44128

THANK YOU!



RISFAC Facilitators

**Troop and Family Assistance Center
Region 1, Northeast Ohio**

800-589-9914 (option 1)

<http://homefront.ohio.gov/regions/region1.dot>

Ohio National Guard Family Readiness and Warrior Support Program

Check out our Facebook page. www.facebook.com (Ohio National Guard Strong Families)