



★★★★ United States Senator for Ohio ★★★★★

Sherrod Brown

Standing up for Ohio Veterans

Sen. Brown believes that Ohio's veterans deserve the benefits they earned by serving our nation in uniform. As the first Ohio Senator to serve a full term on the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, Sen. Brown fights each day for Ohio's nearly 900,000 veterans. For more than 145 years, Ohio has been a leader in veterans' services – the VFW was founded in Columbus, one of the nation's first VA hospital was established in Dayton, and it has an extraordinary system of county veterans' service offices. Sen. Brown is working to ensure that Ohio remains a leader in serving those who served us.

Ensuring Veterans Receive The Benefits They Have Earned

- Helped pass legislation to guarantee timely funding for the VA so it can improve the delivery and quality of medical care, and not be a victim of partisan gridlock in Washington
- Led the fight for the *Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act*, which would give veterans a COLA for disability compensation, dependency, and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children, and other related benefits
- Authored the *Emergency Care Fairness Act*, which would allow local hospitals to be reimbursed by the VA for care provided to veterans in certain emergency situations



Helping Returning Servicemembers Transition to New Jobs and Civilian Life

- Helped establish tax credits to employers who hire out-of-work veterans
- Championed the *Veterans Retraining Assistance Program (VRAP)*, which helps out-of-work veterans between the ages of 35-60 train for jobs in high-demand industries
- Helped launch the Solar by Soldiers program, which trains and employ veterans in clean energy installation



Investing in Veterans' Education

The Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act

- The largest investment in veterans education since the original GI Bill
- Ensures funding of the GI Bill keeps up with the escalating costs of education

Quick Reference Guide

Dept. of Veterans Affairs VA Benefits:

Tel: (800) 827-1000

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Beneficiaries:

Tel: (877) 294-6380

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Education:

Tel: (888) 442-4551

Dept. of Veterans Affairs Health Care:

Tel: (877)222-8387

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services:

Tel: (877) 726-4727

Mental Health:

Tel: (240) 276-1310

Substance Abuse Treatment:

Tel: (240) 276-1660

Ohio Here to Help

Tel: (888) 296-7541

(operated by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services)

Ohio Dept. of Veterans Services:

Tel: (877) 644-6838

County Departments of Veterans Services:

Url: www.dvs.ohio.gov/home/county_veterans_service_officers.aspx

Veterans Job Resources

Lists available positions with the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Url: www.va.gov/jobs

Lists available positions for veterans in the United States Department of Labor.

Url: www.dol.gov/vets

U.S. Office of Personnel Management's Government-wide Veterans Employment.

Url: www.fedshirevets.gov

This website provides access to education, employment, and relocation assistance and provides suicide prevention services, stress relief services and parenting assistance.

Url: www.militaryonesource.com

The Supporting Education for Returning Veterans (SERV) Act

- Created a grant program to establish campus Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success to serve as a single point of contact for veteran student support

The Veterans Education Tuition Support (VETS) Act

- Caps student loan interest rates during deployment
- Allows students to reenter the same college or university with the same educational & academic status they had obtained prior to leaving for duty

Meeting Ohio Honor Flights in Washington D.C.

Senator Brown's office can help you cut through the red tape if you're having difficulty interacting with a federal agency & can assist you in the following areas:

- Veterans Benefits
- Applying to Military Service Academies
- Receiving military service records, discharges, medals, and awards
- Social Security and Medicare Benefits
- Pension and Retirement Benefits
- Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Questions
- Help with Other Federal Agencies

If you would like to talk to a caseworker, please call the Senator's office toll-free at: 888-896-OHIO (6446)

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