Knox County

Veterans Service Office

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Our Mission

The mission of the Knox County Veterans Service Office is to provide eligible veterans and their families with those benefits to which they may be entitled under federal, state, and local law, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

The Knox County Veterans Service Office shall take those steps necessary to ensure a well trained and professional staff that is available to advise and assist veterans, their dependents, and the widows and orphans of those veterans who, by virtue of their service in the military of the United States of America. They may be entitled to benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other benefit available under federal, state, or local law.

The Knox County Veterans Service shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission in accordance with the guidelines it alone shall establish and oversee, in accordance with Title 59 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Knox County Veterans Service Commission shall promulgate programs as required by Title 59 of the Ohio revised Code for services not listed above, such as outreach and the transportation of veterans to and from VA medical facilities.

DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	4 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day
8	9	10	11 VA HOME LOAN seminar 11am/Lunch	12 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	13	14
15	16	17	18 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	19	20	21
22	23	24		26 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	27	28
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From The Director's Desk - Kevin L. Henthorn

CHRISTMAS HAM TIME...!!!

Knox County Veterans Services would like every Knox County Veteran to receive a FREE Christmas HAM as our gift to you.

All veterans must come to Veterans Services and provide proof of county residency and valid military discharge in which to register with the office and receive your "voucher" for their FREE HAM.

After receiving your "voucher" *go directly to Smithhisler Meats to pick up your ham. (Pick up in December only)*

TUESDAY December 31st at 4:00 pm will be the last day to pick up your "voucher". The HAMS are available for immediate pick-up at Smithhisler Meats **all this month only.**

Contact our office for further details or special circumstances at 740-393-6742.

Upcoming Events:

- *Dec. 3rd -Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Dec. 4th & Wed. Dec. 18th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Dec. 12th and Dec. 26th—9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Dec. 25th—Office Closed*



Military Trivia

1. The charity Toys for Tots is run by the reserve force of what branch of the U.S. military? ?
   A) Army
   B) Marines
   C) Air Force
   D) Space Force
2. A booklet printed by Montgomery Ward featured the first appearance of what beloved Christmas character?
   A) Frosty
   B) Santa Claus
   C) Jack Frost
   D) Rudolph
3. In what modern-day country was Saint Nicholas born?
   A) Turkey
   B) Austria
   C) Russia
   D) Sweden

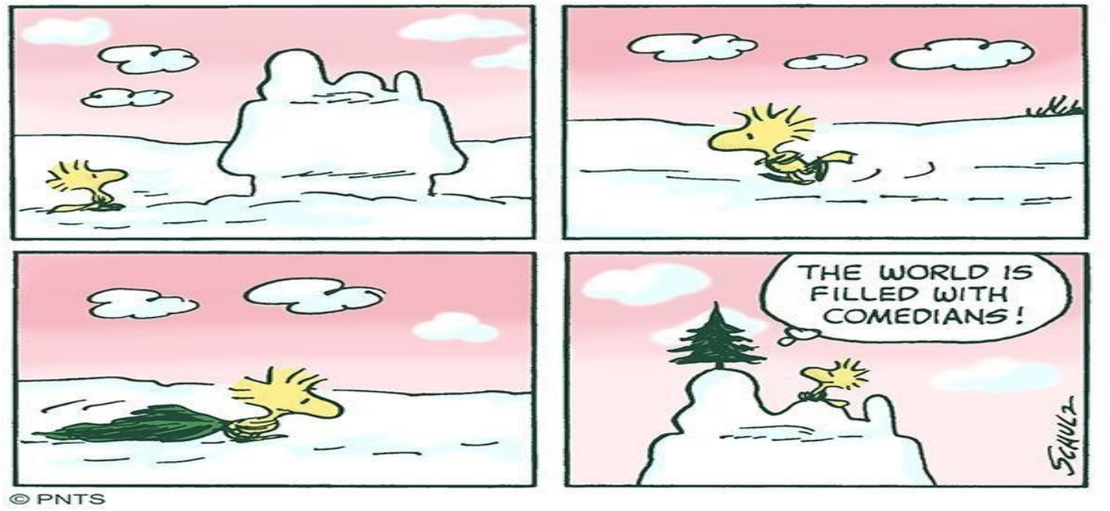


Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Panama
2. Grenada
3. Syria

Medal of Honor Recipient–T. Sgt. Peter J. Dalessandro

Rank and organization: Technical Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company E, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division. Place and date: Near Kalterherberg, Germany, 22 December 1944. Entered service at: Watervliet, N.Y. Born: 19 May 1918, Watervliet, N.Y. G.O. No.: 73, 30 August, 1945. Citation: He was with the 1st Platoon holding an important road junction on high ground near Kalterherberg, Germany, on 22 December 1944. In the early morning hours, the enemy after laying down an intense artillery and mortar barrage, followed through with an all-out attack that threatened to overwhelm the position. T/Sergeant. Dalessondro, seeing that his men were becoming disorganized, braved the intense fire to move among them with words of encouragement. Advancing to a fully exposed observation post, he adjusted mortar fire upon the attackers, meanwhile firing upon them with his rifle and encouraging his men in halting and repulsing the attack. Later in the day the enemy launched a second determined attack. Once again, T/Sergeant. Dalessondro, in the face of imminent death, rushed to his forward position and immediately called for mortar fire. After exhausting his rifle ammunition, he crawled 30 yards over exposed ground to secure a light machinegun, returned to his position, and fired upon the enemy at almost pointblank range until the gun jammed. He managed to get the gun to fire 1 more burst, which used up his last round, but with these bullets he killed 4 German soldiers who were on the verge of murdering an aid man and 2 wounded soldiers in a nearby foxhole. When the enemy had almost surrounded him, he remained alone, steadfastly facing almost certain death or capture, hurling grenades and calling for mortar fire closer and closer to his outpost as he covered the withdrawal of his platoon to a second line of defense. As the German hordes swarmed about him, he was last heard calling for a barrage, saying, "OK, mortars, let me have it--right in this position!" The gallantry and intrepidity shown by T/Sergeant. Dalessondro against an overwhelming enemy attack saved his company from complete rout.



The state of Ohio veteran's ID cards will be available for issue here at your Knox County veterans service office MONDAY thru FRIDAY, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You **MUST have Report of Separation or DD-214 upon request**. If you are unsure if we have it or not, please call before you come. All discharge papers must be presented, verified and authenticated prior to IDs being issued. The cards will be issued to Veterans at NO CHARGE.



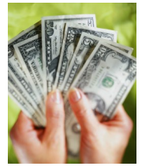
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

Here are some veteran organizations that can take donations for our veterans:

County American Legion Post 's, Disabled American Veterans Post, AMVETS Post's, V.F.W. Post's and

Knox County Joint Veterans Council (Military Burials)

Thank you!



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE — MELISSA SHANK

The Veterans Service Commission and office staff are proud to help our area veterans with their financial hardships and to help get them back on their feet. Each application for financial assistance is evaluated on a case by case basis. The Veterans Service Commissioners primary concern is to help the veteran and their dependents that are in need of immediate financial assistance. The financial assistance grants provided are not intended to be on a long term, on going basis. They are designed to provide assistance to those who encounter situations usually of emergent need that threatens their health or safety. An applicant for assistance must utilize all available income and resources. All applicants must provide proof on household income and proof of all bills paid and due for the past 30 days. There are no minimum or maximum levels established for financial assistance. All applicants who are physically capable of work must be actively seeking employment. The financial assistance is for temporary situations and not for month-to-month relief. If you are in need of financial assistance please call our office and set up an appointment. We are open Monday-Friday from 8a-4p