

On February 13, 1862, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio memorialized its decision to provide "for the relief of the necessities to .[veteran]..."

Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

A history of supporting
Veterans and surviving spouses...



**"TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE
BATTLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHAN"**

ABRAHAM LINCOLN 1865



Who Are We... Who Do We Serve

Veterans Service Commission (VSC), a county funded and supported agency dedicated to assisting Veterans, dependents and surviving spouses by **providing financial assistance, Veteran benefit service and referral**. We are staffed and led by Veterans and their families.

Leadership: Five armed forces Veteran commissioners, appointed for 5 year terms by a judge of the court of common pleas, ORC 5901.02; provides guidance to a Full time Executive Director - also a Veteran

All 88 Ohio counties
have a VSC

VSC Funded by
County Property Tax

*While not part of Veterans Affairs, we work in
partnership to serve Veteran*

Advocate for and empower veterans and their families by providing guidance, resources, immediate financial assistance with access to benefits, in order to provide a path to sustained solutions.

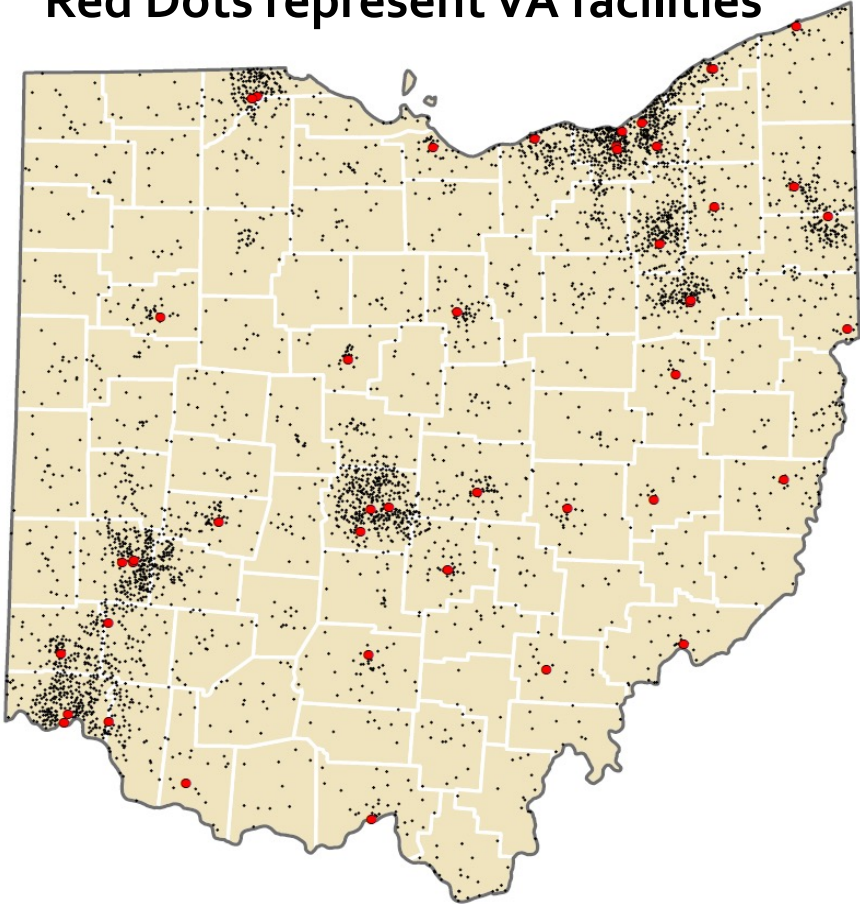


Our Ohio Veteran Community

What	Ohio (5 th)	% Rounded up
Veteran Population	754,584	4% Vs Nationwide
Wartime Veterans	549,722	72% Vs Ohio Vets
Gulf War Veterans	266,050	35% Vs Ohio Vets
Vietnam Era Veterans	243,408	32% Vs Ohio Vets
Korean War Veterans	41,070	5% Vs Ohio Vets
WWII Veterans	12,175	1% Vs Ohio Vets
Peacetime Veterans	191, 881	25% Vs Ohio Vets

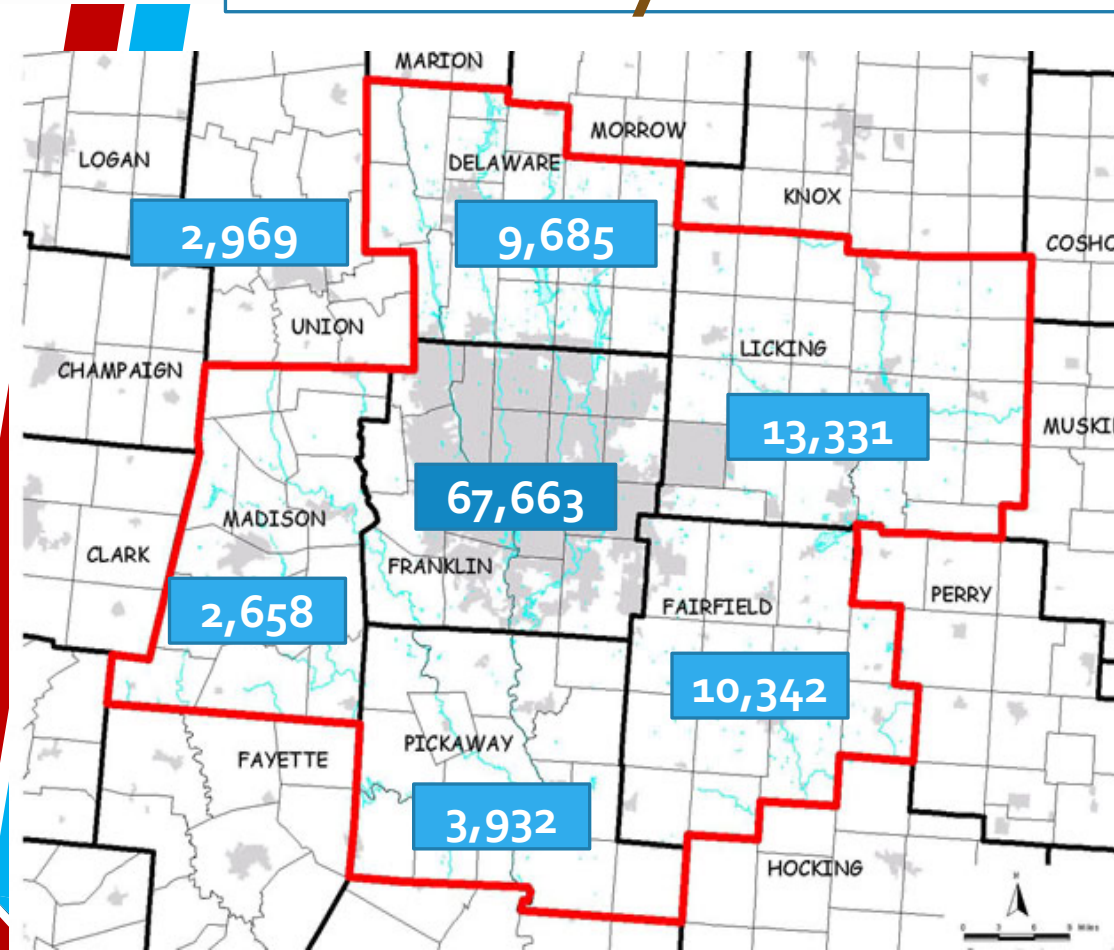
What	Ohio	%
Female	67,019	8%
VA facilities	55	4%

Dots = 200 Veterans
 Red Dots represent VA facilities





Sample Veteran population and how it may differ county to county



Vinton County	Cuyahoga County
854	71,065
Smallest County	Largest County

**Estimated 2020 data from VA*

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Emergency Financial Assistance

- Eligibility Defined by Ohio Revised Code (5901)
 - Veteran with an **Honorable or General discharge under honorable conditions** or Currently serving on Federal Active Duty
 - National Guard & Reservist called to Federal Active Duty
 - **Served on Active Duty for reasons other than training** or incurred a VA recognized disability
 - County **resident for at least 90 days**
- Franklin County
 - Needs based support, income is a consideration on providing financial assistance; the financial situation will require validation through an interview process
- What does this look like... rent, mortgage, utilities, car repair, food cards; Assistance programs... medical transportation, dental care, home modification etc.



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VA Benefits & Claims

Linking to Earned Benefits

Request DD 214, Service Records & discharge upgrade

Disability Compensation Claims

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation Claims (DIC)

Non-Service-Connected Pension (NSCP) and Aid & Attendance (A&A)

Survivor Pension Claims

Burial Benefits

Educational Benefits

VA Healthcare eligibility & enrollment

- Accredited Veteran Service Officers working with you through the process of claim development to appeal if necessary.
- We can assist regardless of residency



Programs, Partners & Referrals

- Veterans Court, Special Docket
- Eviction Court
- Veterans Jail Pod
- VA: Healthcare, Suicide Prevention, SW support to include housing, Benefits
- Local Office on Aging
- Volunteers of America (housing, employment, and more)
- Lutheran Social Services (housing, employment, and more)
- County JFS
- County Child Support Enforcement
- Legal Aid
- Local Non-Profits
- Veterans Service Organizations

Link to your County Veterans Services Commission:

<https://dvs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dvs/resources-for-veterans/find-a-cvso>

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How we assist...

- Federal VA Benefits
 - Service-Connected Disability Claims
 - Healthcare
 - Education
- State Benefits
 - Military Injured Relief Fund (MIRF)
 - War Orphan Fund
 - Retirement Home
- Emergency Financial Assistance
 - Rent - Mortgage
 - Utilities
 - Food Vouchers
 - Other
- VA Medical Appointment
- Transportation
- Financial Coaching/Counseling

Our Goal...



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Questions & Important Contact Information

Franklin County VSC:

(614) 525-2500

vets.franklincountyohio.gov

Veterans Crisis Line:

(800) 273-8255 press 1



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VA – Disability Compensation

- VA disability compensation (pay) offers a monthly tax-free payment to Veterans who got sick or injured while serving in the military and to Veterans whose service made an existing condition worse.
- You may qualify for VA disability benefits for physical conditions (like a chronic illness or injury) and mental health conditions (like PTSD) that developed before, during, or after service.
- **Am I eligible for VA disability compensation?**
 - You may be eligible for VA disability benefits or compensation if you have a current illness or injury (known as a condition) that affects your body or mind, and you meet at least one of the requirements listed below.
- **Both must be true. You:**
 - Served on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training, **and** Have a disability rating for your service-connected condition
- **And at least one of these must be true. You:**
 - Got sick or injured while serving in the military—and can link this condition to your illness or injury (called an in-service disability claim), **or**
 - Had an illness or injury before you joined the military—and serving made it worse (called a preservice disability claim), **or** Have a disability related to your active-duty service that didn't appear until after you ended your service (called a post service disability claim)



VA - Veterans Pension Benefit

- The Veterans Pension program provides monthly payments to **wartime** Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits.
- **Am I Eligible?**
 - **Both must be true:**
 - You didn't receive a dishonorable discharge, **and** Your yearly family income and net worth meet certain limits set by Congress (Current limit \$130,773)
 - **And at least one of these must be true about your service. You:**
 - Started on active duty before September 8, 1980, and you served at least 90 days on active duty with at least 1 day during wartime, **or** started on active duty as an enlisted person after September 7, 1980, and served at least 24 months or the full period for which you were called or ordered to active duty (with some exceptions) with at least 1 day during wartime, **or**
 - Were an officer and started on active duty after October 16, 1981, and you hadn't previously served on active duty for at least 24 months
 - **And at least one of these must be true. You:**
 - Are at least 65 years old, **or** Have a permanent and total disability, **or**
 - Are a patient in a nursing home for long-term care because of a disability, **or** are getting Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income



Veterans Caregiver Program

- The VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) offers enhanced clinical support for caregivers of eligible Veterans who are seriously injured
- **Am I eligible for the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers?**
 - You may be eligible if you and the Veteran you're caring for meet all of the requirements listed below.
- **Eligibility requirements for the family caregiver**
 - You must be at least 18 years old and at least one of these must be true for you.
- **You must be either:**
 - A spouse, son, daughter, parent, stepfamily member, or extended family member of the Veteran, **or** Someone who lives full-time with the Veteran, or is willing to do so if designated as a family caregiver
- **Eligibility requirements for the Veteran**
 - **All of these must be true for the Veteran you're caring for.**
 - The Veteran must have a VA disability rating (individual or combined) of **70% or higher**. The Veteran's service-connected disabilities must have been caused or made worse by their active-duty service during one of these periods of time:
 - On or after September 11, 2001, **or** On or before May 7, 1975
 - **And the Veteran must:**
 - Have been discharged from the U.S. military or have a date of medical discharge, **and** need at least 6 months of continuous, in-person personal care services