# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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# **ALUMNI CALL TO ACTION: Clergy & Community Engagement**

As you know, the Ohio National Guard Community Outreach office proactively works to engage civilian community leaders in support of troops and their families. We particularly seek your support engaging faith-community leaders and organizations in the clergy outreach initiative, but highlight in this issue other ways to stay engaged with your community.

We know alumni are active in local churches and have strong relationships with clergy. We anticipate that Soldiers, and Airmen who currently serve - and Veterans - are also probably members of your church. Because of this, we respectfully ask you to champion the Ohio National Guard clergy outreach effort and invite local faith-community leaders to get involved. We also encourage you to establish and/or lead a military ministry at your place of worship, attend clergy working group meetings and/or support troops through H.E.R.O.E.S. Care.

### **Mentorship activities:**



**READING ZONE:** Reading Zone is a volunteer, 1:1 reading-mentoring program for male youth reading below a 6th grade level who reside in the Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility. Over 60% of incarcerated youth have an identified educational disability and need specialized instruction. Adult males interested in sharing their experience and knowledge with the youth at the Circleville Juvenile Correctional Facility should contact **Mary Latorre** at **740-571-8273** or **mary.latorre@dys.ohio.gov.** 

<u>COACHING 4 LIFE (C4L):</u> C4L is a partnership that matches court involved youth with adult mentors to develop positive relationships and supports related to exploring and establishing career paths. Adult males living or willing to travel to Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties who would like to share their experience and knowledge with youth who are eager to make a change in their lives should contact <u>Steve Best</u> at <u>513-347-1613</u> or <u>sbest@EasterSealsTriState.org</u>.



## **Veteran-specific activities:**



OHIO VETERANS MEMORIAL MUSEUM (OVMM): OVMM is currently seeking donations of photos, keepsakes, letters and other objects that can be used within the interactive permanent exhibit. They are especially in need of items from the Korean War, Vietnam War, and recent conflicts in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan. To learn more about donating to the permanent collection please contact Juliann Garrett at jgarrett@ovmm.org.

ALL WOMEN VETERANS' FLIGHT: The All Women Veterans' Flight will honor our nation's senior veterans - WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War - made possible by the generous efforts of the Westerville for Honor Flight Committee. Applications are available at <a href="https://www.HonorFlightColumbus.org">www.HonorFlightColumbus.org</a>. Application deadline is Monday, July 11, 2016 and will be processed in the order received. Selected Veterans will be notified by July 30, 2016. For additional information contact Bill Richards or Bobbi Richards at 614-284-4987, 614-595-7718 or HonorFlightColumbus1@gmail.com.

## **Invite local clergy to these educational courses:**

## Veteran Administration's Rural Clergy Training

Date - May 10 & 11, 2016

Time - 1:00PM-5:00PM & 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Sponsor/Location - St. John's Lutheran Church 116 N. 7th Street

Zanesville, Ohio 43701

**Purpose -** A "train the trainer" course that teaches congregational leaders how to support Veterans, current military members and their families and make them aware of services offered by the VA.

RSVP - Pastor Joe Schrock 513-863-5774 zionlutheranseniorpastor@gmail.com Course is limited to 30 - Register now!

#### Soul Injury Workshop

**Date -** May 13-14, 2016

**Time -** 9:00AM-4:00PM

Sponsor/Location - St. John's Evangelical Church

211 E. Carroll Street Kenton, Ohio 43326

**Purpose -** Learn what soul injury is, how trauma creates it, how to find healing, address losses, and the debilitating chronic sorrow that often accompanies soul injuries.

**RSVP -** Reverend Scott Johnson 571-420-8758

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