

# **HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION NEWSLETTER - FALL 2017**



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The Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County

# **VETERANS' DAY 2017**

## **VETERANS' DAY BANQUET – NOV. 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Veterans' Day Banquet will be held at Mill Race Banquet Hall, 1515 West Sharon Road. The price is \$35.00 per person. Cocktail hour will be from 6:30-7:30pm with a cash bar. Dinner will be from 7:30 – 8:30 followed by the guest speaker and program. For banquet information and tickets contact Mary Heis 513-385-4260 or Ron Harris 513-213-5137.

## **VETERANS' DAY PARADE – NOV. 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The 2017 Veterans' Day Parade will be held in the City of Cheviot. There will be a short Memorial Service following the parade. The antique and classic cars will be on display nearby. For information about the parade contact George Thornton 513-251-4233 or Bill Gettler 513-706-5475. The Parade theme will be the "Pledge of Allegiance".

## At TVCA, High Demand Means New Capabilities

Just two years since opening the Veteran In-Processing (VIP) Center, the Tristate Veterans Community Alliance (TVCA) has engaged over 1000 veterans - 300 in the first year and over 700 in year two--all while adding only one person to our staff. To continue to serve this rapidly increasing demand, we have invested in three separate initiatives to improve veteran service accessibility, community partner collaboration, and VIP Center team productivity.



### New website eases navigation & improves access to more local resources

Since its launch in Mar '15, the TVCA website has engaged over 12,500 users, providing information to veterans & families and direct referrals to 50-60 of our partner organizations monthly. In late August, TVCA relaunched a significantly upgraded website with simplified navigation, new features and graphics, a mobile-friendly design and an updated Resource Portal to better connect veterans to partners and resources. Go to [www.TristateVCA.org](http://www.TristateVCA.org) and tell us what you think...



### New office is located closer to key veteran referral partners

On August 2, the TVCA moved its VIP Center into new offices on the second floor of the United Way Building at 2400 Reading Road, easy to reach via buses 48 & 31 with drop-offs at Morgan St. and on East McMillan. The new center features a reception area, veteran work stations, visiting partner offices (including a dedicated VA office), a larger conference room and access to United Way partner community spaces. We are conveniently located next door to Easter Seals Operation Vets Thrive and are one floor below United Way 211. The offices are across the street from partner Union Institute & University and closer to the American Red Cross, Xavier, the VA and others.

Along with the new office are new phone numbers. The VIP Center local number is 513 845-6822. The toll-free number is 844 600-TVCA (8822) and the new fax number is 513 914-4942. Please contact [Jennifer Valero](mailto:Jennifer.Valero@tristatevca.org) for questions or to schedule an appointment.

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*Note our new office / fax numbers and our new location at the United Way Bldg:  
2400 Reading Rd. Suite 210, Cincinnati, OH 45202.*

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Tristate Veterans Community Alliance

# **Listen to the Cincinnati VA Medical Center's Veterans Health Show Saturdays at 9 p.m.**

*If you served in the military and don't think you're eligible for healthcare, think again. During this weekly radio show on 55KRC the Cincinnati VA Medical Center tells you how to get the benefits you deserve.*

You think, because you weren't injured during your time in the service, you're not eligible for healthcare. Wrong.

You think you can only receive care for injuries connected to your military service. Wrong again.

You think you don't qualify for VA health benefits because you have private health insurance. Again, not the case.

These are just a few of the myths surrounding VA eligibility, and we've just busted them. So if you're not receiving benefits, now is the time to take advantage.

Here's the deal: If you served in the military and didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, you're likely eligible. Also, current and former members of the Reserves or National Guard who were called to active duty and completed that active duty are likely good, too.

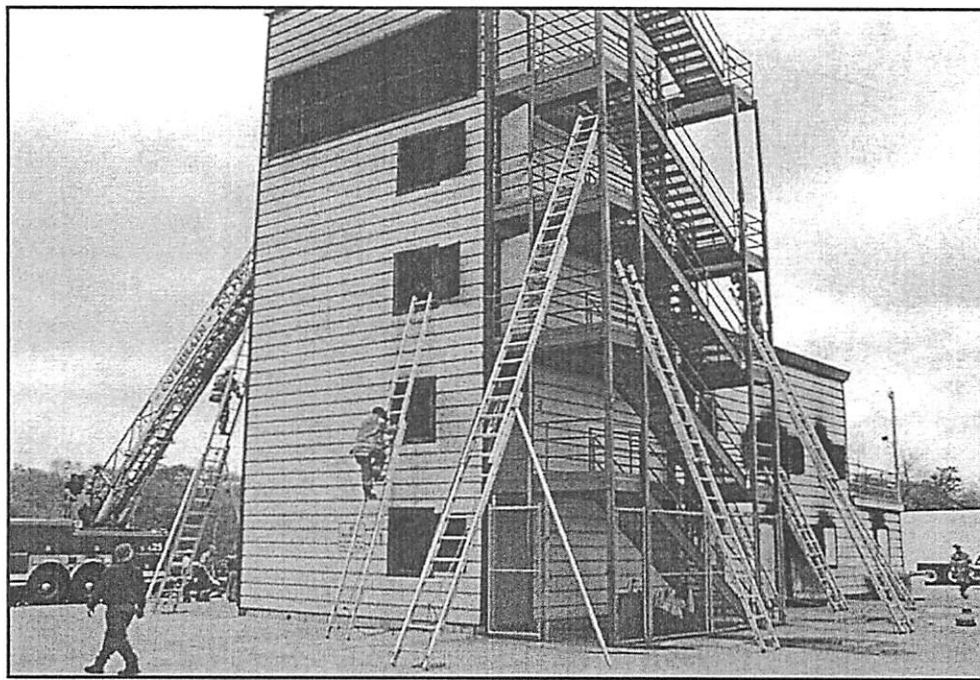
Make your way to the eligibility office, on the first floor behind the information desk in the outpatient lobby. Before you go, visit [cincinnati.va.gov/patients/eligibility.asp](http://cincinnati.va.gov/patients/eligibility.asp) or call 513-475-6499 to find out which documents you'll need to have on hand.



# Colerain Township Fire and EMS Academy



## ATTENTION VETERANS!



Colerain Twp. Fire and EMS is announcing a Recruit Class!  
Successful recruits will obtain FFII and EMT certification.

Veterans are welcomed and encouraged to apply for the upcoming 2018 Recruit Class. This training provides the knowledge and certifications needed to pursue a new career as a Firefighter/EMT. Candidates will be selected from a competitive process. Classes start in January, 2018 and end in November, 2018.

**Typical Class Schedule: Monday and Wednesdays 6pm-10pm and most Saturday's 8am-4pm.**

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For more Info or to apply, Please call 513-245-5451 or email [chopkins@colerain.org](mailto:chopkins@colerain.org)

