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Widowed Soldier's goodwill spurs free legal representation program for Ohio military service members and veterans

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Military personnel and veterans who live in Franklin County soon will be able to receive free limited legal assistance from the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

Through a joint partnership between the Ohio National Guard Judge Advocate General Corps and Moritz College of Law, the Capt. Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Veterans Project has become a reality.

Col. Duncan D. Aukland, Ohio National Guard state judge advocate, was working to implement an initiative known as the Ohio Military Veteran Legal Assistance Program (OMVLAP) when he met Capt. Jenna C. Grassbaugh.

"Capt. Grassbaugh was searching for a way to make the tragic death of her husband in Iraq mean something,"

Aukland said. Jonathan Grassbaugh was killed in April 2007 in Zaganiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting a combat logistics patrol.

Jenna is active-duty Army, currently assigned to Fort Jackson, S.C., and attending law school at OSU through the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Grassbaugh wanted to do something more with the proceeds she received from her husband's life insurance benefit, so she formed the Capt. Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Veterans Project to assist Ohio military personnel and veterans.

"Jon's personal motto in life was 'non sibi,' which is Latin for 'not for oneself.' This Veterans Project is the very epitome of that philosophy and embodies the meaning of his sacrifice," Grassbaugh said. "It illustrates the kind of selflessness with which he lived his life and was evidenced every day in the way he loved me. To say that I was lucky to experience that kind of love — even if fleetingly — does not do justice to how grateful I feel to call myself his wife."

Through this program, second and third-year law students are chosen to assist military personnel and veterans (regardless of income), providing legal representation for five specific areas: landlord/tenant issues (the right to terminate a lease); Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (getting a default judgment removed); Rule of Practice Civil Rule No. 60 (statutory right that governs the process); debtor/creditor issues (someone is being sued); and representing service members if an impending default judgment is entered against them while they are deployed (foreclosure remedies).

The five specific areas recommended by the program development team will be approved by OSU law school officials in the near future, according to Aukland.

"Maj. Gen. Deborah A. Ashenhurst, Ohio adjutant general, and Brig. Gen. John C. Harris Jr., Ohio assistant adjutant general for



Capt. Jenna Grassbaugh talks about the Jonathan D. Grassbaugh Veterans Project, named for her husband who was killed in Iraq in 2007, during the kickoff event April 5, 2013, at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. Jenna, who currently attends law school at OSU through the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, began the project by donating \$250,000 of the proceeds from her husband's life insurance policy to help provide veterans and military personnel with free legal assistance from OSU law students. (Ohio National Guard photo by Bill Pierce)

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Ohio National Guard units currently deployed

Air units:

Joint Force Headquarters
121st Air Refueling Wing
123rd Air Control Squadron
178th Fighter Wing
179th Airlift Wing
180th Fighter Wing
200th Red Horse Squadron
251st Combat Communications Group
269th Combat Communications Squadron

Army units:

Joint Force Headquarters
Military Advisory Team - 1
Military Advisory Team - 2
Det. 21
323rd Military Police Company
HHB/174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade
837th Engineer Co.
1487th Transportation Co.
838th Military Police Company
437th Military Police Battalion

As of April 22, 2013, about 1,046 Ohio National Guard Airmen and Soldiers are deployed

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Army, have offered the Ohio National Guard JAG Corps to provide supervision and mentorship for the students," Aukland said.

While requesting Franklin County-area volunteers, Aukland received six positive responses from attorneys willing to assist with the program beginning this fall. Aukland is hopeful that additional attorneys will offer assistance with this program because it is a tremendous service for Ohio's military service members and veterans.

"We have many local attorneys who have been judge advocates and we think an effort can be made to reach out to them and get them involved," Aukland said. "These are essential legal services that our military members and veterans need but many cannot afford. That's why this program and the volunteers are tremendously appreciated by our Ohio National Guard leadership and its members."

The Franklin County Municipal Court determined that the training provided to the students meets requirements for participating lawyers to be covered under OSU's malpractice insurance.

Although this project will begin with Franklin County as a pilot program, Aukland said he hopes it will spread throughout Ohio over time.

"Certainly, other colleges in the major metropolitan areas could have a similar program," Aukland said. "Those colleges have law schools that are connected with their community, and I am certain they have enough military personnel and veterans to warrant a program like this one."

2013 Memorial Tournament Military Appreciation Day - May 29th

The Memorial Tournament is once again proud to offer free admittance to the tournament for anyone with a military ID card on May 29, 2013.

Just present your National Guard, Active, Reserve, Retired or Spouse military ID card at any tournament entrance gate for complimentary admittance. This offer includes immediate family members.

Come out and enjoy the excitement while watching professional golfers practice, or attend the 2013 Memorial Tournament Honoree Ceremony. This year's recipient will be Raymond Floyd.



Past events**April 4 -**

Change of Command
HHD, 155th Chemical Battalion
Kettering
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. William R. Kihn
Incoming Commander:
First Lt. Charles L. Friday

April 7 -

Change of Command
1st Battalion, 137th Aviation Regiment,
Army Aviation Support Facility #2
Rickenbacker
Outgoing Commander:
Lt. Col. Michael W. Smith
Incoming Commander:
Maj. Patrick M. Durbin

April 14 -

Change of Command
HHC, 112th Engineer Battalion
Brook Park
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. Joseph Ayers
Incoming Commander:
First Lt. Carl Clapper

April 14 -

Change of Command
Co. A, 237th Support Battalion (BSB)
Cleveland
Outgoing Commander:
Capt. Becky McKinney
Incoming Commander:
First Lt. Joel McMichael

April 21 -

Call to Duty ceremony
371st Sustainment Brigade
Wittenberg University, Springfield

May events**May 3 -**

The State Command Sergeant Major 6-mile
run challenge
Registration: 6:30 a.m.
Start time: 7 a.m.
Where: Tennis courts at Wilson Bridge Road,
Worthington. The race will follow the
Olentangy Running Path past Antrim Park, to
3-mile marker and returning to the starting
point

May 4 -

Change of Command
216th Engineer Battalion, is 10 a.m. at Camp
Sherman Joint Training Site, Chillicothe
Outgoing Commander:
Lt. Col. Thomas P. Caldwell
Incoming Commander:
Lt. Col. Jennifer R. Mitchell
POC: Capt. Eric Holtzapfle at (614) 336-6541

May 13-16 -

Good Luck to the "Best Warriors" for 2013:
SSG Heath M. Robinson (NCO of the Year-
285th Medical Company), and SPC Vincent
A. Carson (Soldier of the Year-211th
Maintenance Company), as they compete at
the Region IV competition in Illinois

May 19 -

2-174th Air Defense Artillery Retiree
Association Golf Scramble, Fuller's Fairways,
4370 Clay Pike, Zanesville. Registration fee is
\$50 per person or \$200 per team. RSVP no
later than May 15 to Maj. Charles Springer at
(614) 356-7937 or
charles.c.springer8.mil@mail.mil

Department of Defense extends TRDP contract

Press Release, TRICARE Retiree Dental Program

The TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) of the Department of Defense has extended the current TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) contract – which runs from Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2013 – to continue through Dec. 31, 2013.

The contract extension brings no change in premiums or scope of benefits. However, the annual maximum for enrollees in the Enhanced program will be increased to \$1,500 for this period. Those in the Basic program will see their maximum increase to \$1,250. And, although the maximums are being increased for the extended period, enrollees will not be asked to pay a higher deductible.

These changes were implemented April 1, 2013. If you had already reached your maximum for the year, please have your dentist resubmit any claims that were not submitted due to already exceeding the maximum.

Delta Dental also will serve as administrator of the new five-year TRDP contract, which will begin Jan. 1, 2014.

The TRDP, authorized by Congress as part of the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 1997, offers affordable dental benefits as a voluntary option to the nation's 5 million-plus Uniformed Services retirees and their Family members. With current enrollment of more than 1.3 million, the TRDP is the nation's largest voluntary, all-enrollee-paid dental program.

The TRDP will continue as a worldwide, combined fee-for-service/preferred provider program that offers enrollees access to any licensed dentist in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Canada and overseas.

Source: <http://trdp.org/news/contract-extension.html>

State Partnership Program celebrates 20 years

Mr. Csaba Hende (pictured), Hungarian Minister of Defence, will visit JFHQ Headquarters to attend a ceremony on May 17, 2013, celebrating the 20th anniversary of the National Guard State Partnership Program (SPP) pairing Hungary and Ohio.

The program supports the security cooperation objectives of combatant commanders, as well as the country objectives of the chiefs of mission within their areas of responsibility.

Ohio and Hungary have been partnered together since the beginning of the program in 1993. Together, they have conducted over 170 SPP events in a host of security cooperation activities ranging from bilateral familiarizations, small unit exchanges, exercises, senior military and civic leader visits, to deployments of Operational Mentor and Liaison Teams (OMLT) and Police Advisor Teams (PAT) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



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SPACE-A SCHEDULE - RANGB

Another great opportunity to travel Space-A!
Please check the Space-A travel recording at 614-492-3143 for updates. You may sign up online at www.takeahop.com
Print and bring a copy or fax your request to 614-492-3475
Questions/comments can be directed to:
TSgt. Bob Koteles at 614-492-3476

2013 Regional Inter-Service Family Assistance Committee Meetings:

Region 1 - July 25
Region 2 - July 17
Region 3 - July 23
Region 4 - July 23
Region 5 - July 16
Region 6 - July 10

For questions regarding the time or place of RISFAC meetings, contact Staff Sgt. Michael Carden at (614) 336-4135

Retirement Packets

Retirement packets are mailed to your last known mailing address. If you change addresses before your 59th birthday, make sure you contact the office below so they will know where to send your packet.

You will need to send the packet back to receive your retirement pay. Make sure to include the following: NGB Form 22, DD Form 214(s), NGB Form 23, 20-yr letter and SBP election. If you are missing any documents, contact Ms. Jeanette Coughenour at 614-336-7038 (ONG HQs).

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TRICARE Awareness Week held April 22-25

Gov. John Kasich, Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenurst and the Ohio National Guard asked for support from health care providers during TRICARE Awareness Week, April 22-25, 2013.

Last year, in collaboration with more than 11 health care associations across the state, this campaign built awareness about our need for physicians, behavioral health and other health care providers to accept more TRICARE beneficiaries. The need for TRICARE providers is particularly strong in the rural areas of Ohio.

This year, messages were sent to nearly 30 health care provider associations for their members and an educational tour was conducted at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base to showcase the Ohio National Guard. A one-hour overview was also provided by Dr. Chrisanne Gordon from *Resurrecting Lives*, explaining how to recognize symptoms of Traumatic Brain Injury.

Please speak with the health care professionals you know about accepting more TRICARE beneficiaries. Invite them to join the other patriotic health care providers who treat the more than 155,500 Ohio service members, Families and retiree beneficiaries who sacrifice to protect our freedoms.

For additional information about TRICARE Awareness Week, visit <http://ong.ohio.gov/TRICARE.html>.

