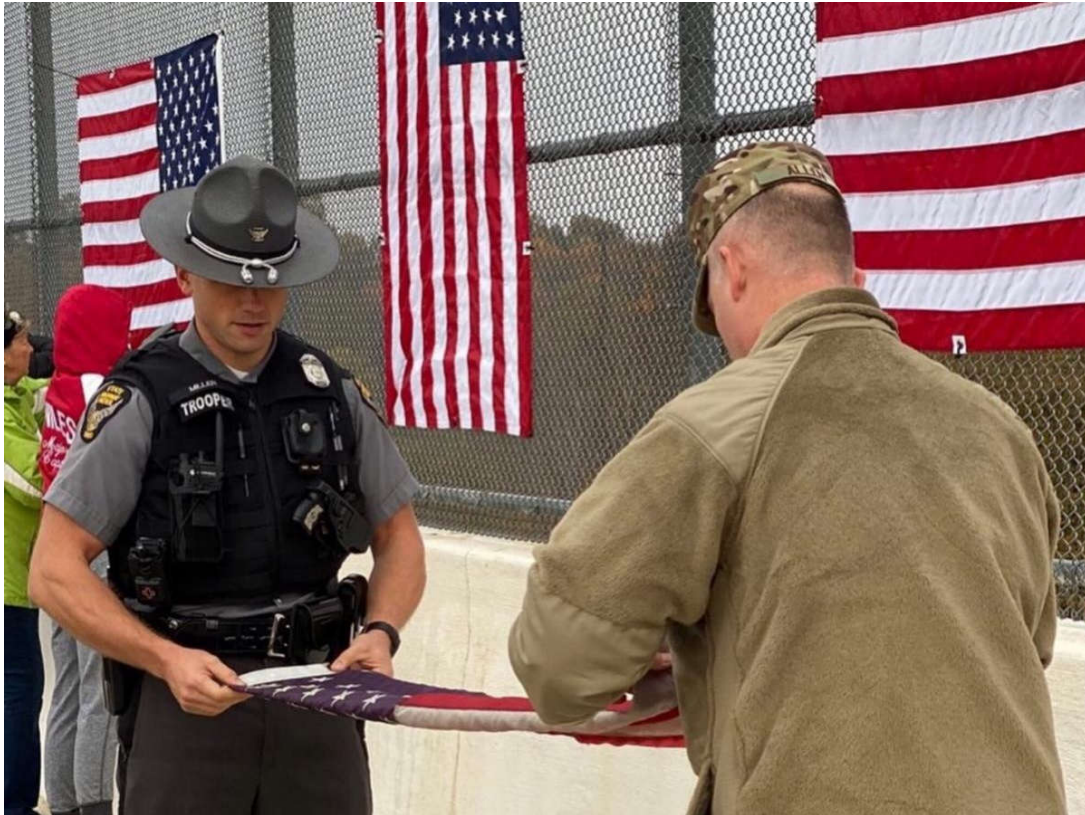




HIGHWAY PATROL RETIREMENT SYSTEM

November 2023 Newsletter

Contact Us: 614.431.0781



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Pre-Medicare HRA Project Update

As a reminder, the Pre-Medicare HRA project pertains only to the Pre-Medicare (under age 65) Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) that will begin in January 2024.

All retirees that are eligible for the HPRS Pre-Medicare Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) must take action by completing the opt-in process. Retirees who do not take action will not be provided the allowance and will potentially miss out on HRA benefits.

The opt-in process can be easily accomplished by going to marketplace.viabenefits.com/HPRS and selecting your funding decision. You may also opt-in by calling Via Benefits at 800-667-2184.

Additionally, the Pre-Medicare HRA funds have been made available immediately for reimbursement of 2024 health care premiums only. When you review your funds available it will

show two months of HRA allowance (an extra month for 2023, and also January 2024). This is to help with the payment of premiums made now, for coverage that will begin in January 2024. No other expenses in 2023 are eligible for reimbursement. However, unused funds will rollover into 2024 and be available for reimbursement for any eligible expenses going forward.

If you need medical and prescription drug coverage, please engage with Via Benefits immediately to get your appointment scheduled. It is important to consider discussing your situation with Via Benefits, as you may qualify for a Premium Tax Credit (PTC) or Cost Sharing Reduction (CSR). For some, choosing the PTC or CSR will result in lower health care expenses than utilizing the HRA. **As a reminder, you cannot take advantage of both the HRA and the tax credits. A licensed Care Team member from Via Benefits will help you with this decision if you call the Service Center.**

You can visit the website at marketplace.viabenefits.com/HPRS at any time or give Via Benefits a call at 800-667-2184 Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

90th Anniversary Pistol Order Update

According to Vance's latest open orders report from Sig Sauer, the P320CA and P365XL OSHP 90th Anniversary pistols have the following production dates scheduled:

P320CA – November 17, 2023

P365XL – December 8, 2023

These dates can fluctuate. You will be contacted when your pistol arrives.

Please do not contact Vance's directly. Please direct all questions to Christi Hawk at cmhawk@dps.ohio.gov. Thank you!



HRA: Personal Information Update

It is important to contact Via Benefits if you have any personal information changes or updates. Updating your information with HPRS will not automatically update Via Benefits records. You can make changes through the Via Benefits website or by calling the numbers below.

Via Benefits (**Medicare**) - 833.431.1358
Via Benefits (**Pre-Medicare**) - 800.667.2184

Job Opportunities for Retirees

As a reminder, job opportunities are listed in the secure area of our website (www.ohprs.org). Please check this periodically to ensure you are aware of any new postings.



December 2023 HPRS Meetings

On Wednesday, December 20, 2023, committee meetings will begin at 1300 hours, starting with the Administration Committee, followed by the Health Care Funding Committee.

On Thursday, December 21, 2023, beginning at 0900 hours, the Audit Committee will meet, followed by the Investment Committee at 0930 hours, and the Board meeting immediately following. As a reminder, Board meetings are made available to everyone via Zoom. The Zoom meeting information can be found on the corresponding agenda for each board meeting, which is posted to our website.

Some committee meetings may be canceled from time to time. Please refer to the HPRS website at www.ohprs.org for the most current meeting dates and times.

Save the Date!

- 2024 Snowbird Reunion, March 15 - 16, 2024, Orlando Marriott - Lake Mary, Florida

Please visit our website for more details and for RSVP information, <https://www.ohprs.org/ohprs/RetireeEventsCalendar.jsp>.



Our office will be closed:

- ~ December 25th - Christmas Day
- ~ January 1st - New Year's Day



Retiree Qualification

The Academy Range will be hosting annual retiree qualifications in 2024. As a reminder, your qualification under the LEOSA rules is only good for one year from the date of qualification. This can be found in 18 USC 926C: Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers. For example, if you qualified on May 1, 2023, then you must qualify on or prior to May 1, 2024.

The upcoming scheduled retiree qualifications at the Academy for 2024 are:

- Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Friday, June 21, 2024, from 0900-1030 hours (Annual Retiree Cookout)
- Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at 1300 hours
- Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 1300 hours

Additionally, all retirees may also reach out to their local District Headquarters for local weapons qualification availability.

You must complete a Weapons Qualifications Record (HP-15C), that includes your personal weapon information, and submit it to Melissa Fellure at mjfellure@dps.ohio.gov no less than 14 days prior to the qualification date. Retirees must bring their Division-issued ID Card with them to the qualification, and the retiree must supply weapon(s) and ammunition. If you have any questions, please contact Lieutenant Brian Nelson of the Academy Range at bwnelson@dps.ohio.gov or 614.644.4325.

Important Numbers For You To Have On Hand

HPRS - 614.431.0781	Express Scripts* - 866.472.6249
Via Benefits (Medicare) - 833.431.1358	Aetna Vision - 877.973.3238
Via Benefits (Pre-Medicare) - 800.667.2184	Delta Dental of Ohio - 800.524.0149
Medicare - 800.633.4227	Social Security - 800.772.1213
Medical Mutual of Ohio - 877.520.6729	Ohio Def. Comp. - 877.644.6457

*Express Scripts coverage through HPRS for non-Medicare enrollment.

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