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Veterans Services on Campus

Topics:

Why Should Ohio Pursue This?

Single Point of Contact – Veterans Office?

VA Certifiers

Veterans Orientations

Student-Veteran Organizations

Veterans Resources and Innovative Ideas



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Why Should Ohio Pursue This?

- **Background:**
 - Governor's Executive Order 2008 (GI Promise)
 - 2011 Directive on awarding credit
 - Governor's Executive Order 2013 / PLA With a Purpose
 - Valuing Ohio Veterans & HB 488
 - Principles of Excellence
- **Value of Veterans in the Classroom/On Campus**
- **Right thing to Do**
 - Transition Assistance x3
- **Build Trust with Veterans**
- **Economic Impact they are already bringing**
- **Retaining Talent in Ohio**



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Single Point of Contact

- **Veterans Lead vs. Veterans Office**
 - What is the Purpose –Where should it “sit”
- **VA Certifier**
 - Why Separate
 - University “Price of Admission”
- **Roles/Responsibilities**
 - Policies /Procedures
 - Education & Training (Internal & External)
 - Outreach & Engagement
 - Resource Development / Red Tape
 - Leadership advice, counsel, and agenda setting



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Veterans Orientations

- **Does NOT Replace Academic Orientation**
- **Separate Day/Session Vs Add-on**
- **Focus on Student-Veteran**
 - **Unique Issues**
 - **Available Services**
 - **Integration Opportunities**
 - **Vets Groups Vs All Groups**
 - **Social Events**
 - **Potential Misconceptions (Disability & Counseling Services)**
- **Include Your Communities**
 - **County Service Agencies (x88)**
 - **VA**
 - **Private / Non-Profit**



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Student-Veteran Organizations

- **Allow/Encourage**
- **SVA Alignment?**
- **Support /Advisors**
- **Difficulty in Establishment**
 - **Core Group**
 - **Changes over Time**
 - **University Expertise (Steering Committee)**
- **Niche Groups?**
- **How to utilize them**



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Veterans Resources & Innovative Ideas

- **What is the Purpose—Where should it “sit”?**
- **Leverage Existing Task Forces/Goodwill/Employees**
 - University Events & Offices – Conference / Lunches
- **Veterans Lounges**
 - Access / Renovation / Partnerships
- **Development – “Community Advocates”**
 - Engages Faculty/Staff—Educate & Train
- **Community Partnerships**
 - ISFAC
- **Commencements – Cords/ Aiguillettes Recognition**



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