

## Ohio Department of Veteran Services



Services for veterans were elevated to a cabinet level position with the creation of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services on August 22, 2008 replacing the Governor's Office of Veterans Affairs.

To fulfill their mission statement, "to actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans and their families," the DVS has a wide range of responsibilities including the operational oversight of the 88 County Veterans Service Offices.

Services for veterans are coordinated through the county offices. Contact information for each of the offices is available at the department web site <http://dvs.ohio.gov>.

The county offices provide information and guidance on a variety of topics including:

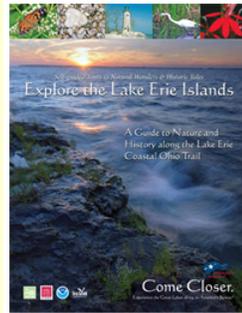
- Benefits Counseling Service
- Burial/Cemeteries
- Compensations and Claims
- Education
- Employment Services
- Financial Assistance
- Health including the VA Medical Centers
- Legal Assistance
- Medals and Awards
- Military Injury Relief Fund
- Recreational Benefits
- Small Business
- State Taxes



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## Notable Government Documents

The American Library Association's announcement in the Library Journal May 15, 2010 article Digital Dreams and Dashboards : Notable Government Documents 2009 includes two publications from Ohio selected for excellence in the state documents category.



From the Ohio State University Sea Grant College Program, Explore the Lake Erie Islands : a guide to nature and history along the Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail. This publication has a detailed description of each island and its parks, preserves, historic sites and trails as well as maps and lists of frequently spotted flora and fauna. The beauty of the prose and illustrations is exceptional.

Copies may be obtained by contacting the Sea Grant Office at 614.292.8949. It is also available online at

<http://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/documents/publications/GS/GS-025ExploretheLakeErieIslandsAGuidetoNatureandHistoryAlongtheLakeErieCoastalTrail.pdf>

The idea for The Great Depression Story Project of the Ohio Department of Aging was suggested by First Lady Frances Strickland. In March 2009, the department issued a news release asking Ohioans to submit their recollections from the Great Depression. According to a press release acknowledging the award, the department collected 313 stories from people in 54 Ohio counties and a few former residents. The average age of those submitting stories was 85.

Nearly 1,000 excerpts from those stories were posted to the department's website [www.aging.ohio.gov/news/greatdepressionstoryproject](http://www.aging.ohio.gov/news/greatdepressionstoryproject) in fall 2009. They present a diverse range of topics from food and clothing to employment, home life and differences between then and today. The most common theme throughout the stories was that people, families and neighborhoods of that era seemed much more self-sufficient and connected as communities than we are today.



## Executive Orders



Ohio governor full text Executive Orders have been an elusive commodity in the past. Now thanks to Ohio Capitol Connection they are available online for Governors Celeste (1983-1990), Voinovich (1991-1998), Hollister (1999), Taft (2000-2006) and Strickland (2007- ).

To locate Executive Orders at Ohio Capitol Connection front page, look for the Documents section in the red box at the far right. The top item is Executive Orders. If you click on the link, it will take you to a list of executive orders separated out by administration and year.

Additionally, you can key word search all of the Executive Orders by selecting SEARCH from the toolbar and then selecting DOCUMENTS. On that page you will have numerous types of documents

available. Put a check in the box to the left of Executive Orders and then type your search term into the text box and hit search.

As an OhioLink database, Ohio Capitol Connection is available to state employees and OhioLink members. It is available from the database resources page or from a title search in the OhioLink central catalog and in the State Library of Ohio catalog. State Library of Ohio Research Services will be happy to conduct a search for patrons who do not have access. Email them at [refhelp@library.ohio.gov](mailto:refhelp@library.ohio.gov) or call 1-800-686-1532 (Ohio only) or 614-644-7051.

