



## Tansill leading Dept. of Veterans Services

On Monday, Col. Chip Tansill (U.S. Army, retired) began his leadership of the [Ohio Department of Veterans Services](#). Tansill served as executive director of the Franklin County Veterans Services Commission and replaces Col. Tim Gorrell, who recently stepped down as director.



Tansill began his military career in 1982 when he joined the United States Army Reserve. Tansill was deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1990. In 2011, he was named chief of staff for the Ohio National Guard. His awards and decorations include Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters and the Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. Tansill retired from military service earlier this year.

Tansill received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Fairmont State College. He holds master's degrees from Trident University and the U.S. Army War College.

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services works to actively identify, connect with, and advocate for veterans and their families. Ohio law gives the department the responsibility to partner with county veteran service commissions and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to “serve those who have served.”