



WELCOME

REGION 4

Regional Inter Services Family Assistance Committee

July 22, 2014

Wright State University

Student Union Hall-Endeavor Room

3640 Colonel Glenn Hwy

Dayton, OH 45435





AGENDA

6:30- 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome - Region 4 Updates
New attendees introduction**

7:00 -7:20 p.m.

**Featured Presenter:
Judge Dennis Adkins
Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
Veteran's Court Advocate
Dayton, OH**

7:20-7:50 p.m.

"Two Minute Shout Outs"

7:50-8:00 p.m.

Closing & Networking



Regional ISFAC (RISFAC)

RISFAC Objective

- ✓ **Combine service efforts to support all Ohio service member families**
- ✓ **Build regional teams that are closer to units and families**
- ✓ **Establish awareness of Troop and Family Assistance Centers and its purpose**
- ✓ **Enable individuals and organizations with local support in a collaborative venue**
- ✓ **Institute a single regional “Military Support point”**



CHANGES

FAMILY PROGRAMS/TROOP SUPPORT

- MFLACS – MILITARY FAMILY LIFE & COUNSELING SUPPORT
- EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT SERVICES
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SUPPORT
- OPERATION MILITARY KIDS

UNCHANGED

FAMILY PROGRAMS/TROOP SUPPORT

- EMERGENCY NEEDS; FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, HOUSING ASSISTANCE, ETC.
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES REFERRAL
- BENEFITS/GOVERNMENT INFORMATION & REFERRAL
- CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS/ORGANIZATIONS
- RISFAC – CONTINUED SUPPORT

BUSINESS

ON WALL STREET

Dow Industrial	16,846.13 (-21.38)
Nasdaq	4,379.05 (-0.71)
S&P500	1,957.22 (-2.31)
Gold (COMEX)	\$1,317.00 (0.00)

IN BRIEF

HEALTH CARE

Kettering to break ground on new ER

Kettering Health Network will host a groundbreaking at 2 p.m. Monday for a new emergency department addition to the Preble County Medical Center at 450 Washington-Jackson Road in Eaton.

The emergency department, which will be accredited through Grandview Medical Center, will be about 12,000 square feet, cost between \$9 and \$10 million and house between eight and 12 patient rooms.

The facility is expected to open in early 2015, creating 25 to 30 new jobs. RAIN-DY TUCKER

NEW PICK

Hastert named to REX board

REX American Resources Corporation announced

JOBS & ECONOMY

Vets get help finding jobs

Program translates military skill set into list of practical job skills.

By Rachel Murray
Staff Writer

A new program to help local military veterans find jobs launched recently, and it is already helping them find work, according to officials.

"This program is a network of businesses and community agencies which works together to train and employ veterans in a 23-county area in Western Ohio," said Dan Semsel, a retired Air Force colonel and manager of the program, Veterans and Employers Connection.

Nearly 12 percent of post

9/11 veterans in Ohio were unemployed in 2013, which was much higher than the overall Ohio unemployment rate of 7.3 percent, government statistics show.

"The numbers are appalling. These are people who have served our country, who deserve an opportunity to move into the work force," Semsel said.

The biggest hurdle for veterans returning to the work force is being able to translate their military skill set into a list of practical job skills needed by employers, and that's what the program aims to do, Semsel said.

Sixteen companies, including Reynolds and Reynolds, LexisNexis, Cintas, and Lowe's are working with the Veterans

and Employers Connection, and the program is working to get more on board.

"So far we've had 70 veterans come to our office for help and we have placed 16," Semsel said.

Wayne Arnold Sr., a retired combat engineer who served in the Cold War, is one of them. He is now employed as a security guard at Goodwill.

"The program gave me hope. I thought nobody cared, but they do. The program makes you feel better about yourself. You learn you are not alone, and they help walk you through the whole process," Arnold said.

It's great to make a difference one veteran at a time, Semsel said.

The connection program

also works with Vet Town in Dayton, an organization that helps create and grow veteran-owned and veteran-friendly companies.

"We are touching somebody new just about everyday, somebody that is calling to ask if we know who is hiring. In those cases, we hand them over to Dan," said Vet Town initiative director Paul Salchak.

The Veterans and Employer Connection program wants to help 5,000 veterans find jobs by 2020.

"I think that number is way too small and our partnership is going to blow that away," Salchak said.

For more information, visit vetemployersconnect.org or call (937) 528-6570.

UPCOMING EVENTS/HAPPENINGS

- ▶ **July/August – Back to School Brigade** – in conjunction with Dollar Tree Stores and Operation Homefront – distribution at Family Events or pick-ups at local unit Armories.
- ▶ **July 25, 2014, Women’s Stand Down** – VA Campus, Dayton, OH 10–2pm Includes distribution and meal.
- ▶ **July 26– Battle Buddy Foundation & American Legion Cruise In with Car & Bike Show, Tipp City, Ohio.** Beginning at 12pm no set end time. The Battle Buddy Foundation is the only national non-profit organization founded by veterans with the combined mission of assisting other veterans in the acquisition of psychiatric and mobility service dogs, providing a network of peer support and activity, and promoting education and awareness of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), and the current veteran suicide epidemic. For more info go to the website at <http://www.tbbf.org/events>

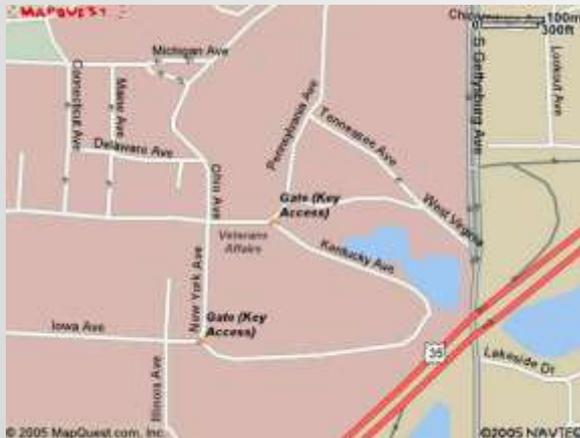
UPCOMING EVENTS/HAPPENINGS

- ▶ **Aug. 3, 2014 – 155/637th Family Day Picnic Event** – Reynolds & Reynolds campus, County Line Road. Resources/donations welcomed. Contact Phyllis Miller or Ashten Houseman.
- ▶ **August 15, 2014“, Honor the Vets" Welcome Home** event to be held at the Dayton Dragon's game. 1,000 seats available that night free for Vets. After the 2nd inning they are planning a Purple Heart honoring ceremony. Contact (937) 268-6511 ext. 2925
- ▶ **August 25, 2014 – 4th Annual Golf Scramble – The Foundation for Ohio Guard & Reserve, Safari Golf Club, Columbus, OH** Provides financial support for our Guard and Reserve employer relations and family support programs. For more info contact: Dave Hartley (614) 864-4371
- ▶ **Sept. 5, 2014 Veterans Stand Down** – Stand Downs are collaborative events, coordinated between our local VA other government agencies, and community agencies serving the homeless. Participate or donate.

Contact Omar Varise omar.varise@va.gov

UPCOMING EVENTS/HAPPENINGS PLANNING AHEAD

NOV 9th, 2014 at 2PM **Veterans Day Walk/Run and/or Roll 5K Run** to honor our veterans and armed service members . **For More Information: Rick Schoby (Race Director): (937) 836-7346** or **Rob Dennis at americanveteransheritage@aol.com**



SAVE THE DATE!
11th Annual
Patriot Freedom Festival
MAY 23-24, 2015

FREE ENTRY - FREE PARKING!

- Freedom 5K Run/Walk/Roll
- Live Music & Entertainment
- Historical Military Reenactors
- Food, Vendors, Non-profits
- Honoring Ceremonies
- Free Guided Historical Tours
- Miami Valley Military History Museum

YOUR PERFECT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
At the Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center Campus

www.americanveteransheritage.org 937-267-7628

A promotional poster for the Patriot Freedom Festival. The background shows a yellow flag with a military emblem, a black carriage, and an American flag in front of a church with a steeple. The text is overlaid on the image.

PLEASE WELCOME
OUR FEATURED SPEAKER

HONORABLE JUDGE DENNIS ADKINS

MONTGOMERY COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

JUDGE ADVOCATE FOR THE DAYTON
VETERANS COURT



SHOUT OUTS

Service Representatives Introductions to Include

- Name(Rank)
- Unit/Unit Location
- Current Status of Unit

Community Representatives

Introductions to Include

- Name
- Position
- Location
- Briefly describe any upcoming events or updates and how your program supports military members





NETWORKING

**Thank you for attending Region 4 RISFAC.
We look forward to seeing you again at the next meeting on
October 28, 2014 (FY15) at the
American Legion Post #217
1265 Fourth Ave.
Sidney, OH 45365**

