

## Support Group Officers:

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### Organization Founders (2003):

\*MG (Ret) Oscar and Babe Decker  
(both deceased as of 9/12/20)

### Education Grants and Scholarships:

Local Service members, Post 9/11/01 Veterans, and their immediate family members are eligible for our **Educational Assistance Grants** for college education, and/or technical training. We also offer **MG and Mrs. Decker Scholarships** to Union County high school seniors going on to college, who have a record of selfless/community service. Specific grant and scholarship eligibility criteria, submission information, and application forms can be found on our website at [www.ucmfsg.com](http://www.ucmfsg.com), or call the UCMFSG Secretary/Treasurer at 937-644-2674, or Email: [bonnells.suffolks@gmail.com](mailto:bonnells.suffolks@gmail.com).

## Other Local Resources:

### Ohio National Guard:

Troop and Family Assistance Center (Region 6):  
(Columbus) 800-589-9914

Assists service members and their families from all branches of the military.

### C Battery, 1-134th Field Artillery:

(Marysville) 614-336-6000 ext 4061

### C Battery, 1-174th Air Defense Artillery:

(Marysville) 614-336-6820

### Union County Red Cross: 642-6651

### Union County Veterans Service Office:

A county agency providing emergency financial assistance to eligible active duty military, veterans, and their families for food, utilities, rent/mortgage payments, and other living necessities. It helps veterans of all eras in obtaining VA medical care, and provides transportation to VA clinics and hospitals. It also assists veterans and/or their widows with filing for various Federal VA benefits. Tel: 937-642-7956 835 East 5th St, Marysville

### Veterans Affairs (VA) Local Assistance:

VA Columbus Medical Clinic: 614-257-5200

**Suicide Crisis Hot Line: Dial 988**



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## UNION COUNTY MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

P.O. Box 1001  
Marysville, Ohio 43040

[www.ucmfsg.com](http://www.ucmfsg.com)

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*"A 501 (C) (3) charity supporting local  
military service members, Post 9/11  
Veterans, and their families since 2003"*





## WHY DOES UNION COUNTY HAVE A MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP ?

Union County has had many men and women serving in the military, especially since 9/11/01. Many local families have loved-ones deployed far from home with National Guard, Reserve, or Regular units, many of which are serving overseas. Furthermore, many military members serve in Guard/Reserve units which are scattered throughout Ohio and other states. These military units have family readiness (support) groups, but they are located where the units are based. Therefore, no military support base/organization existed locally to assist the families left behind in Union County. Likewise, the two Army National Guard units stationed in Marysville (since 2008) have soldiers and family readiness groups which often need assistance. Since 9/11/01, there has been a critical need for local military family support, to not only aid our neighbors who are serving in the military, but also to support their families left behind. Thus in 2003, the Union County Military Family Support Group (UCMFSG) was formed to meet these needs.

## UCMFSG MISSION STATEMENT

Identify, and then aid, local military service members, returning veterans, and their families, of all branches of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard units within Union County, by determining their needs, and then providing the necessary recognition, support, and social activities to meet their individual and collective requirements.

## UCMFSG VISION STATEMENT

The UCMFSG continues to be an active and respected community service organization/charity within Union County providing necessary recognition and support for local service members, returning veterans, and their families. Through effective networking and coordination, we timely link and funnel available community resources to address the needs of our military/veteran families.

## UCMFSG GOALS

- Identify and communicate with all local military service members, veterans who have served since 9/11/01, and their families.
- Link local service members, Post-9/11/01 veterans, and their families with each other for mutually-supportive communications and beneficial social experiences.
- Network with local service members, veterans, military units, their respective families, and local veteran/service groups, businesses, and government/community agencies.
- Establish fund raising procedures/events to generate tax-deductible donations to fund projects/activities, and to provide goods, services, and monetary aid, benefiting service members, veterans, and their families.
- Provide financial aid for college education/technical training for local veterans and/or their family members; and for scholarships promoting community service by local youth.

## UCMFSG MEMBERSHIP

The UCMFSG is a local, **501 (C) (3) non-profit charity**. Membership is free, and is open to anyone interested in helping service members, military units, Post-9/11/01 veterans, and their respective families. We encourage military families (spouses, children, parents, etc.) to join and participate in our meetings, social activities, and supportive network, especially while their loved-ones are deployed. We also encourage veterans of all eras to join, and continue "to serve and pay forward." **Our membership list is kept confidential.** We never supply the membership list, individual military member names, home/military addresses, and/or email addresses to other individuals and organizations. We have a website and Facebook page; however, official communication with our members is conducted by email; thereby, avoiding less secure means.

## HOW OUR GROUP IS FUNDED

As a **501 (C) (3) charity**, we are largely funded by tax-deductible donations from individual citizens of Union County. We accept donations by mail throughout the year (based on our reputation and "word of mouth"). We are also supported by many local churches, community service groups, and veteran organizations. We may also have a supply drive for our Troop Care Box program. **We never solicit donations by phone, mail, or internet!**

## WHEN AND WHERE WE MEET

We have quarterly membership meetings at American Legion Post 79 in Legion Park, Marysville, Ohio. **Contact us for dates/times.**

## OUR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

We have numerous activities/events throughout the year to meet the needs of service members, military units, and families such as: hayrides, picnics, ice cream socials, spouse/veteran luncheons, bowling, etc. We fund trips to the Columbus Zoo, COSI, and local fairs. We also gather throughout the year to pack Troop Care Boxes. We are also committed to helping homeless veterans, those suffering with PTSD and TBI, and with the **prevention of suicide!**

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Join our group and/or support our activities.
- Show appreciation to service members, Post 9/11/01 Veterans, and to their families for their service and sacrifice.
- Support military families with services, goods, and activities at a reduced cost.
- **Make donations to: Union County Military Family Support Group, P.O. Box 1001, Marysville, Ohio 43040**