



THE POWER OF LISTENING TO VETERANS AS THEY RETURN TO THEIR COMMUNITY

The Listen to a Veteran Project is about human connections and the healing power of listening.

- It's NOT an interview – it's about human connection.
- Helping veterans heal through the power of listening with open hearts and minds.
- NO recordings
- Completely confidential
- NO cost

Interested in becoming a Listener?
Interested in having a listening session about your service?

EDUCATIONAL CONNECTIONS

Ashland University, North Central State College, and the Ohio State University at Mansfield support the Listen to a Veteran Project to provide veterans with opportunities to attain their educational goals. It is important to create an environment that is safe, accepting and supportive of all students on our campuses, including veterans, to help them heal and to increase their chances of attaining their educational goals.

THE LISTEN TO A VETERAN PROJECT OFFICE PROVIDES LISTENING SESSIONS TO VETERANS THROUGHOUT NORTH CENTRAL OHIO.



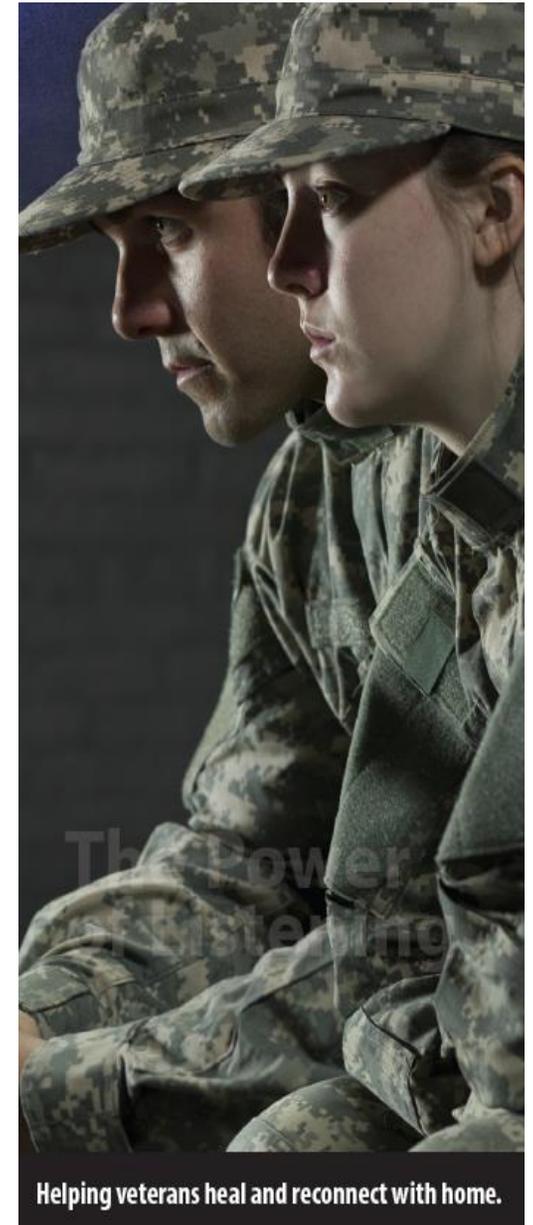
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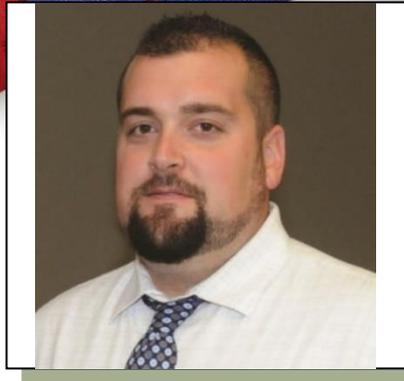
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LISTEN TO A VETERAN

(FORMERLY THE WELCOME JOHNNY & JANE HOME PROJECT)





ADJUSTING TO HOME

Upon returning to civilian life, many veterans struggle and suffer from a sense of isolation because of their military experiences. It is important to create an environment that is safe, accepting and supportive.

The Listen to a Veteran Project is about welcoming veterans back into our communities and providing opportunities to share their experiences one-on-one.

At its core, the Listening Project is an opportunity for nonveteran listeners to provide a safe space for veterans to share their experiences. The nonveteran listens with heart and develops a deeper understanding of veterans. By bearing witness to veterans' experiences, the ever-widening gap between veterans and nonveterans is diminished.

ADAM BOYCE HELPS GUIDE THE LISTENING PROJECT

Adam Boyce, Listen to a Veteran Project Steering Committee (formerly WJH Project), graduated from Lexington High School in 1999, and joined the US Army in 2002. Adam was deployed to Iraq in 2004 and asked to join a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) team. On April 11, 2004, Adam was wounded while in a prolonged firefight with enemy insurgents and subsequently award the Purple Heart for an injury received that day. Adam was also hit directly by an IED on November 4, 2004 while patrolling a local village with the QRF team resulting in a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). After discharge he wanted to find a way to help other Veterans who have been through similar experiences. Adam works with veterans in his role as Veterans Service Officer in Ashland County. Adam has been married to the same wonderful woman, Amanda, for almost 14 years and has three children who keep him constantly busy. Adam recently graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with honors and is hoping to continue to serve the local Veteran community for a long time!

LISTENING IS EMPOWERING

The Listen to a Veteran Project (formerly WJH) is about human connections and the healing power of listening. The Project helps veterans heal and reduce the too-common chasm between veterans and nonveterans by having one nonveteran simply listen to a veteran from any era.

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