

# ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



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## ALUMNI CALLED TO ACTION: CLERGY OUTREACH

As you may know, the Ohio National Guard community outreach office actively works to engage faith-community leaders and organizations in support of Service members, Veterans and their Families. Local community churches and clergy leaders are perfectly suited to provide tangible and spiritual support - please invite your clergy to get involved.

The purpose of clergy outreach is to build awareness about and promote sensitivity to the spiritual and personal needs of Service members and their Families. This is accomplished through clergy working group meetings, clergy orientation flights, a partnership with H.E.R.O.E.S Care and utilization of the military ministry toolkit.

Please invite local faith-based organizations and clergy to get involved supporting troops in any of the ways described below. You are also encouraged to establish and lead a military ministry, attend clergy working group meetings with your clergy and/or support troops through H.E.R.O.E.S. Care.

### A Partnership with H.E.R.O.E.S. Care

Homefront. Enabling. Relationships. Opportunities. Empowerment. Support.

H.E.R.O.E.S. Care supports troops and their families completely and proactively from pre-deployment and up to two years post-deployment, providing financial, job placement, family care, and mental health care services. Services are also available for troops and families who have never deployed. Since the Adjutant General signed the Memorandum of Understanding in November 2014, service member support has grown. Our troops have also received thousands of dollars worth of donations. We also seek your support identifying service or family members who may be interested in receiving psychological, moral or spiritual support through this program. **For more information visit: [www.heroescare.org](http://www.heroescare.org)**



*Veteran trying on new dress shirt.*

### Suits for Veterans

On the weekend of January 9, 2016, H.E.R.O.E.S. Care teamed up with Madel O'Neil from David Lutheran Church of Canal Winchester, Ohio and Ohio Army National Guard member Capt. Mitchell Stafford to distribute new men's suits to Veterans. The idea was to give Veterans confidence in their job search process as they transition to a civilian life. H.E.R.O.E.S. Care and the volunteers are extremely grateful to Men's Warehouse and the community members who volunteered for "Suits for Veterans."

This group anticipates hosting this event again in 2017 for men and women. If you are interested in volunteering or donating new suits, please contact Madel O'Neil at [madeloneil@aol.com](mailto:madeloneil@aol.com).

### The Ohio National Guard's Military Ministry Toolkit

This toolkit includes ideas on how to establish a military ministry, identify local resources, learn about military culture, post-traumatic stress, moral injury and traumatic brain injury from subject matter experts who are pioneers in their field. If you know a clergy who would enjoy receiving the full toolkit on disc, please contact the Community Outreach office.

#### Clergy Working Group Meetings

**Date** - February 11, 2016

**Time** - 1:30PM-3:30PM

**Topic** - Military Ministry Toolkit

**This meeting is via Zoom. Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android.**  
<https://zoom.us/j/678946122>

**RSVP using the following link:**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWG\\_11FEB2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWG_11FEB2016)

**Date** - March 10, 2016

**Time** - 9:00AM-2:00PM

**Topic** - WPAFB Chaplain's office Clergy Summit

**Location** - Prairies Chapel  
6568 Chapel Lane  
Riverside, OH 45431

**RSVP using the following link:**  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWG\\_10MARCH2016](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CWG_10MARCH2016)



September 10, 2015 Clergy Orientation Flight at Rickenbacker Air Force Base

**For additional information, contact the Community Outreach Office at 614-336-7002**