

# RISFAC Newsletter

Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee  
<http://www.homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region3RISFAC.aspx>

Region 3  
(South-West Ohio)

15 October 2015



## Partner Highlight from the Meeting

A very special Thank You to Chris Klug, Spencer Rumley (Student Veteran), and Xavier University for hosting and helping with this quarters RISFAC Meeting!

**Jessica Thiede, Psy.D. was the presenter for October's RISFAC, and she introduced the audience to the VITAL Program.** Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership (VITAL) is a Veteran-Centric, Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Initiative aimed to support student Veterans on campus in their successful transition to academia, and attainment of their goals. For more information regarding this program, please contact Jessica Theide, Psy.D.:

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Thank you Jessica H. Thiede, Psy.D. for your great presentation!

Once again RISFAC went off without a hitch! Thanks you to everyone in attendance. It was great to see many familiar faces, and even more wonderful to see so many new faces!! Next Region 3 RISFAC is scheduled for 14 January 2016 at the Woodlawn National Guard Armory from 6:30-8:00 PM.

**\*\*Welcome to Pat Nowak the Region 3 National Guard Employment Enhancement Program (NGEEP) Specialist.** The mission of the NGEEP Specialist is to facilitate and oversee the administration, development, and delivery of the various Employment Services for Ohio National Guard members and their family members. **\*\***

## Thank you to all of our Attendees!

Chris Klug - Xavier University

Spencer Rumley- Xavier University Student Veteran

Prince Johnson- Legal Shield

Shane Heekin- Chatfield College

Eileen Sipple- Open Arms Always

Jim Hile- Open Arms Always

Barb Jimmy- Open Arms Always

Anthony Mears- 643rd RSG

Lisa Robert-Rosser- VECI

Jessica Zeller- Vet Center

Kari Pfeifer- VFW

Leon Johnson- VFW

Matt Owens- ODJFS

Jon Field- DVS

Dr. Seth Gordon- WSU

Barbara Thompson- Becket Springs Hospital

Eddie Fyall- Mt. Zion Church

Pat Nowak- Employment Specialist

Sandy Allen- 558th USAR

Darleen Adkins- 558th USAR

SSG Robert Woods- SPT CO 216th EN BN

SSG Stuart Coe- HHC 216th EN BN

SPC Alex Castle- 324th MP CO

1LT Hector Carvantes- HHB 1/174 ADA

SPC Joshua Cooper- 1/174 ADA

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Upcoming Meetings and  
Locations:

- ◆ 14 January 2016
- ◇ Woodlawn Armory
  
- ◆ 14 April 2016
- ◇ Woodlawn Armory
  
- ◆ 14 July 2016
- ◇ Woodlawn Armory

Woodlawn Armory:  
10050 Woodlawn Blvd  
Cincinnati, OH 45215

## VA Resource Links

- Mental Health Services Website: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/>
- Veterans Crisis Line: <http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Default.aspx>
- VITAL Campus Toolkit: <http://www.mentalhealth.va.gov/studentveteran/>
- National Center for PTSD: <http://www.ptsd.va.gov/>
- Make The Connection: <http://maketheconnection.net/>
- Virtual Problem Solving Techniques <http://www.startmovingforward.org/>
- VBA Vet Success On Campus: [http://vetsuccess.gov/vetsuccess\\_on\\_campus](http://vetsuccess.gov/vetsuccess_on_campus)
- Department of Veterans Affairs' GI Bill Website: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
- Yellow Ribbon Program: [http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post\\_911\\_gibill/yellow\\_ribbon\\_program.html](http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/yellow_ribbon_program.html)

VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION



## Ohio National Guard Education Fair

Knowledge is Power... Empower Yourself

*Provide military personnel, family members, DOD civilians and retirees face to face access to representatives from public and private colleges and universities*

*The college and university representatives will provide information and answer questions on degree programs, enrollment policies and financial pathways*

*Veterans Affairs, Military One Source and more!*



Saturday, November 7, 2015  
10 AM – 3 PM  
DSCC, Bldg 11, Section 11  
Columbus, Ohio 43213  
(DOD ID is required for access to DSCC)

**In celebration of  
American Education  
Week!!!**

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MEDIA RELEASE

Veterans Career Fair for Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana veterans and  
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spouses is scheduled Thursday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Institute & University

CINCINNATI, OH – A Veterans Career Fair will be held Thursday, November 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Union Institute & University located at 440 East McMillan Street in Cincinnati. The event is sponsored by Union Institute & University in conjunction with Congressman Steve Chabot's office (OH-01).

All veterans and their spouses from Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana are invited to attend.

"Union Institute & University's career fair will offer something for all veterans and their spouses. There will be the opportunity to discuss lifelong career opportunities with established companies or the chance to explore part-time work for the veteran who is deciding on his or her next step," said Geri Maples, Union Institute & University Veterans Services Coordinator. "In addition, various veterans services agencies will be on hand to answer questions and help veterans explore the wide range of education and other benefits available to them."

A sampling of participating companies seeking to hire veterans include the Kentucky State Police, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Western & Southern Life, Cincinnati Police Department, Mike's Car Wash, Robert Half Management Resources, Trillium Drivers, Hero2Hired, Legion, Cintas, Wamock Foods and more.

Union Institute & University's Veterans in Union program recognizes and honors the sacrifices made by our veterans in service to our country, and commits to their success through a site-based and Virtual Veteran's Center, a seven-step approach, and a supplemental three-term \$7500 living allowance stipend for honorably discharged Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana Pell Grant eligible veterans. The seven-step program includes:



## COMING IN 2016 TO WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Wright State University—Miami Valley College of Nursing and Health

### Veteran's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (WSU-VBSN)



The WSU-VBSN program is an accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program developed for veterans and active duty personnel from the Air Force, Army, and Navy who have completed training as a medic or corpsman. The program is designed to recognize the healthcare training of military personnel so they can achieve their BSN.

#### Why Wright State University?

- Nationally accredited nursing program with NCLEX pass rates exceeding national averages
- University ranked as a military friendly school for six consecutive years by *GI Jobs* and *Military Advanced Education*—home to over 1,000 veteran and military-affiliated students, ROTC cadets, guardsmen, and reservists
- State-of-the-art Veteran and Military Center with full-time staff and student veterans to facilitate student support
- Close proximity to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Nationally and internationally recognized faculty—including retired Air Force project director
- Clinical training opportunities in Magnet® acute care and military facilities, public health departments, and other community agencies in southwest Ohio
- Emphasis on disaster recovery and response, with option to pursue disaster certification in conjunction with local National Center for Medical Readiness



#### Program Highlights

- Opportunities to obtain college credit for military training and experience
- Accelerated program allows completion of nursing sequence in shorter time than traditional pre-licensure BSN program\*
- Full-time WSU-VBSN advisor on-site that understands the unique needs of veterans
- Full-time student success coordinator and tutors available for academic assistance
- Faculty trained to understand the unique veteran student population

\*Assumes completion of all required prerequisites for the nursing program



If you have any questions please contact  
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# WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

# Marriage Enrichment Weekend 12-13DEC2015



**Purpose:** The primary goal of this event is to offer couples a fun and refreshing time together. So be ready to enjoy yourself and take advantage of this opportunity to reconnect with the love of your life!

**LINKS:** Falling in love is easy... staying in love is an art. While the communication skills learned in PREP® are foundational, the LINKS Program teaches couples the skills they need to nurture a lasting love. The LINKS Program shows couples how to regularly revitalize the dynamic links of their marriage with the Relationship Attachment Model (R.A.M.). This model illustrates how couples grow closer by meeting one another's needs for an open, trusting, and fulfilling relationship.

**When:** 12-13DEC2015

**Where:** TBD Columbus, OH

**Who:** Married Army National Guard Soldiers

**To register:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LINKS\\_DEC2015](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LINKS_DEC2015)  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** 12OCT2015

**For more information, contact:** Chaplain Nicholas Chou  
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## Are you experiencing stress?



Art F.O.R.C.E. provides military spouses with a creative outlet to reduce stress. The program works to reduce your stresses by focusing on:

- F**amily
- O**asis
- R**elationships
- C**reativity
- E**mpowerment

Each session will provide YOU with an opportunity to relax, meet other spouses, and create an original work of art.

There are three opportunities to participate in this FREE program!

September 2, October 7, November 4 from 6:00-8:00pm

Religious Education Building/Chapel Family Life Center:  
682 Chapel Lane Riverside, OH 45431

A final celebration & exhibition will take place on December 2.

To register, contact Justina Crawford-Williams at  
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**VICTORIA THEATRE**  
ASSOCIATION

## RISFAC in Other Regions

Region 1 (Northeast Ohio)  
28 January 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)  
Veterans Service Commission of  
Summit County  
1060 E. Waterloo Rd, Akron  
1-800-589-9914 (Option 1)

Region 2 (Southeast Ohio)  
13 January 2016 (6:00-7:30pm)  
Camp Sherman Armory  
2154 Narrows Rd, Chillicothe  
1-800-589-9914 (Option 2)

Region 3 (Southwest Ohio)  
14 January 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)  
Woodlawn Community Center  
10050 Woodlawn Blvd, Cincinnati  
1-800-589-9914 (Option 3)

Region 4 (West Central Ohio)  
26 January 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)  
Wright State University  
3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy, Dayton  
1-800-589-9914 (Option 4)

Region 5 (Northwest Ohio)  
12 January 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)  
Bowling Green Training &  
Community Center  
1245 W. Newton Rd.  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Region 6 (Central Ohio)  
21 January 2016 (6:30-8:00pm)  
DeVry University  
1350 Alum Creek, Columbus  
1-800-589-9914 (Option 6)

