



Looking Forward Our Way

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Building Careers After Military Service: How Ohio Supports Its Veterans

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ASSISTANCE FOR VETERANS: JOB SEARCHING, EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE TRAINING/ENTERPRENEURSHIP:

STATE OF OHIO AND CENTRAL OHIO

JobsOhio – “Find Your Ohio”

<https://www.findyourohio.com/>

JobsOhio “Hometown Heroes” [Military and Federal Services]

<https://www.jobsohio.com/industries/military-and-federal>

Ohio Department of Veterans Services

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/>

Ohio Department of Veterans Services – Jobs/Education Resources

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/jobs-and-education>

Find your County Veterans Office in Ohio

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/what-we-do/find-a-cvso/find-a-cvso>

Ohio Means Jobs/Veterans Programs

<https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/Veterans/VeteranInfo.aspx>

Ohio Small Business Development Centers

<https://development.ohio.gov/business/small-business-and-entrepreneurship/small-business-development-centers-ohio>

Ohio Veteran Friendly Business Enterprise (State Procurement) Program

<https://development.ohio.gov/business/minority-business/business-certifications/veteran-friendly-business-enterprise-procurement-program>

Franklin County (OH) Veterans Service Commission

<https://vets.franklincountyohio.gov/>

City of Columbus (OH) Veterans Services

<https://www.columbus.gov/Government/Departments/Human-Resources/Veteran-Services>

FEDERAL OFFICES

United States Department of Veterans Affairs

<https://www.va.gov/>

<https://www.va.gov/careers-employment/>

Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program (US VA)

<https://sam.gov/fal/62e329a31f1c4a8a8ab09646010bf554/view>

Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Outpatient Clinic/Columbus (for info on the Art Therapy program, contact this office)

<https://www.va.gov/central-ohio-health-care/> 614-257-5200

VetSuccess on Campus (US VA)

<https://www.benefits.va.gov/vocrehab/vsoc.asp>

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Military to civilian occupation translators (for resumes, cover letters and interview preparation)

<https://jobs.dvnf.org/military-to-civilian-occupation-translator/>

<https://www.military.com/veteran-jobs/career-advice/translating-military-skills-into-resume.html>

<https://www.indeed.com/career-advice/resumes-cover-letters/military-to-civilian-job-title-translations>

Overwatch Partnership [mentorship programs for job searching]

<https://overwatchpartnership.org/>

US Chamber of Commerce Hiring our Heroes

<https://www.uschamber.com/>

ASSISTANCE FOR EMPLOYERS IN HIRING VETERANS

Ohio Means Jobs “Hire A Vet”

<https://ohiomeansjobs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/omj/for-employers/resources-for-employers/hire-a-veteran>

Ohio Department of Veterans Services/Veterans Workforce Team

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dvs/jobs-and-education/veterans-workforce-team/veterans-workforce-team>

SHRM (training employers in the hiring of veterans)

<https://www.shrm.org/topics-tools/news/hr-magazine/guide-to-veteran-hiring>

U.S. Department of Defense Skill Bridge Program

<https://skillbridge.osd.mil/>

OTHER RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

Canine Companion/Veterans Initiative <https://canine.org/assistance-dogs/our-dogs/veterans-initiative/>

Dog Tag Bakery <https://www.dogtaginc.org/>

Military One Source <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

Veteran Companion Animal Services <https://www.vcascharity.org/>

Women Veterans ROCK <https://womenvetsrock.org>

Veterans Care Network <https://veterans-care.net/>

OTHER WEBSITES FOR JOB SEARCH TIPS, JOB POSTINGS, TRAINING

AARP: <https://www.aarp.org/work/job-search/>

Career Builder: www.careerbuilder.com

Columbus Metropolitan Library computer courses: <https://events.columbuslibrary.org/events>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/>

LinkedIn Learning via the Columbus Metro Library: <https://www.columbuslibrary.org/research>

Indeed: www.indeed.com

Ohio Means Jobs Franklin County Ohio: <http://omjfcf.org/>

OhioTechCred: <https://techcred.ohio.gov/>

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (State of Ohio): <http://ood.ohio.gov/>

Volunteering: www.VolunteerMatch.org

CENTRAL OHIO NONPROFITS THAT ASSIST JOB SEEKERS

Columbus Urban League <https://www.cul.org/>

Dress For Success <https://columbus.dressforsuccess.org/>

Goodwill Columbus <https://www.goodwillcolumbus.org/>

Jewish Family Services <https://jfccolumbus.org/client-services/job-seekers/>

New Directions Career Center <https://newdirectionscc.org/>

WARM Westerville <https://warmwesterville.org/>

LOOKING FORWARD OUR WAY PODCAST ~ NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Honoring Veterans: Inside the National Veterans Memorial and Museum with Colonel Bill Butler

Guest: Colonel William Butler, U.S. Army (Retired), President, National Veterans Memorial and Museum

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NATIONAL VETERANS MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM INFORMATION:

<https://nationalvmm.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/NationalVeteransMemorialandMuseum>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/nationalvmm/>

Educators: check the educational programs at <https://nationalvmm.org/education/> and contact Mason Farr for further information mfarr@nationalvmm.org

Details on Events: <https://nationalvmm.org/events-programs/events-calendar/>

Location & Visiting Info

- Address: 300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Admission https://nationalvmm.org/visit/tickets/?utm_source=chatgpt.com
- Parking: There is a museum parking lot; entrance via Belle Street (from W. Broad Street). Fees apply for non-veterans/visitors. Museum members get discounts.
- Tours: Guided tours are available (weekends – Saturday & Sunday) at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. for a fee. Children under 5 free.