2014 VALUING OHIO VETERANS CONVENING
AWARDING CREDIT TOWARD COLLEGE & PROFESSIONAL LICENSES FOR MILITARY EXPERIENCE
EVENT PROGRAM
OCTOBER 20, 2014 | LEWIS CENTER, OH
“Valuing Ohio Veterans is a program that exemplifies our belief that the men and women who serve our country should have those skills and experiences formally recognized in the education process. We believe in doing the right thing, and this is another way of expressing our support of and belief in the military skills that we treasure in our colleagues and communities. It is our honor to participate in this process.”

Statement from Huntington Bank
“One of Ohio’s best assets is its veterans. Not only do they deserve our thanks for the sacrifices they’ve made for our freedom, they also deserve our help to transition back into civilian life. That’s why we have worked to help veterans get jobs, to fast track opportunities to get a professional license, and to award college credit for military training, experience, and coursework. Today’s convening will help us build a system that will help veterans succeed while on our college and university campuses. We look forward to working with you to keep our veterans and service members on the path to success, which will only make Ohio stronger.”

John R. Kasich  
Governor, State of Ohio

John Carey  
Chancellor, Ohio Board of Regents
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AGENDA

OCTOBER 20, 2014 | LEWIS CENTER, OH
REGISTRATION AND COFFEE
09:00-10:00
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom Lobby

WELCOME
10:00-10:15
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom
The Ohio Air National Guard Color Guard will begin the opening ceremonies for the Valuing Ohio Veterans Convening. Udo Maroscher will sing the National Anthem accompanied by the Ohio Army National Guard Band.

PRESENTERS
John Carey
Chancellor
Ohio Board of Regents

Mark Thompson
Senior Executive Vice President,
Director of Corporate Operations
Huntington Bank

OPENING PLENARY
10:15-11:00
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom
The Opening Plenary will begin with an inspirational video from a young Ohioan that will set the stage for the day and show why Ohio’s legislation and implementation efforts are so important to the military members and veterans who attend our institutions of higher education, and their families. Immediately after, four Ohio student veterans will share their experiences of transitioning to college, their challenges on campus, and their success stories at our schools. A brief Question & Answer period will round out the session.

SERVICE MEMBER AND VETERAN STUDENT PANEL
The good, the bad, and the ugly of serving student veterans... In this panel session, you will hear directly from student veterans and service members about their personal experiences with campus services and programs, some good and some not as good. Student veteran programs are unique to each campus. There are no cookie cutter solutions. The service member/veteran perspective is key to determining which services and supports may work best at your institution.

PRESENTERS
Esperanza Correa
Student
Lorain County Community College

Geoff Roberts
Student
Bowling Green State University

Mark Patterson
MS-III Instructor/SMI
The University of Akron

Kimberly Hazelgrove
Student
Baldwin Wallace University
INTERMISSION
11:00 - 11:10

BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ROUND I
11:10-12:00
Track 1: Statewide and Institutional Military Policies
Track 2: Evaluation & Promising Practices
Track 3: Understanding Transcripts & MTAGs
Track 4: Veterans Services on Campus

LUNCH / KEYNOTE ADDRESS
12:00 - 13:10
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom
Through a pre-recorded video message, Governor John R. Kasich will provide his encouraging perspective on the work institutions are undertaking as a result of H.B. 488, and Director Gorrell’s keynote address will highlight the importance of awarding credit for military training, experience, and coursework as part of the overall support and assistance institutions can provide to service members and veterans.

PRESENTER
Timothy Gorrell
Director,
Ohio Department of Veterans Services
BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ROUND 2
13:10-14:10

Tracks from Round 1 will repeat

SESSION CHANGE
14:10 - 14:20

BREAKOUT SESSIONS, ROUND 3
14:20-15:05

Track 1: Creating Student Service Member/Veteran Organizations
Track 2: American Council on Education (ACE) Faculty Evaluators
Track 3: Support Resources
Track 4: Workforce Transformation on Credentialing

CLOSING
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom
15:05 - 15:30
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SESSIONS

OCTOBER 20, 2014 | LEWIS CENTER, OH
REPEATING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Round 1  11:10 - 12:00
Round 2  13:10 - 14:10

Session I – Statewide and Institutional Military Policies
Virginia Building, Meeting Room M

This session will focus on overarching institutional policies in support of military service member and veteran students and specific policies covered in the legislation:

• Appeals processes related to the evaluation of credit for military service experience,

• Institutional fees related to the evaluation and processing of military service credit,

• Scheduling priority with registration for military service and veteran students, and

• Effectively identifying and tracking our military service and veteran students.

PRESENTERS
Brad Myers, J.D.
University Registrar, Executive Director of Enrollment Services
The Ohio State University

Karla Mugler, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President, Office of Academic Affairs
The University of Akron

Richard DeChant
Executive Director, Veterans Initiative
Cuyahoga Community College
Session II – Evaluation and Promising Practices
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom C

This session will review the promising practices that are used to evaluate military experience and training, and identify the appropriate college credit that should be awarded. Whether you are a faculty member, an advisor, or transfer credit evaluator, this session will identify multiple useful resources for all types of institutions. The goal is to help you understand the promising practices for the evaluation process that lead to consistency and transparency statewide. Developing an understanding of how adopting these promising practices will fit into your existing processes and become part of your institutional practice will assist with implementing HB 488 requirements. This session will provide an overview of regional training days that will be offered throughout spring 2015 to bring these promising practices to your faculty and staff.

PRESENTERS
Barbara Henry, Ph.D.
Assistant Vice President, Non-Traditional and Transfer Student Services
Bowling Green State University

James Funk, J.D.
Professor, Business Technologies/Academic Veterans Counselor
Marion Technical College
Session III – Understanding Military Transcripts and MTAGs
*Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom F*

This session focuses on reading and understanding military transcripts, with detailed demonstrations using Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and Joint Services Transcript (JST) examples. It will also briefly introduce the new Military Transfer Assurance Guide (MTAG) initiative, which will mirror the current statewide system (Ohio Transfer Module, Transfer Assurance Guides, & Career-Technical Assurance Guides) to assure consistent transferability and applicability of military credits among institutions. This presentation is targeted to faculty and staff who advise students, evaluate military training, and process and post academic credits.

**PRESENTERS**

**Jared Shank**  
Transfer Articulation Coordinator  
*Wright State University*  

**Joe Law, Ph.D.**  
Assistant Vice President for Articulation and Transfer  
*Wright State University*  

**Jean Chappell, Ed.D.**  
Dean, Health and Public Safety  
*Cincinnati State Technical and Community College*
Session IV – Veterans Services on Campus  
*Virginia Building, Meeting Room N*

Veterans Services can run the gamut from certifying benefits to reserved housing—what’s a school to do? Please join us for ideas on how to customize services for your campus in order to both meet the new state law and best serve the veterans and military members on your campus now. Emphasis will be placed on resources available to help you develop unique programs and how to size them as this population increases with the coming military drawdown and departure from Afghanistan.

**PRESENTERS**

Michael Carrell  
Assistant Provost & Director, Office of Military and Veterans Services  
*The Ohio State University*

James Favuzzi  
Manager, Veterans Services Program  
*Columbus State Community College*
UNIQUE BREAKOUT SESSIONS
14:20 – 15:05

Session I – Creating Student Service Member/Veteran Organizations
Virginia Building, Meeting Room M

Student veteran organizations help their members enact change on their campus, recreate comradery, and assist with adjusting to college life. In this panel session, student veteran leaders from various campuses talk about the ins and outs of creating and maintaining a student veteran organization. Learn how to create or grow your own veteran organization on your campus through involvement and social activity.

MODERATOR
John Haviland
President, Vets 4 Vets
The Ohio State University

PANEL
Anthony Hinojosa
Wright State University

Tina Morgan
Cleveland State University

Paul Harness
Columbus State Community College
Session II – The American Council on Education (ACE) Faculty Evaluators – Their Review Experience

Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom C

This session will provide an opportunity to have a conversation with the faculty reviewers and the director of college and university partnerships for the American Council on Education (ACE) about the rigor and quality of the ACE review and credit recommendation process for military training, experience, and coursework. The panelists will share their experiences as reviewers.

MODERATOR
Paul Brown, Ph.D.
President
Zane State College

PANEL
Tim Mott, Ph.D.
Director, Off-Campus Programs
Cincinnati State Technical and Community College

Tara Underwood, DHA
Chair, Associate Professor, Health, Physical Education, and Exercise Science
Columbus State University (Georgia)

Mary Beth Lakin
Director, College and University Partnerships
American Council on Education
Session III – Support Resources  
Virginia Building, Grand Ballroom F

Learn promising practices from military and veteran service centers that have successfully implemented programming through community partnerships, campus collaborations, and other resources. A panel of representatives from two- and four-year University System of Ohio institutions describes promising practices, program history, and the resources discovered on and off campus to provide wrap-around services to service members and their families. Statewide initiatives that support service members such as the GI Promise also will be discussed.

MODERATORS  
Richard DeChant  
Executive Director, Veterans Initiative  
Cuyahoga Community College

Beth Gerasimiak  
Senior Director, College Administration  
The University of Toledo

PANEL  
Eli Faes  
Legislative and Public Affairs Director  
Ohio Board of Regents

Lt. Haraz Ghanbari  
Military Liaison, Education and Lifelong Learning Services  
The University of Toledo

Carrie Delaney  
Project Coordinator for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) and Career ReStart  
Lorain County Community College

Terry Worst  
Advisor, Veterans Services Program  
Columbus State Community College
In almost all surveys of the veteran and military community, education and jobs are identified as top issues in Ohio and across the nation. The Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Department of Veterans Services have collaborated with an array of public and private partners, including the Ohio Board of Regents and the University System of Ohio, to address these concerns. This session will help attendees become more familiar with how the institutional programs to support veterans in their pursuit of education fit into the larger statewide effort to connect them to career opportunities and support employers in the State of Ohio.

**PRESENTERS**

**Michael Evans**  
Workforce Policy Manager  
*Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation*

**Daniel Eakins**  
Veterans Programs Administrator  
*Ohio Department of Veterans Services*
NOW ONLINE!

Valuing Ohio Veterans Toolkit
Designed to assist University System of Ohio institutions as they help military veterans and service members pursue higher education.

www.ohiohighered.org/valuing_ohio_veterans/toolkit
The Ohio Department of Veterans Services is a valuable resource for institutions; take a moment to learn more about the mission of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services “[t]o actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans & their families.” Partner with ODVS as it works to “make Ohio a place that our past & present military want to call home.”

**STUDENT VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS**
Talk to veteran organization leadership for information on how to start your own group on campus, and how they become a vital link in connecting student veterans with the administration. Get ideas on great events that are easy to host, ways to get involved, and how to become a staple group on campus and in the community.

**OHIO NATIONAL GUARD**
Meet with Ohio National Guard representatives to better understand their role and the resources available to students. Learn how the Ohio National Guard “makes college possible” through its scholarship program, federal tuition assistance, and GI Bill program and benefits.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES - VETERANS BUSINESS SUPPORT CENTER - OFFICE OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - OHIO MEANS JOBS**
Be informed about the latest initiatives to connect veterans with employers, and employers with veterans as you work to integrate career services on campus. One example of such an initiative is the Veterans Business Support Center, launched in mid-September by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services in partnership with the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation, the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, and OhioMeansJobs.
John Carey  John Carey was appointed Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents by Gov. John R. Kasich in April, 2013. An experienced lawmaker, Carey served nine years in the Ohio House of Representatives and eight years in the Ohio Senate. He is one of the few legislators in history to serve as chairman of both the House Finance and Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Financial Institutions Committee. Prior to his work as a legislator, Carey was mayor of the City of Wellston and was an aide to former Congressman Clarence Miller of Lancaster. Prior to his appointment as Chancellor, Carey served as Assistant to the President for Government Relations and Strategic Initiatives for Shawnee State University in Portsmouth. Chancellor Carey is a graduate of Ohio University with a degree in political science, and is a first-generation college graduate. He was born in Chillicothe and currently resides in Wellston with his wife, Lynley, a college professor, and their two sons, Justin and Jordan.

Mark Thompson  is Senior Executive Vice President, Director of Corporate Operations for Huntington National Bank. In this role, he is responsible for the consumer and commercial bank operations, corporate real estate and facilities management, corporate sourcing, bank physical security and bank integration activities. With nearly 33 years of experience, Thompson has previously served as head of Huntington’s corporate strategy group, as Executive Vice President, CFO of Citizens / RBS Retail and Business Banking segment. Other responsibilities with Citizens / RBS included the oversight of special merger and acquisition projects and leadership of the mortgage business, and Deputy CFO of ABN AMRO North America. Thompson previously served in various executive and financial roles for Lenders Service Inc., Hatfield Phillips Inc., Admiralty Advisors Inc., Commonwealth Mortgage Company Inc. and KPMG Peat Marwick.

Michael Carrell  is an Assistant Provost and Director of the Office of Military & Veterans Services for The Ohio State University (OSU). In this role, he leads OSU’s implementation of a strategic plan for Ohio State’s path to become the first choice for military members, veterans, and their families. His efforts are transforming the university’s approach and delivery of military and veterans services. Prior to this position, Carrell was a Professor of Aerospace Science, Department Chair, and Commander of Air Force ROTC at OSU and had a 23-year military career. Colonel Carrell commanded at the Air Defense Sector/Wing, Group, Squadron, and Flight Levels in the Air Force. Carrell holds multiple graduate degrees, completed his post-graduate fellowship at Harvard’s John F Kennedy School of Government, and has numerous years working both as a military educator and guest lecturer in civilian universities.
Richard DeChant is the Executive Director of Veteran Programs & Services for Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). He brings to Tri-C more than 36 years of experience in crisis management, public affairs, military affairs, and governmental affairs. In his current capacity, Rick is responsible for providing overall leadership, direction, and coordination for all Veterans Services initiatives within Cuyahoga Community College. Rick joined the Tri-C family after five years of service with the Department of Homeland Security as its Assistant Federal Security Director for TSA Operations in northeast Ohio. He is a retired Commander with 21 years of service in the Coast Guard Reserve, including combat tours in the Middle East for Gulf War I and again when he served in Iraq and Kuwait for Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003/2004. Rick holds a BA in communication from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. He and his wife of 36 years, Sharon, reside in Fairview Park, Ohio and are the parents of two grown children.

Udo Maroscher was born August 3, 1938 in the village of Lechnitz, Romania, which is located in a German-speaking area in the Province of Transylvania. Udo became a U.S. citizen on December 14, 1956 and joined the Naval Reserve the same night. After graduation from Columbus South High School in January 1957, Udo attended The Ohio State University (OSU) and graduated with a BS in personnel management in 1961. After graduation from OSU, Udo attended U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island and was commissioned an Ensign in September 1961. He served on active duty for three years on the staff of the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia and left the Navy with the rank of Lieutenant (Junior Grade). Udo is also a member of the Association of Naval Aviation, Military Officers Association of America, life member of Motts Military Museum and past president of the Columbus Maennerchor and current singer with the chorus. Udo is retired from Nationwide Insurance and resides in Madison Township’s Marwick Estates with his wife, Janet.

Esperanza Correa is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. Correa entered the Navy as an Airman at the age of 17. Petty Officer Correa has served in a variety of positions, including Flight Deck Crew, Flight Deck Director, Crash and Salvage Crew Member, Primary Reaction Force Supervisor, Ships Armory Supervisor, Quality Assurance Team Leader, and Female Flight Deck Crew Supervisor. At present, she is a student and a student worker at Lorain County Community College (LCCC). Petty Officer Correa is pursuing a bachelor’s degree in social work through LCCC’s University Partnership with a degree plan to further her education by obtaining a master’s degree in either social work or education. Her career plan consists of helping veterans transition smoothly from the military to civilian life while furthering their education.
Mark Patterson entered the Army as an Infantryman at the age of 18. MSG Patterson has served in a variety of positions including M60 Machine Gunner, Radio Telephone Operator, Team Leader, Squad Leader, Master Gunner, Platoon Sergeant, S-3 Air NCO, Infantry Heavy Weapons Company First Sergeant and Senior Military Instructor at University of Akron. His duty assignments have included Fort Bragg, North Carolina with the 82nd Airborne Division, and the 173D Airborne Brigade Combat Team in Vicenza, Italy. He has received numerous awards and decorations, some of which include: The Bronze Star Medal; The Meritorious Medal; The Army Commendation Medal with Valor; Ranger Tab; Combat Infantryman Badge and Master Parachutist Badge with Bronze Star Device. Currently assigned at The University of Akron as the Senior Military Instructor for Military Science, MSG Patterson is also pursuing his associate degree in business management technology with a degree plan in small business management. He and his wife are the proud parents of a 10-year-old daughter.

Geoff Roberts entered the United States Army in 2007 at 19 years old. After completing One Station Unit Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky to become a Cavalry Scout, Roberts went to Fort Benning, Georgia for Airborne School. After completion of Airborne School, he was assigned to the 5th Squadron, 73rd Cavalry of the 82nd Airborne Division. Roberts completed two deployments to Iraq with his unit. Roberts attended Warrior Leader Course, Airborne School, Combat Lifesaver Course, and Reconnaissance and Surveillance Leader’s Course while with 5-73 CAV. After completion of his active duty service, he attended Bowling Green State University (BGSU) where he earned his bachelor’s degree in education in May of 2014. He currently works for Nontraditional & Transfer Student Services at BGSU as a graduate assistant and is working toward his master’s degree in college student personnel.

Kimberly Hazelgrove is a single mother, full-time student, working professional, volunteer, and legislative advocate. She served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an intelligence specialist from 1995 to 2004, earning the rank of E7 Sergeant First Class. Kimberly lives in Lorain with her family: Brandon (13), Katelyn (11), and Jackson (4), golden retriever Molly and tomcat Sparrow. Her oldest children are in college, Taylor (21), attending her senior year at Indiana State University, and Zachary (19), a sophomore at North Idaho College. Kimberly has graduated from Baldwin Wallace University, where she attended as a full-time student on the post 9/11 GI Bill benefit and Yellow Ribbon program, earned as a benefit from her military service. She works part-time at home as a casual employee of Lockheed Martin, volunteers at the Lorain VA CBOC, and has applied to the University of Southern California, Master of Social Work program.
Timothy Gorrell U.S. Army Retired, was appointed Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services by Governor John R. Kasich on October 4, 2013. Immediately prior to his current appointment, he served as Deputy Inspector General for the State of Ohio. Prior to that, his final assignment, before his retirement from the Army following a 31-year career, was as the Command Inspector General for the Ohio National Guard. Following a period of enlisted service, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery upon completion of officer candidate school in July 1982. He started his career with the 2-28th Field Artillery Battalion in Ansbach, Germany during the height of the Cold War as a battery fire direction officer. Colonel Gorrell is a native of Toronto, Ohio and graduated from the University of Akron in 1981.
A SPECIAL THANK YOU

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The American Council on Education
The Band, courtesy of the Ohio Army National Guard
The Color Guard, courtesy of the Ohio Air National Guard
The Ohio Channel
Ohio Department of Veterans Services
Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation

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