



## 2023 All-Ohio U.S. Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration



The Ohio Department of Education, in partnership with schools and communities, will host an in-person All-Ohio United States Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration for Ohio's students committed to military service on March 7. Students in grades 11 and 12 who have committed to military service are invited to attend. This includes Ohio students that:

- Will attend a service academy in the fall;
- Accepted a Reserve Officer Training Corp (ROTC) scholarship; or
- Enlisted for service as active duty, reserve or National Guard.

This year's celebration will take place at the National Veterans Memorial and Museum, 300 W. Broad Street, Columbus, on Tuesday, March 7 at 11 a.m. Doors open at 10 a.m. for check-in and museum access. The program will begin promptly at 11 a.m.

Registration is required. Seating is limited, each student may bring up to two guests. Students will register guests as part of their registration. Military recruiters must be registered as a guest of an attending student. Attendees can view the museum's exhibits prior to and at the conclusion of the ceremony. Registration will close on Monday, Feb. 28, or earlier if seating is full.

**Register here to attend the [All-Ohio United States Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration](#).**

This year's event will highlight a student speaker. The topic is "What is your reason for joining the armed forces? What does service mean to you, your family, and your community?" Students interested should indicate their interest on their registration form and submit a copy of their remarks with a short biography to [PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov](mailto:PurpleStar@education.ohio.gov) by Feb. 20, 2023. The student speaker will be notified of their selection via email on Feb. 24, 2023.

On-site parking is available for \$6.00. Veterans and service members park for free with validation. Buses may drop off at the venue and park off site.

---

## 2022 All-Ohio U.S. Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration

---

Honor, tradition and service are hallmarks of the United States military, and Ohioans have made countless storied contributions to our nation's armed forces. Ohio's students are continuing this legacy and the Ohio Department of Education is recognizing their commitment to military service with the Annual All-Ohio United States Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration. The Department is proud of students entering military service and their commitment to our nation.

Individuals who want to draw attention to the event on social media can help by using [#OhioMilitarySigningDay](#).

---

## 2021 All-Ohio U.S. Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration

In the video below, former State Superintendent Paolo DeMaria and Maj. Gen. Deborah Ashenhurst, director of the Ohio Department Veterans Services, join Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to recognize

and congratulate students who have committed to military service, including active duty, Reserve and National Guard.

202220

Ohio recognizes military service as a meaningful post-high school pathway for students who wish to enlist and proudly celebrates students who commit to serve each year. Ohio's graduates have the option of [earning seals on their diplomas](#) for meeting special requirements in specific areas. Military enlistment is among these twelve graduation seals. *Each Child, Our Future*, Ohio's strategic plan for education, is aligned to the one goal of student success post-graduation, which includes serving in a military branch. The All-Ohio United State Armed Forces Career Commitment Celebration is an opportunity to celebrate students each year who dedicate themselves to military service.