



Ohio University Veteran and Military-Connected Student Guide



Welcome to Ohio University--home of the Bobcats! Congratulations on your acceptance to Ohio University and thank you for your service to our nation. We are proud to have you join us in a tradition of excellence that is over 200 years old. At Ohio University we take immense pride in serving current and former members of the military as well as their dependents. We look forward to the contributions you will make on campus because of the leadership, discipline, and knowledge gained through your experiences and we appreciate the value of the training that the military has provided you.

Ohio University continues to make great strides to meet the needs of our veteran and military-connected students on campus. Ohio University is among the first universities in the country to be designated as a Collegiate Purple Star campus. We have been named one of the nation's top military-friendly schools for the 13th consecutive year by Viqtory Media, a veteran-owned company and publisher of G.I. Jobs magazine. For 2024-2025, Ohio University earned the Military-Friendly School #6 ranking for Tier 1 research institutions in the nation, while also earning the Military Spouse-Friendly School #7 ranking. The Ohio University Student Senate and Council of Student Leaders both have a student veteran delegate ensuring that military-connected students are represented on campus in student government and on student led committees so the challenges that veterans and their dependents experience when transitioning from military life to academia are met with understanding and support.

The Veterans and Military Student Services Center is here to support and advocate for veteran and military-connected students throughout their academic journey. Terry St. Peter (LTC-US Army Ret.), the Director, and his staff are your primary resource for the certification of your VA education benefits. The Veterans Center holds a plethora of knowledge when it comes to veterans' benefits and programs, as well as questions about the campus community. This guide was designed to assist you during your transition at Ohio University. We have included information about various resources available to you regardless of your campus location. If there is information that you are looking for that is not covered in this guide, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office with any question or concerns you have. Our office is located on the main campus in Athens inside the Baker University Center, Suite 350. Our office hours are 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday (excluding major holidays or university closures). We can be reached via phone at 740-566-VETS (8387) or email at veteranscenter@ohio.edu.

ATHENS CAMPUS

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Student Veterans of America (SVA) Chapter/Club

Ohio University's chapter of the Student Veterans of America (SVA) on campus exists to provide support, camaraderie, motivation, and to give back to the community through different service events throughout each year. The main annual event is our Heroes Helping Heroes Christmas fundraiser, and the proceeds go to providing Christmas gifts for children of local Veterans that need assistance. The club contains a wealth of information, so don't hesitate to show up at a meeting and ask any questions you may have. If you're interested in joining, simply attend one of the meetings.

The Student Veterans of America (SVA) chapter/club is comprised of students who have military service, including Veterans, Reservists, National Guardsmen, and ROTC Cadets. Meetings are held periodically throughout each semester (Fall/Spring) on Wednesdays from 5-6pm in the Veterans Lounge (Baker 363). Colby Berry is the current SVA President and can be reached at cb951921@ohio.edu.

Athens county is home to many Veteran organizations including the Athens County Veterans Service Office (VSO), American Veterans (AMVETS), American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) organizations. These groups are open to all honorably discharged Veterans and help the local community when needed. You will find phone listings and addresses for these organizations listed in this packet.

Veterans Lounge

The Student Veterans Lounge opened in November of 2022. The Vets Lounge is in Baker Center, Suite 363, in proximity to the Veterans and Military Student Services Center (Baker 350) and is a dedicated space for you, our veterans, to study, congregate, build community, and complete academic coursework. There are separate areas to study (individually or in groups), relax in solitude, play video games (PlayStation 5), have access to CAC enabled computers/printer, and grab a snack/drink. There is a dry kitchen which has a full-size refrigerator, microwave, and Keurig coffee maker, and is stocked with coffee, water, soda, and various types of snacks (pop tarts, oatmeal, fruit bars, chips, crackers, etc.) as well as some frozen microwavable options (breakfast sandwiches and hot pockets).

Access to the Vets Lounge is provided to all student veterans on campus using VA educational benefits or not. Currently, the lounge is not accessible to spouses or dependents of veterans due to limited capacity. The lounge is open during normal Baker Center hours and can be accessed with your Ohio University Student ID once you are placed in the Veterans group by the Veterans Center staff. If you have issues with your ID card being denied swipe access, please visit our office.



Important Contacts

Administrative Dept./Contact:	Assistance with:
<p>Terry St. Peter Director, General Abraham and Colonel Greenfield Veterans and Military Student Services Center Baker University Center Room 350 www.ohio.edu/veteranscenter (740) 566-VETS (8387) veteranscenter@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA Educational Benefits • Campus Policies/Procedures • Withdrawal/Re-enrollment • Call to Active-Duty Procedures • Programming for military-connected students on campus and OHIO Online
<p>Ray Dixon Assistant Director, Veterans and Military Student Services Center Baker University Center Room 350 www.ohio.edu/veteranscenter (740) 566-VETS (8387) veteranscenter@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VA Educational Benefits • Campus Policies/Procedures • Withdrawal/Re-enrollment • Call to Active-Duty Procedures • Programming for military-connected students on campus and OHIO Online
<p>Janet Russell Records Management Senior Specialist & School Certifying Official Veterans and Military Student Services Center Baker University Center Room 350 www.ohio.edu/veteranscenter (740) 566-VETS (8387) veteranscenter@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for and maintaining your VA Educational Benefits • Withdrawal • Re-enrollment • Additional questions regarding your GI Bill® benefits
<p>David Edwards Veterans Certification Assistant Veterans and Military Student Services Center www.ohio.edu/veteranscenter (740) 566-VETS (8387) veteranscenter@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying for and maintaining your VA Educational benefits • Withdrawal • Re-enrollment • Additional questions regarding your GI Bill® benefits
<p>Tricia Barrick Office of the Bursar Chubb Hall Room 010 www.ohio.edu/bursar (740) 593-4130 barrick@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third-party contracts for students using Army Ignited, ROTC Scholarships, National Guard Scholarships, Navy College, MyCAA. • Miscellaneous Fees
<p>Center for Student Engagement & Leadership Baker University Center Room 355/339 (740) 593-4025 involvement@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Organization Information • Campus Events • Student Senate/SAC Opportunities

<p>Student Accessibility Services Crystal Hill Baker University Center 348 https://www.ohio.edu/accessibility (740) 593-2620 disabilities@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates accommodations and connects students with disabilities to the most relevant campus resources. • Accessibility coordinators review documentation and determine eligibility according to the framework of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
<p>Financial Aid & Scholarships Sandi Krivesti Chubb Hall 020 https://www.ohio.edu/financial-aid (740) 593-4141 krivests@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid (Pell Grant, Federal Aid) • Scholarships
<p>Equity and Civil Rights Compliance Lindley Hall 006 https://www.ohio.edu/equity-civil-rights (740) 593-9140 equity@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination • Sexual Harassment/Misconduct • Affirmative Action • University Policy Recommendations
<p>OHIO Online Grosvenor Hall 018 https://www.ohio.edu/online ecampus@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHIO Online Programs • Correspondence
<p>Housing and Residence Life 111 South Green Drive https://www.ohio.edu/housing (740) 593-4090 housing@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On Campus Housing • Off Campus Living
<p>Counseling and Psych Services Paul Castelino Hudson Health Center, 3rd Floor https://www.ohio.edu/counseling (740) 593-1616 counseling.services@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual/Group Counseling • Psychiatric Consultation • Workshop Development Available
<p>Undergraduate Admissions Chubb Hall 120 https://www.ohio.edu/admissions/ (740) 593-4100 admissions@ohio.edu</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying to Ohio University • Transfer of Military Credit • Credit by Examination • Residency Review Request

Veteran Assistance in Athens and Surrounding Areas

<p>Chillicothe VA Medical Center (Hospital) 17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 4560 (740) 773-1141 https://www.va.gov/chillicothe-health-care/locations/chillicothe-va-medical-center/</p>	<p>Athens Community Based Outpatient Clinic 88 N Plains Rd Plains, OH 45780 (740) 592-7220 https://www.va.gov/chillicothe-health-care/locations/athens-va-clinic/</p>
<p>American Legion (Post 21) 520 W Union St. Athens, OH 45701 (740) 592-4027 amlegion21@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Athens County Veterans Services Kim Spencer, CVSO 88 N Plains Rd Suite 102 The Plains, OH 45780 (740) 592-3216 https://www.athensveteransservicesoh.org</p>
<p>AMVETS Post 76 20 Campbell Street Athens, OH 45701 (740) 592-9907 athensamvets76@gmail.com</p>	<p>VFW Post 9893 3025 Dickson Rd. Albany, OH 45701 (740) 698-8841</p>
<p>AMVETS Post 93 1055 Setty Rd. Albany, OH 45710 (740) 698-7212</p>	<p>Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans 77 South High Street; 7th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 P: (614) 752-8941</p>
<p>American Legion (Glenford Dugan Post 229) 11 September St. Nelsonville, OH 45764 (740) 753-9084 nelsonvillepost229@yahoo.com</p>	<p>Disabled American Veterans (DAV) 170 Pearl St. Jackson, OH 45640 (740) 286-4200 28051 State Route 7 Cheshire, OH 45620 (740) 367-7973</p>

Athens Area Off-Campus Housing Information

Contact Information	Type of Housing
<p>The Summit 363 Richland Avenue Athens, OH 45701 (440) 499-5668 https://www.summitatcoatesrun.com summit@peakmade.com</p>	Apartment Complex
<p>University Courtyard 366 Richland Avenue Athens, OH 45701 (740) 594-5022 https://www.ucathens.com</p>	Apartment Complex
<p>Campus Heights 12 Carriage Hill Dr Athens, OH 45701 (216) 727-3539 https://www.livecampusheights.com</p>	Apartment Complex
<p>Cornwell Properties 23 North Court St. Athens, OH 45701 (740) 592-1279 https://www.cornwellpropertiesathens.com</p>	Apartments & Apartment Complex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palmer Place • 27 North Street - Subway • Courtside Apartments – C-Side
<p>University Commons 15 South Shafer Street Athens, OH 45701 (740) 593-7571 https://oucommons.com info@oucommons.com</p>	Apartment Complex
<p>Athens Ohio Rentals 32 W. Stimson Avenue Athens, OH 45701 Brad Jageman – (740) 591-4786 (mobile) brad@jageman.com Scott Hunter – (843) 457-2688 (mobile) scottbeach200@aol.com</p>	Student Housing Rentals
<p>Coady Rentals 25 W. Washington Street Athens, OH 45701 (740) 593-7517 coadyrentals@gmail.com</p>	Student Housing Rentals

LANCASTER CAMPUS

570 Granville Pike
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-654-6711

<https://www.ohio.edu/lancaster>

Veteran Assistance Locations

Fairfield County Veteran Service Office 227 E. Main Street Lancaster, Ohio 43130 (740) 652-7920; Fax: (740) 689-6203	Chillicothe VA Medical Center (Hospital) 17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 773-1141
Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans 77 South High Street; 7th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 752-894; Fax: (614) 728-9498	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1516 Terry Webb Memorial Post 116 Perry St Lancaster, OH 43130 (740) 653-1516
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1380 Chief Tarhe Post PO Box 2508 Lancaster, OH 43130-5508 (740) 654-9183	American Legion Post 11 279 Canal Street Lancaster, Ohio 43130 (740) 654-9023
Disabled American Veterans (Nearest Location) 35 East Chestnut St. Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 221-3582	AMVETS 700 South Maple Street Lancaster, OH 43130 (740) 653-5478

CHILLICOTHE CAMPUS

1 University Drive
Chillicothe, OH 45601-0629
(740) 774-7200
<https://www.ohio.edu/chillicothe>

Veteran Assistance Locations

Chillicothe VA Medical Center (Hospital) 17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 773-1141	Ross County Veterans Service Office 475 Western Ave., Ste. #C Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 772-1600 Fax: (740) 772-1614
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Post 108) 115 E. Main St. Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 772-1939	American Legion Post 62 53 W. Main St. Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 772-1929
American Legion Post 757 289 Cooks Hill Rd. Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 775-6933	Disabled American Veterans (DAV) 170 Pearl St. Jackson, OH 45640 (740) 286-4200
AMVETS 317 E. Main St Chillicothe, Oh 45601 (740) 835-1912	Disabled American Veterans (DAV) 35 East Chestnut St. Columbus, Oh 43215 (614) 221-3582

EASTERN CAMPUS

45425 National Road W.
St. Clairsville, OH 43950
(740) 695-1720

<https://www.ohio.edu/eastern>

Veterans Assistance Locations

Belmont County VA Clinic 67800 Mall Ring Road, Ohio Valley Mall, Suite 215 St. Clairsville, OH 43950-1703 (740) 695-9321	H. John Heinz III Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center 1010 Delafield Road Pittsburgh, PA 15240-1005 (866) 482-7488
Belmont County Veterans Services Offices 400 Imperial Plaza Bellaire, OH 43906 (740) 325-1042 Fax: (740) 325-1246	Belmont County Veterans Services Satellite Office 67800 Mall Ring Rd. St. Clairsville, OH 43950 (740) 325-1042
Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans 77 South High Street; 7th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 (614) 752-8941 Fax: (614) 728-9498	Disabled American Veterans 3134 Guernsey St. Bellaire, OH 43906 (740) 676-5094
American Legion Post 159 100 Legion Road St. Clairsville, Oh 43950 (740) 695-9010 legionpost159@gmail.com	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5356 46171 National Rd W Saint Clairsville, OH 43950 (740) 695-4343

SOUTHERN CAMPUS

1804 Liberty Ave.

Ironton, Ohio 45638

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<p>Teresa McKenzie Accessibility Coordinator / Coordinator of Veteran's Services Student Resource Commons mckenzt1@ohio.edu (740) 533-4596</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodations for students with disabilities • Questions regarding your VA educational benefits
<p>Jacki Adkins Assistant Director of Regional Financial Aid Student Services, Collins Centers adkinsj@ohio.edu (740) 533-4603</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Aid (Pell Grant, Federal Aid) • Scholarships

Veterans Assistance Locations

<p>Lawrence County Veterans Service Office Courthouse, 111 South Fourth St. Ironton, OH 45638 (740) 533-4327 Fax: (740) 533-4348</p>	<p>Hershel "Woody" Williams VA Medical Center 1540 Spring Valley Dr. Huntington, WV 25704 (304) 429-6741</p>
<p>Disabled American Veterans 640 4th Ave. #138 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 529-5465</p>	<p>Huntington Veterans Center 3135 16th Street Road Suite 11 Huntington, WV 25701 (304) 523-8387</p>
<p>Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8850 James B Cox Memorial Post 3028 S 3rd St Ironton, OH 45638 (740) 532-3000</p>	<p>American Legion Post 590 720 Quincy St Ironton, OH 45638 (740) 534-1934</p>
<p>American Legion Post 433 701 Vernon St Ironton, OH 45638 (740) 532-7359</p>	<p>Wheeling Vet Center 1058 E. Bethlehem Blvd. Wheeling, WV 26009 (304) 232-0587</p>

ZANESVILLE CAMPUS

1425 Newark Rd.
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(740) 453-0762

<https://www.ohio.edu/zanesville>

Veterans Assistance Locations

Zanesville VA Clinic 2800 Maple Avenue Zanesville, OH 43701 (740) 453-7725	Chalmers P. Wylie Veterans Outpatient Clinic 420 North James Road Columbus, OH 43219-1834 (614) 257-5200
Columbus VA Clinic 2720 Airport Drive, Suite 100 Columbus, OH 43219-2219 (614) 388-7650	Chillicothe VA Medical Center (Hospital) 17273 State Route 104 Chillicothe, OH 45601 (740) 773-1141
Daniel L. Kinnard VA Clinic 1855 West Main Street Newark, OH 43055-1135 (740) 788-8329	Muskingum County Dept. of Veterans Services 225 Underwood St. Room 500 Zanesville, OH 43701 (740) 455-7149
Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans 77 South High Street; 7th Floor Columbus, OH 43215 (614) 752-8941 Fax: (614) 728-9498	Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 1058 Geo. Selsam Post 1318 Putnam Ave. Zanesville, OH 43701 (740) 452-4491
VFW Post 10275 Philo-Duncan Falls PO Box 72 Duncan Falls, OH 43734 United States (740) 819-8348	American Legion Post 29 27 S. 3rd St. Zanesville, OH 43701 (740) 452-1457
Disabled American Veterans 428 Moxahala Ave Zanesville OH 43701 (740) 454-0175	