

OHIO WOMEN VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Woman Veteran,

Welcome to our first newsletter! This issue is a special edition to share with all of you photographs from our first conference and some important contact information. Future issues will be distributed in the Spring and Fall. If you have any questions or comments, please send them to me via email at

vaffairs@gov.state.oh.us or

via mail at:

**Governor's Office of VA
Women Veterans**

**Attn: April / Newsletter
77 S High Street, 30th Fl.
Columbus, Ohio 43102**

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

Your fellow veteran,
April Philiopoulos

THE FIRST OHIO WOMEN VETERANS' CONFERENCE

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3 Thank you to all that attended
3 the first Ohio Women
4 Veterans' Conference October
28th! It was a huge success
and we have received
wonderful feedback from all
of you to help make future
conferences even better!
Currently a date and location
have not been selected for
the next conference but once
it has been determined by our
committee we will be sure to
share the details with all of
you. Special thanks to all of
our speakers! Please enjoy
the photos of the conference
included in this newsletter and visit our website at [http://
veteransaffairs.ohio.gov](http://veteransaffairs.ohio.gov) for more!



BG Wilma L. Vaught, United States Air Force, Retired



Governor Bob Taft, State of Ohio



MG Edward J. Mechenbier, United States Air Force, Retired

COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICES

Your #1 contact for benefits and claims

Adams 937/544-5005	Fairfield 740/689-6202	Licking 740/670-5430	Portage 330/297-3545
Allen 419/223-8522	Fayette 740/335-1610	Logan 937/599-4221	Preble 937/456-6111
Ashland 419/282-4225	Franklin 614/462-2500	Lorain 440/284-4623	Putnam 419/523-4478
Ashtabula 440/964-8324	Fulton 419/337-9266	Lucas 419/213-6090/92	Richland 419/774-5822
Athens 740/592-3216	Gallia 740/446-2005	Madison 740/852-0676	Ross 740/772-1600
Auglaize 419/739-6750	Geauga 440/279-1860 x6406	Mahoning 330/740-2450	Sandusky 419/334-4421
Belmont 740/695-2121 x 125	Greene 937/562-6020	Marion 740/387-0100	Scioto 740/353-1477
Brown 937/378-3155	Guernsey 740/432-9295	Medina 330/722-9368	Seneca 800/820-0189
Butler 513/887-3600	Hamilton 513/946-3300	Meigs 740/992-2820	Shelby 937/498-7282
Carroll 330/627-2590	Hancock 419/424-7036	Mercer 419/586-3542	Stark 330/451-7457
Champaign 937/653-4554	Hardin 419/674-2219	Miami 937/440-8126	Summit 330/643-2830
Clark 937/328-2482	Harrison 740/942-8441	Monroe 740/472-0743	Trumbull 330/675-2585
Clermont 513/732-7363	Henry 419/592-0956	Montgomery 937/225-4801	Tuscarawas 330/339-1163
Clinton 937/382-3233	Highland 937/393-8686	Morgan 740/962-4181	Union 800/686-2308
Columbiana 330/424-7214	Hocking 740/385-7507	Morrow 419/946-1914	Van Wert 419/238-9592
Coshocton 740/622-2313	Holmes 330/674-4806	Muskingum 740/455-7149	Vinton 740/596-4571 X224
Crawford 419/562-7761	Huron 419/668-4150	Noble 740/732-5567	Warren 513/695-1363
Cuyahoga 216/698-2600	Jackson 740/286-3004	Ottawa 800/610-8872	Washington 740/568-9009
Darke 937/547-7398	Jefferson 740/283-8571	Paulding 419/399-8285	Wayne 800/335-6638
Defiance 419/782-6861	Knox 740/393-6742	Perry 740/342-2536	Williams 419/636-8812
Delaware 740/833-2010	Lake 800/899-LAKE	Pickaway 888/330-3522	Wood 419/354-9147
Erie 419/627-7650	Lawrence 740/533-4327	Pike 740/947-2766	Wyandot 419/294-2045

The Governor’s Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

Our Mission

Since 1994, the Governor’s Advisory Committee on Women Veterans has served to “locate, educate and advocate for all women veterans who served in the United States military.” The committee is dedicated to outreach through various initiatives including the creation of an informational Web-page, the organization the Ohio women veterans’ conference and the promotion of benefits and superior health care for women veterans. The committee serves as a focal point of information for all women veterans. The committee acts as a liaison and advocate on behalf of women veterans with state legislators, veterans’ affairs administrators and county veterans’ service offices. Members of the committee ensure the programs and policies of the Department of Veterans’ Affairs remain open to women and are mindful of those elements of the veteran experience unique to women.

Ohio Women Veterans Roster

Please provide the following information to be contacted with future information & events

Name:

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

_____ **County** _____

_____ **Branch of Service** _____

Ohio Women Veterans Roster

There are more than 62,000 women veterans living in Ohio. An initiative of the committee is to contact as many women veterans as possible so information about benefits, conferences and resources are readily available and accessible. The Ohio Women Veterans Roster is an informational bridge connecting women veterans with the committee and its resources. The roster is strictly confidential and used solely as a link of information among Ohio's women veterans. If you are a women veteran and have not already signed up for the roster, please take a moment to fill out the information to the left and mail it to **The Governor's Advisory Committee on Women Veterans, 77 South High Street, 30th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215**. You may also complete the roster form on-line at http://veteransaffairs.ohio.gov/Women_Vets_Roster.htm. If you are not a veteran, please give the gift of information and pass this application on to a women veteran.

The Ohio Veterans’ Hall of Fame

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was created by former Governor George V. Voinovich in 1992 to demonstrate his concern for Ohio veterans. Former Ohio Bureau of Employment Services’ Administrator, James Conrad, proposed the Hall of Fame to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding veterans and realized how such a program would spotlight all veterans’ contributions to the civilian workplace. In 1992, a special panel of representatives from the state’s veterans organizations was brought together to discuss the idea of establishing the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. The panel endorsed the idea for the purpose of increasing awareness of the lifetime contributions of veterans after completion of honorable military service.

If you know of an Ohioan who wore the uniform of this Nation’s Armed Forces, performed their military duties, and then continued to contribute to community, state and nation in an exemplary manner. Please, nominate them to be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

You can retrieve a nomination form and directions on our web-site at <http://veteransaffairs.ohio.gov/hallfame.htm>, email our office for information at vaffairs@gov.state.oh.us or send your request for a packet to **The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, 77 South High Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215** or call 614-752-8941.



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Carole Turner, RN, MN, CNAA, National Director of the VHA Women Veterans Health Program



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Healthcare System of Ohio



Col. Christine Cook, Ohio Veterans Home Superintendent



Karen Kish, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Coordinator



Tim Espich, Director of the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs



Remembrance Tribute

