



# RISFAC

(Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee)

September 2015

Region 5, Northwest Ohio

<http://homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region5RISFAC.aspx>

## MEETING REMINDER

The next Region 5 RISFAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Mansfield at the Richland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 39 N. Park, Mansfield, OH 44902. Meeting will run from 6:30-8:00 PM.

Agenda for October 13 meeting:

- Opening Remarks / Comments / Military Youth Update
- Guest Presentation: Mansfield Veterans Court
- Guest Speaker: 179th AW Commander
- Introductions
- Networking

- Oct 13, 2015 (Mansfield: American Red Cross, 39 N. Park, Mansfield, OH 44902)
  - Jan 12, 2016 (Bowling Green: 1245 W. Newton Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402)
- <http://homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC/Region5RISFAC.aspx>

UPCOMING  
MEETINGS

The RISFAC serves all branches of the Military, Veterans and their families and is sponsored by the Ohio National Guard Family Readiness & Warrior Support Program.

Meeting Facilitators / TFAC's: Margret Szymanski | 614-336-4312 | [margret.r.szymanski2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:margret.r.szymanski2.ctr@mail.mil)

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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Connect Your Docs™ through the Virtual Lifetime Electronic Record (VLER) Health Exchange program.

This program gives VA and non-VA health care providers secure access to certain parts of your electronic health record. This access reduces the need for Veterans and their families to request and carry paper medical records from one health care provider to another. It also provides other potential benefits to Veterans and their providers.

Connect Your Docs at <http://va.gov/VLER/index.asp>

### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

#### VFW Department of Ohio Scholarship Criteria 2015-2016

##### Purpose of Scholarship:

To assist and encourage veterans to further their education. It has been designed to reach out to as many student veterans within the State of Ohio to further assist them in achieving their goals.

##### Selection Criteria:

Applicant must be an Ohio Resident attending an Ohio College or College within a 75 mile radius of their residence

Open to all veterans in the State of Ohio who have served in any foreign war, insurrection, or expedition, which service is recognized by the award of a campaign or service medal of the United States, served in Korea\*, or has earned Hostile Fire or Imminent Danger Pay. (\*Service on the Korean Peninsula, its airspace and territorial waters for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days of duty)

Must have been discharged under honorable or medical conditions.

Military Members still serving are eligible if above criteria is met

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##### Instructions to apply:

Complete and attach the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

Complete scholarship application and essay requirements (attached)

Submit DD214 or LES for proof of eligibility

Verification of Enrollment/Letter of Acceptance

Return completed scholarship application and all requirements to the below address no later than March 31, 2016.

**Address:** VFW Department of Ohio, P.O. Box 15219, Columbus, OH 43215 Attn: Scholarship Application

**\*\* If the semester is not completed, the money will be returned to student's account. If not used within one (1) year, the scholarship amount will be returned to the VFW Department of Ohio.**

# YOUTH EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES (STATEWIDE)

## Families:

*Our goal for your family is to strengthen ties, create lifelong friendships and build camaraderie with other military families.*

## Youth:

*The goal for our military connected youth is to empower them, build leadership and resilience skills, support their social, emotional and academic needs.*

## Questions? Contact us:

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## September 20, 2015

HERO Camp- Horse Farm, - Springboro, Ohio, 1-5:00 P.M.  
Bring the kids out for an afternoon of discovering the therapy a horse can provide. Learn how working with horses can help us better understand ourselves!

Open to youth age 5-12 years. \$10 per participant

Register at: <https://www.regonline.com/WestHeroHorse15>

## October 18, 2015

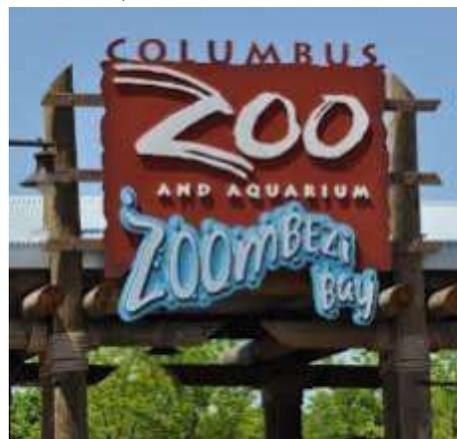
HERO Camp- Columbus Zoo (9:00am - 1:00pm)

Join us for a great day at the Zoo! Bring the family and enjoy a morning of programs including an animal encounter, have lunch, then the rest of the day is for your family to enjoy the zoo.

Activities open to all family ages 5 years old and up.

Cost: \$12 per person

Register at:



<https://www.regonline.com/AnimalFun>

## October 31, 2015

CLEVELAND AQUARIUM

**You've been to an aquarium but not like this!** Come join us for some overnight fun sleeping with the fishes. Parents are required to stay overnight.

Cost: \$15 per participant.

Register at:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1752088>





# HOMEBUYER SEMINAR FOR VETERANS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015 6-7:30 PM

Army National Guard Building - 925 Research Dr, Toledo, OH 43614

## You'll learn about...

- >The current real estate market
- >The home buying process
- >The inspection process
- >The title insurance
- >The pre-approval process
- >Mortgage financing
- >Why NOW is the best time to buy
- ... and much more

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Please RSVP by Oct. 5th

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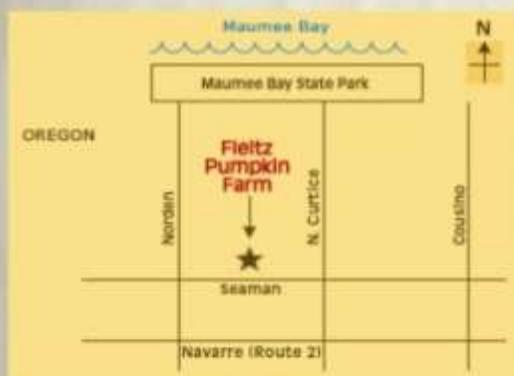
# Military Family Fun Night

## @ Fleitz Pumpkin Farm

7133 Seaman Road, Oregon, OH 43616



Tuesday, October 27, 2015  
4:30 PM – 7:00 PM



**UPON ARRIVAL YOU MUST CHECK IN AT THE  
USO TABLE TO RECEIVE TRICK-OR-TREAT BAG  
AND FOOD VOUCHER\*!**

USO Table will be located between the parking area and the entrance. Vouchers valued at \$3.00 good at the snack shack (\*limit 1 per person, while supplies last)

*Please contact Event Coordinator, Margaret Szymanski, at [margret.r.szymanski2.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:margret.r.szymanski2.ctr@mail.mil) with questions.*

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Open to:  
Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard  
Veteran, Active, Reserve, National Guard,  
Gold Star Families and military dependent's



- Free Trick-or-Treat Bag filled with goodies and \$3 Food Voucher\***
- Free Mini Corn Maze**
- Free Corn Sandbox**
- Free Straw Bale Maze**
- Free Straw Tower**
- Goats & Chickens to watch, pet & feed**

- Free parking & entry to the property
- Some opportunities require a small fee :  
Hayrides \$1.00  
1-acre Corn Maze \$1.00  
5-acre Corn Maze \$2.00
- Opportunities to shop the Craft Barn, Snack Shack and Fall Produce stand

(cash, check, or credit card accepted)

## TROOP & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER SPECIALISTS (“TFAC’S”)



**24 Hour Joint Operations Center**  
1-888-637-9053

**Community Outreach**  
614-336-7002

**ONG Transition Assistance Advisors**  
(Michael Magnusson and Terry Dean)  
614-336-7349 or 614-336-4192

**Veterans Benefits**  
800-827-1000

**Tricare Benefits Assistance**  
877-874-2273

**Military OneSource**  
800-342-9647

**Ohio Cares**  
800-761-0868

**American Red Cross**  
800-696-3873

### **Survivor Outreach Services Coordinators**

614-336-4284 (Melissa Wise)  
614-336-8820 (Rita Kreitzer)  
614-336-7375 (Susan Bogan)

### **Psychological Health Coordinators**

Barbara Herbst 614-336-8999  
Colin Fowler 614-336-6000 x4291

### **Sexual Assault Response Coordinator**

877-751-5628

### **Airman & Family Readiness Program Managers**

Judy York - 180th FW 419-868-4550  
Jane Esprit - 178th FW 937-525-2583, ext. 2583  
Faline Rowland - 179th AW 419-520-6600  
Carolyn Ebert - 121st ARW 614-492-4417, ext. 5

**ID Center (NW Ohio) 180th FW, Swanton, Ohio**  
Call for appointment 419-868-4225