

# Ohio, the Military-Friendly State

Ohio is home to many retired, enlisted, and aspiring military leaders. Through programs, services, opportunities, legislation, and more, Ohio is committed to the needs of service members and their families. Whether you're a transitioning military member or a veteran, the resources you need to build the life you want are here in Ohio.

## Ohio is Dedicated to Our Nation's Military

JobsOhio is proud to help transitioning military members, veterans, and their families by connecting them to the 8,000+ registered military-friendly Ohio employers that value their skills and experience gained while serving our country. Ohio offers a number of supporting resources, such as tax-free military retirement income, countless military recreational discounts, a Veterans Service Office in every county, and so much more. Read on to discover the many ways Ohio is the right state for you.

## Pro-Military Legislation

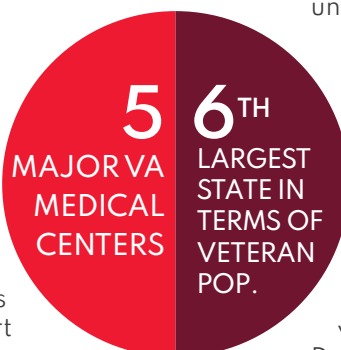
Between 2019 and 2020, Ohio enacted several laws to support military service members, veterans, and their families, including:

- ★ **HB 158:** Makes unemployment compensation available to military spouses.
- ★ **SB 7:** Allows military spouses to obtain another state(s) license without having to pass Ohio's specific licensing exam.
- ★ **HB 16:** Active-duty military and their families now can start or continue their education at in-state tuition rates.
- ★ **HB 287:** Provides Medicaid waivers for military families with special needs dependents.

## A Hidden Hero State

In 2021, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted signed a proclamation designating Ohio as the 7th Hidden Heroes State, honoring military and veteran caregivers who care for wounded or ill service members.

This is part of a larger campaign which recognizes these individuals and inspires businesses and the community to support military caregivers. It also establishes a national registry that connects military caregivers with helpful resources and support.



## Ohio's Hometown Heroes Program

Ohio's Hometown Heroes™ program was started in 2003 to honor the state's service members. Generous local businesses support thousands of military families and provide complimentary tickets to various events.

Hometown Heroes is just one way Ohio recognizes the sacrifices military members make to keep our country safe and let them know, regardless of where they are stationed, Ohio always welcomes them home.

## Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone

In 2021, Ohio was designated as a Military Spouse Economic Empowerment Zone (MSEEZ), providing employment support and advocacy to the military spouse community. To address military spouse unemployment and underemployment, MSEEZ communities establish a range of local employment-related tools and resources.

## Higher Education Support

The Ohio Values Veterans initiative ensures veterans in Ohio receive the appropriate college credit and credentialing for their military training and experience. Through the Ohio GI Promise, veterans and their dependents from anywhere in the country can skip the 12-month residency requirement and attend Ohio's public colleges and universities at in-state tuition rates.

## Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS)

With a mission to provide opportunities and resources to the veteran community through advocacy, collaboration, and partnerships, the ODVS works with the 88 County Veterans Service Offices and conducts outreach to Ohio's veterans. They also coordinate with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) while working with state representatives to craft legislation in support of veterans and their families.

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Whether you're looking for a new career for yourself or your loved ones, Find Your Ohio can help.

## Find Your Ohio

For transitioning military members, veterans, and their families, finding an amazing career and building a life you love are attainable goals in Ohio. The Find Your Ohio program connects you to incredible Ohio-based job opportunities so you can find the right blend of career, affordable living, and authentic community to help you thrive. And in turn, we get the benefit of you bringing your valuable military experiences and skills to our great state. People like you help to make Ohio strong.

## Four Steps to Success

### ★ Step 1) Explore in-demand jobs.

Ohio's fast-growing job market has immediate openings in technology, biotech, engineering, and more. Visit the Find Your Ohio website to search for the next step in your career.

### ★ Step 2) Submit your resume.

Provide some basic information and submit your resume.

### ★ Step 3) Get ready for interviews.

While we get to work matching you with top local employers, you can brush up on your interviewing skills and get ready to put your best foot forward.

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WINNING  
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IN 2023

**820,000**  
VETERANS  
IN OHIO  
(2022)

**90,000+**  
VETERAN  
OWNED  
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IN OHIO

## Explore All Ohio has to Offer

Whether you prefer hiking in the woods or taking a stroll through a bustling, downtown entertainment district, Ohio has you covered. Discover the region best suited to your lifestyle on the Find Your Ohio website.

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