

More than 200 people are expected to attend the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami Township Veterans Breakfast, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017, honoring the men and women who have served our country. A combined Honor Guard from the VFW Post 3438, American Legion Post 165 and American Legion Post 598, will lead the ceremony with the Presentation of Colors. The guard will also pay tribute with a 21-gun salute and the playing of taps to close the event. The Dayton Christian High School Choir will perform and there will be a presentation of commemorative coins to select veterans.

"It's a great time to pay tribute to those in our community who sacrificed a lot for our country," Wayne Kern, veteran and Honor Guard member, said. "The breakfast gives us all a chance to share our military experience. There's a real camaraderie among us. I'm extremely grateful to the township for putting the event together."

Wayne Kern served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972 during the Vietnam War. He was a security clerk, courier, photographer and a member of the Army 1814 Color Guard. He is a recipient of the National Service Defense Medal and the Good Conduct Medal. He is currently commander of the American Legion Post 165 in Miamisburg and takes great pride in his membership with the combined Honor Guard.

"Every veteran who passes away deserves a salute from the veterans," Kern said. "I am proud to be a part of it."

The Veterans Breakfast grows every year. What started as a breakfast held at the township offices, has blossomed into a full ceremony held at the Miami Valley Fire District Station 51, 10899 Wood Rd. There is little time left to make reservations to attend. Please call (937) 433-9969 or email <a href="Mcullen@miamitownship.com">Mcullen@miamitownship.com</a> with your name, number of people attending and the veteran's branch of service. The deadline is Nov. 3.