



AMVETS DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS IN 2020



WHO WE ARE

- AMVETS (American Veterans) is the nation's most inclusive Congressionally-chartered veterans service organization, representing the interests of 20 million veterans. AMVETS is open to and fighting for all who honorably served in the United States military, including the Reserve and Guard. With more than 250,000 members nationwide, we are veterans serving veterans.
- AMVETS has a proud history of assisting veterans and sponsoring numerous programs that serve our country and its citizens. Membership in AMVETS is open to anyone who honorably served, or currently serving, in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves.



WHO WE ARE

AMVETS Department of Ohio was founded on the 14th day of June 1946 and Chartered by National Headquarters on the 10th day of September 1946, John L. Smith signed the charter for the AMVETS Department of Ohio. Carl Freudenberg proudly served the Department of Ohio as our first State Commander from 1945-1946.





OUR MISSION

To enhance and safeguard the entitlements for all American Veterans who have served honorably and to improve the quality of life for them, their families, and the communities where they live through leadership, advocacy and services.



OUR IMPACT

AMVETS Department of Ohio has service officers embedded at several VA locations to provide assistance with VBA claims, appeals, Aid & Attendance, Individual Unemployability, Vocational Rehab, educational benefits, VA housing benefits and more.

- **Columbus VA:** Herb Jones, Herbert.jones325@va.gov, 614-388-7342
- **Cleveland VA:** Terry Carpenter, Terry.carpenter2@va.gov, 216-791-3800 ext. 4056
- **Dayton VA:** Tony Newton, Lawrence.newton@va.gov, 937-268-6511 ext. 2965
- **WPAFB:** AB Williams, Tuesdays & Wednesdays,
- **Chillicothe VA:** Coming in December 2019
- **Cincinnati VA:** Coming in 2020



OUR IMPACT

AMVETS Department of Ohio was instrumental in bringing a Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) pilot program to Ohio. It is a three-year, two-year funded state pilot program designed to treat those suffering from mental health and addiction related conditions. This program is pending a start date while Ohio Department of Veteran Services and the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services :

- 1st Veteran treatment center funded using taxpayer funds
- With a goal of reducing substance abuse and mental issues among Ohio veterans to reduce veteran suicide
- *Bringing together **established experts** to deliver **evidence-based, personalized medicine, social support, and reintegration strategies** to transform lives of veterans*



OUR IMPACT



1 Is Too Many is an AMVETS Department of Ohio initiative to address the veteran suicide crisis. The hotline, 1-800-OH-AMVET patches through to one of six ASSIST-trained volunteers who help veterans in crisis 24 hours a day 7 days a week, 365 days per year. And they will answer calls from out-of-state too. They get veterans out of crisis and make sure that there is a continuity of care by checking in on them after referrals to services have been made.



OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

On 2 June 2019, AMVETS 1st District to include Auxiliary, Sons & Juniors gathered together at our assigned Command Center (Post 24 in Dayton) to help deliver much needed supplies and food to the victims of the tornadoes in Dayton, Trotwood, Northridge, Overlook, and other areas. The 1st District came together as a family to make this happen whether it was a monetary donation or volunteered to help deliver supplies. They touched lives and put smiles on victims faces.





OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our VA Voluntary Services program (VAVS) works in every VA medical facility in the state as well as in the two veterans' homes (Sandusky and Georgetown). They provide free coffee and donuts to the veterans visiting the facilities, host various activities for those in the long-term care wards (make your own pizza, bingo, game days, cookouts, lunches, parties) as well as logging thousands of volunteer hours per year. AMVETS also donated a cell phone charging station (Cleveland), a golf cart (Columbus) and money to the capital campaign for the new Fisher House in Dayton.





OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMVETS members impact their communities every day. Some go above and beyond to help their fellow veterans. For example, J. Lori Stone, a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant saw a need in Youngstown and filled it. Veterans were suffering from hunger in her area, so in 2013 she organized a food pantry at the Youngstown VA. On average, 120 bags of chicken noodle soup, ravioli, cans of vegetables and other foods are distributed weekly. Stone recently was instrumental in securing \$40 K in funding for a new delivery van for the clinic.





OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMVETS Posts are actively supporting their communities everyday. Even incarcerated veterans at the Marion Correctional Institution are still making a difference by knitting blankets to keep residents at the Ohio Veterans Homes warm.





OUR IMPACT

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Several AMVETS members are inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame each year. This year is no exception. AMVETS has six Ohioans being inducted tomorrow (7 Nov) at the Radiant Life Church in Dublin. They are J. Lori Stone, Richard T Baldwin, Alvin Burzynski, Howard “Bud” May, James Moorman and John T. “Ted” Mosure.





OUR IMPACT

ADVOCATING FOR OHIO'S VETERANS

AMVETS Department of Ohio actively advocates on behalf of veterans and their dependents before the Ohio Legislature, Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs, and state and local agencies, as well as supporting Ohio's National Guard. We also actively monitors aspects of the state budget process, which affect such issues as veterans homes, National Guard, County Veterans Service Officers, and veterans outreach programs.

Legislation we are tracking in the current session are House Bills 16, 18, 26, 31, 45, 49, 52, 53, 64, 73, 99, 129, 133, 155, 156, 174, 191, 192, 194, 195, 207, 219, 225, 240, 241, 250, 257, 259, 262, 266, 267, 275, 287, 276, 303, 313, 315, 316, 317, 319, 320, 323, 332, 334 and 335. Senate Bills 7, 19, 41, 43, 53, 62, 77, 84, 87, 106, 111, 129, 140, 170, 183, 184, 85, 197 and 199.





OUR IMPACT



AMVETS Department of Ohio has been involved with Veterans Treatment Courts since the beginning when then AMVETS National Commander JP Brown III of Ohio attended the very first court session which was presided over by Judge Robert Russell in Buffalo, NY in 2008. Since then the program has expanded to many states including several counties in Ohio.

Veteran Treatment Courts help veterans suffering from substance abuse or mental health issues with early intervention & treatment through specialized dockets that treat the whole person holistically.



PNC JP Brown III with Judge Russell in his Buffalo, NY courtroom



OUR IMPACT

STATEWIDE PROGRAMS INSPIRE, EDUCATE AND ENRICH LIVES

AMVETS Department of Ohio runs several local and national programs statewide.



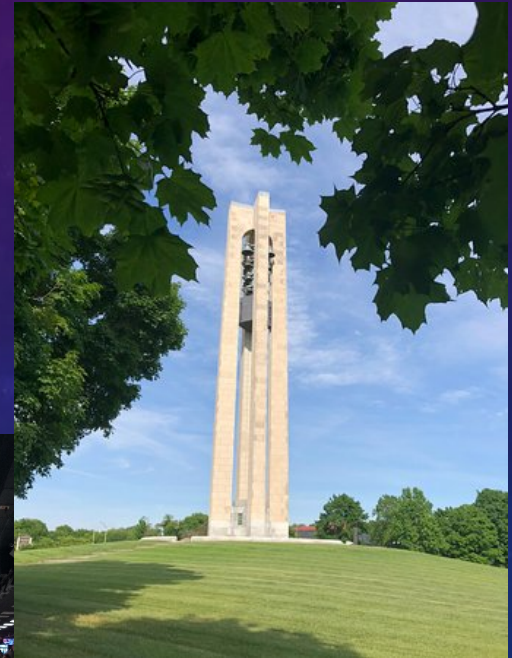
Americanism



ROTC and JROTC



Special Olympics State Team Bowling



Carillon program



NATIONAL PRESENCE



Visiting President
Tsai of Taiwan

Jan Brown of Boardman, Ohio is the first female National Commander in AMVETS' 75-year history. Commander Brown served her country for 27 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant.



Veterans Day



Rolling to Remember (formerly Rolling Thunder) will take place in May 2020