

# **NEWSLETTER**

Quarterly JULY 2010

## **HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION**

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### **NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE CHILDREN OF FALLEN SERVICE MEMBERS**

*Department of Veterans Affairs  
News Release 4/30/10*

WASHINGTON- The children of military personnel who died in the line of duty since September 11, 2001 can apply for an educational scholarship similar to the new Post -9/11 GI Bill. Benefits are retroactive to August 1, 2009.

The scholarship, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, are named after Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry, 28, a Texas native who died in Iraq in 2006 while disarming an explosive. He was survived by three young children.

“The Fry scholarship represents this nation’s solemn commitment to care for children whose mothers and fathers paid the ultimate price for our country,” said secretary of

Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki.

VA begins accepting applications for the Fry scholarship on May 1, 2010. For more information or assistance applying, call toll free 1-888-GIBILL-1 (1-888-442-4551), or visit the VA GI Bill website [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)

VA estimates nearly 1,500 children will receive benefits under the Fry scholarship program in 2010. Recipients generally

have 15 years to use their benefits, beginning on their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Eligible children attending institutions of higher learning may receive payments to cover their tuition and fees up to the highest amounts charged to public, in-state students at undergraduate institutions in each state. A monthly housing allowance and stipend for books and supplies are also paid under this program.

VA will begin paying benefits under the Fry scholarships on August 1, 2010. Eligible participants may receive benefits retroactively to August 1, 2009, the same day the Post 9/11 GI Bill took effect.

Eligible children may be married. Recipients are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100 percent level.

When dependents also service in the military, the reserves or are Veterans in their own right, eligible for education benefits under the Montgomery GI Bill for Active Duty, the Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserves or the Reserve Educational Assistance program (REAP), they would

relinquish their eligibility under those programs to receive benefits under a Fry scholarship.

### **VA CUTTING INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR FAMILIES**

*Department of Veterans Affairs  
News Release 4/29/10*

WASHINGTON- Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced today that military personnel insuring their families under the Servicemembers Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, will have reduced out-of-pocket expenses beginning July 1.

“VA hopes these reductions will allow more military personnel to obtain affordable life insurance coverage for their spouse, particularly in these difficult economic times,” said Shinseki. “Without insurance protection, life after the loss of a spouse can be not only challenging emotionally, but can place a severe financial strain on a family.”

Family SGLI (FSGLI) monthly premium rates will be reduced for all age groups by an average of 8

percent. The new rates are based on revised estimates for the cost of the program. This is the third time that premiums have been reduced since the FSGLI program began in November 2001. Spousal premiums were previously reduced for all age groups in 2003 and 2006.

FSGLI coverage provides life insurance protection to military personnel for their spouses and children. Children are automatically insured for \$10,000 with no premiums charged.

Based on the coverage of service members, spouses may be insured for up to \$100,000. Military personnel pay age-based premiums for spousal coverage—the older the spouse, the higher the premium rate.

The premium reduction ensures FSGLI remains highly competitive compared to commercial insurers.

FSGLI coverage is available in increments of \$10,000. The current and revised monthly premium rates per \$10,000 of insurance, along with other information, are available on the Internet at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov).

## **SPECIAL EXTRA EARNINGS SOCIAL SECURITY**

[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security.

Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit.

Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are **not** granted for inactive duty training.

If your active military service occurred

- **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you

apply for Social Security benefits.

**From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits were automatically added to your record.

**After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credit for military service.

### **HOW TO GET CREDIT FOR SPECIAL EXTRA EARNINGS**

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from **1957 through 2001**. Here is how the special extra earnings are credited to your record:

**Service in 1957 through 1977** – you are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

**Service in 1978 through 2001** – For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and did not complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive

the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details.

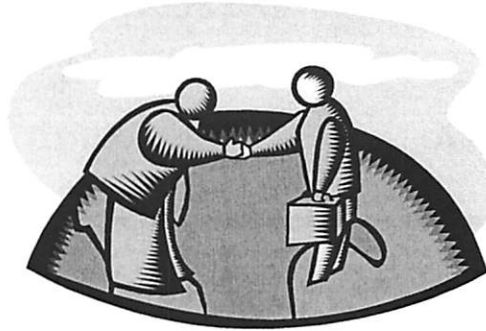
### **NEWSLETTER**

**This Newsletter is published quarterly. The VSC welcomes articles of general interest to the veteran community of Hamilton County. Please submit your articles by mail or fax to our office. Be sure to include a contact person and telephone number.**

**Deadline Next Issue**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**

# OUTREACH



**JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER**

**GREEN TOWNSHIP SENIOR CENTER  
3620 EPLEY ROAD  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45247**

*TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.*

**JOB FAIR  
GREAT AMERICAN BALL PARK  
100 JOE NUXHALL WAY  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202**

*THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2010 from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.*

**HILLRISE SENIOR CENTER  
1500 GROESBBECK ROAD  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45224**

*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.*

**HAMILTON COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION  
230 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 1100, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
Phone: 513-946-3300  
Fax: 513-946-3320**

***The Veterans' Day Committee  
Of Hamilton County***

**P.O. Box 11595 – Cincinnati, Ohio 45211**

***VETERANS' DAY PARADE  
NOVEMBER 7, 2010***

*The Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County in cooperation with the City of Harrison, Ohio is sponsoring a Veterans Day Parade through the streets of Harrison. The parade will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2010, with the starting time of 2:00 P.M. You are cordially invited to participate in this patriotic parade. Enclosed is a registration form. This is the Twenty First Annual Veterans' Day Parade. Parade rules prohibit any sign of a political nature. Entrants are requested to decorate their vehicles. The parade theme will be honoring all war veterans.*

**A brief Memorial Service will be held after the parade.**

**Antique and Classic Cars will be on display.**

**We look forward to seeing you on November 7, 2010.**

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P.O. Box 11595 – Cincinnati, Ohio 45211***

***VETERANS' DAY 2010***

**VETERANS' DAY PARADE – NOV. 7**

The 2010 Veterans' Day Parade will be held in the City of Harrison. There will be a short Memorial Service following the parade. The antique and classic cars will be on display nearby. For information about the parade contact Parade Chairman Bill Gettler 738-3844. The Parade theme will be honoring all war veterans, men and women.

**VETERANS' DAY BANQUET – NOV. 5**

The Veterans' Day Banquet will be held at Gailey VFW Post 7340, 8326 Brownsway Ln. in North College Hill. The price of \$25.00 per person includes dinner and open bar. Cocktail hour will be 6:00 – 7:00 PM, dinner will be from 7:30 – 8:30 PM, and the program will begin at 8:30 PM and last no longer than 45 minutes. For ticket information contact Eugene Jablonowski at 825-3815, for banquet information contact Robyn Lucas at 522-2719.

**VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM ADS**

The member organizations of the VDCHC pay no assessment or dues. The activities sponsored by the committee must be self-supporting. The price of the dinner tickets is set to just cover expenses. The proceeds from advertisement in the Veterans' Day Program are needed to cover all the other expenses. Ads are available at the following rates: full page-\$55.00, half page-\$30.00, quarter page-\$20.00, business card-\$15.00. Ads must be received by September 15th. For information about placing an ad call Pat Canfield 661-5297 or Bob Schinaman at 257-5703.

**The Veterans' Day Committee  
Of Hamilton County**

**PARADE REGISTRATION FORM**

The \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of group or organization)

will participate in the Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 7, 2010.

TYPE OF ENTRY: Band \_\_\_\_ Float \_\_\_\_ Vehicle \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

We agree to abide by all rules and regulations of The Veterans' Day Committee Of Hamilton County Inc., laws and ordinances of the City of Harrison, the sponsors and insurance companies. We agree to indemnify and hold harmless the sponsors for any and all personal injury, property damage or loss, or any other liability in connection with this event.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Responsible Party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**PLEASE MAIL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

SEND TO: Bill Gettler Parade Chairman  
6030 Riel Drive  
Okeana, Ohio 45053

**MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS: AMERICAN LEGION, AMVETS, ARMY NAVY UNION, C.V.W.W., DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, MARINE CORPS LEAGUE, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AND VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA.**

**VETERANS' DAY COMMITTEE  
OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

**2010 PROGRAM AD ORDER FORM**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION

PRICE OF AD

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Thank you for agreeing to purchase an ad in the 2010 Veterans' Day Committee of Hamilton County program book. The proceeds from these ads help to underwrite the expenses associated with the Veterans' Day Parade.

If you had an ad in the 2009 program, please make the necessary changes and include that ad with your payment. If this is a new ad, please attach a copy of the ad as you wish it to appear in the program book. A hand written copy of the text is sufficient, as we will retype the ad. We have in our file the emblems of most of the organizations. If you wish to include an emblem please mark the position. The deadline for ads is September 15, 2010.

Please mail the ad and payment to: Pat Canfield  
2482 Wahl Terrace.  
Cinti., OH 45211-8128

The prices for ads are:	Full Page	\$55.00
	Half Page	30.00
	Quarter Page	20.00
	Business Card	15.00

If you require a receipt please fill out the following:

Payment received from \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ For a \_\_\_\_\_ size ad

Payment type: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VDCHC Treas. or Comm. Chmn. \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks again for your donation. If you have a question or for more information call:  
Pat Canfield 661-5297, Bob Schinaman 257-5703.