



# YOUNGSTOWN AIR RESERVE BASE COMMUNITY COUNCIL



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## About Youngstown Air Reserve Station (YARS)

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With nearly 2,000 full and part-time assigned personnel, YARS is the largest employer in Trumbull County and the third largest in the Mahoning Valley with an economic impact of \$150M.

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## Your Support

Your generous tax deductible donations will help us to provide vital financial support to assist more Airmen with immediate needs and to help with Airmen morale efforts. In addition, your support will help us raise public awareness of the importance of YARS to our community at the local, state and national levels.

April 9, 2025

Dear Community Leaders,

The Youngstown Air Reserve Station Base Community Council (YARBCC) is asking for your support to help the brave men and women who serve at our 910<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing by sponsoring our **8th Annual 5K on the Runway**.

Did you know that only 1% of Americans join the military? That means that 1% protect and serve the other 99%. Now is the time to help YARBCC Community Council supports emergency needs such as:

- Provided additional funding needed for a private, peer-to-peer space for airmen to go for mental health services called Sean's Room.
- An airman escaped an abusive marriage and needed immediate funding to secure a vehicle, first and last month's rent, food and supplies.
- An airman was working several jobs to escape his drug abusing parent's home. We were able to assist with the security deposit and first month's rent to help him gain stability.
- These are just two of many situations where the YARS Base Community Council provides immediate funds to help in emergency situations.

**Our race is Saturday, July 12, 2025 at the Youngstown Warren Regional Airport and anticipate 400 or more runners.** Runners will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the C-130 Hercules aircrafts when the course crosses onto the air base's flight deck, allowing civilians to see exactly what the airmen and women work with every day. Qualifying runners will also receives a memorabilia finisher's medal and t-shirt. **Your patriotic reply is needed by June 27th, 2025.**

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to meet the emergency needs of our base men and women. Enclosed is information regarding the 5K on the Runway and sponsorship opportunities. Please choose a level and help us reach our goal. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Eric Merkel*

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YARBCC Vice Secretary & 5K Committee Chair  
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**SCAN the QR CODE to REGISTER TODAY!**  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Vienna/5KontheRunwayYoungstown>



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### In partnership with:



# 8th Annual 5K on the Runway

## SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM



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**DATE:** Saturday, July 12th, 2025  
**LOCATION:** Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport  
**COST:** \$35 per person, includes memorabilia medal, t-shirt and refreshments  
**TIME:** 7:00 AM Registration  
 7:45 AM Opening Ceremonies  
 8:00 AM Race

### PLATINUM SPONSOR \$3,000

- Prominent logo on all promotional materials
- Prominent logo on event website, social media & press release
- Prominent logo on banner and event signage
- Logo on front of t-shirt
- Opportunity to display company/organization banner

### DIAMOND SPONSOR \$1,500

- Logo on website, social media & press release
- Logo on banner and event signage
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### GOLD SPONSOR \$600

- Logo on website & social media
- Logo on banner and event signage
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### SILVER SPONSOR \$300

- Logo on website & social media
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- Name on back of t-shirt

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 330.553.4154 (call/text)  
 Checks payable to: Community Events, LLC  
 Memo line: YARBCC  
 Mail to: 1775 Brittainy Oaks Tr. Warren, OH 44484  
 EIN: 83-2623628

### IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

- Water Bottles (500)
- Company Give Away Items (500)
- Packaged snacks (500)  
*Recommend: granola and/or protein bars*

**Sponsorship Deadline: June 27, 2025. Please e-mail high quality PDF logo to [the5kontherunway@gmail.com](mailto:the5kontherunway@gmail.com)**



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## SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Platinum Sponsor \$3,000
- Diamond Sponsor \$1,500
- Gold Sponsor \$600
- Silver Sponsor \$300
- Support YARBCC efforts only \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- In-Kind Contributions Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## PAYMENT

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