

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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ALUMNI CALL TO ACTION: Support Clergy Outreach

The Ohio National Guard Community Outreach Office engages civilian clergy and lay leaders in support of troops and their Families. We respectfully request you champion this outreach effort and invite local faith-community leaders to get involved. We know alumni are active in local churches and have strong relationships with clergy. In addition, other members of your congregation may be Soldiers, Airmen or Veterans. We also encourage you to consider establishing or leading a military ministry at your place of worship, attending Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee (RISFAC) meetings or supporting troops through H.E.R.O.E.S. Care.

Become a military ministry leader:



For the first time, Ohio has a group of military ministry leaders across the state. These 21 Ambassadors have agreed to serve as a resource for other congregations or organizations developing military ministries.

If your congregation is interested in joining this group of leaders or if you know another faith organization that might be, please tell us about them. We seek religious and lay leaders who currently have a military ministry or are committed to developing one. We particularly need military ministry leaders in RISFAC Region 2 in southeast Ohio.

Military ministry leaders have been asked to attend RISFAC meetings to meet other civilian clergy, share best practices and stimulate conversation about and commitments toward building military ministries across the state.

RISFAC meetings occur quarterly around the state in the months of January, April, July and October. For more information, visit homefront.ohio.gov/RISFAC.aspx.

On July 6, 2016, at the inaugural meeting of Ohio military ministry leaders, 16 congregations or organizations came together at Beightler Armory to obtain resources and knowledge for developing military ministries, meet key staff and network.

Invite local clergy to this course:

National VA Chaplain Center's Community Clergy Training Program

Date/Time - August 24, 2016 1:00PM-5:00PM & August 25, 2016 8:30AM - 5:00PM

Sponsor/Location - Beightler Armory
2825 W. Dublin Granville Road
Columbus, Ohio 43235

Purpose - This "train the facilitator" course teaches formal and lay religious and organizational leaders how to support Veterans, current military members and their Families and make them more aware of VA services.

RSVP - Register now by contacting the Community Outreach Office. Space is limited.



**Contact Community Outreach at 614-336-7002 or ng.oh.oharng.mbx.ong-outreach@mail.mil to:
Register for the clergy training, obtain the "Military Ministry Toolkit," join the Ohio Military Ministry Network Facebook page or obtain RISFAC meeting dates.**