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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.

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Radio 10:00am	6 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	7	8	9
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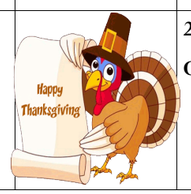
24	25	26	27		29 Office Closed	30

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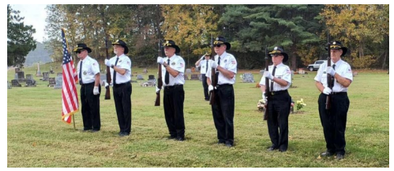
From The Director's Desk - Kevin L. Henthorn



As we enter into what is considered the holiday season, it is our wishes here at Knox County Veteran Services that we all remember those currently serving and away from home. With all the joy And celebration this season brings, it's important that our hearts and minds are always with those families who have missing loved ones.

Take a moment and check out the details of our local Knox County Joint Veterans Council honor guard inside this month's issue. If you've ever considered volunteering now is the time. If you know someone who may be interested please pass on the information. They would greatly appreciate your involvement.



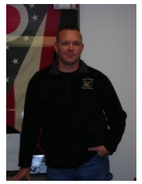
With Veterans Day coming on Monday, November 11th we encourage you to reach out to your local municipalities, village offices, and mayor's offices to find out what ceremonies are taking place in your area. The Knox County Career Centers JrROTC will be in charge of ceremonies for the city of Mount Vernon. Ceremonies will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday the 11th On the public square. Emergency, inclimate weather issues will result in the ceremony being moved to the Memorial Theater.



*NOTE:We will once again be providing a Holliday Ham (voucher) **during the month of December**. Mark your calendars for **NEXT MONTH** with details in December's Newsletter.*

Upcoming Events:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday November 5th at 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. November 6th & 20th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday November 14th at 9 a.m.*
- *Office Closed- November 11th, 28th, & 29th*



Kevin Henthorn,
Executive Director
Thank You for all your support and God Bless.

Halloween Trivia

1. Operation Just Cause was the code name for the U.S. invasion of which country in 1989, as an attempt to restore democratic leadership and curb drug trafficking?

A) Panama
B) Venezuela
C) Mexica
D) Honduras

2. Operation Urgent Fury was the codename for the American invasion of which island nation, formerly a British colony, in 1983?

A) Cuba
B) Haiti
C) Grenada
D) Jamaica

3. The Army of Glory (Jaysh al-Izza) is a Sunni Islamist rebel group fighting in what country's civil war, starting in 2013?

A) Somalia
B) Syria
C) Lebanon
D) Nairobi

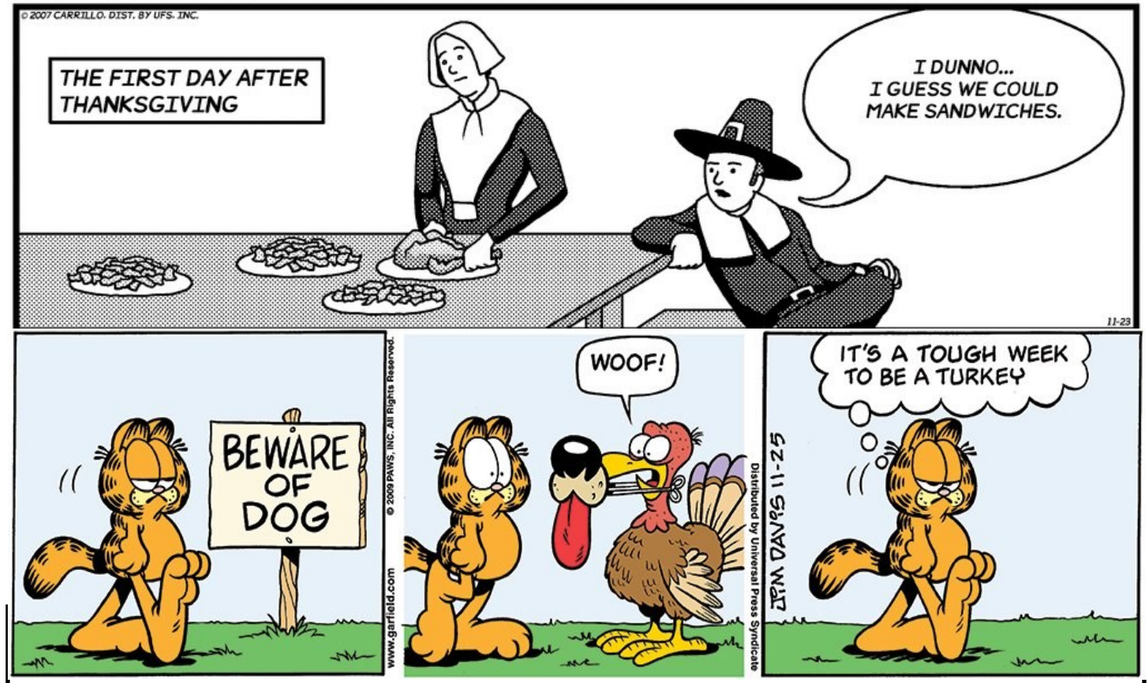
Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Illinois
2. Winchester Mystery House
3. Harry Houdini



SSG Clinton L. Romesha

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Section Leader with Bravo Troop, 3d Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, during combat operations against an armed enemy at Combat Outpost Keating, Kamdesh District, Nuristan Province, Afghanistan on 3 October 2009. On that morning, Staff Sergeant Romesha and his comrades awakened to an attack by an estimated 300 enemy fighters occupying the high ground on all four sides of the complex, employing concentrated fire from recoilless rifles, rocket propelled grenades, anti-aircraft machine guns, mortars and small arms fire. Staff Sergeant Romesha moved uncovered under intense enemy fire to conduct a reconnaissance of the battlefield and seek reinforcements from the barracks before returning to action with the support of an assistant gunner. Staff Sergeant Romesha took out an enemy machine gun team and, while engaging a second, the generator he was using for cover was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade, inflicting him with shrapnel wounds. Undeterred by his injuries, Staff Sergeant Romesha continued to fight and upon the arrival of another soldier to aid him and the assistant gunner, he again rushed through the exposed avenue to assemble additional soldiers. Staff Sergeant Romesha then mobilized a five-man team and returned to the fight equipped with a sniper rifle. With complete disregard for his own safety, Staff Sergeant Romesha continually exposed himself to heavy enemy fire, as he moved confidently about the battlefield engaging and destroying multiple enemy targets, including three Taliban fighters who had breached the combat outpost's perimeter. While orchestrating a successful plan to secure and reinforce key points of the battlefield, Staff Sergeant Romesha maintained radio communication with the tactical operations center. As the enemy forces attacked with even greater ferocity, unleashing a barrage of rocket-propelled grenades and recoilless rifle rounds, Staff Sergeant Romesha identified the point of attack and directed air support to destroy over 30 enemy fighters. After receiving reports that seriously injured soldiers were at a distant battle position, Staff Sergeant Romesha and his team provided covering fire to allow the injured soldiers to safely reach the aid station. Upon receipt of orders to proceed to the next objective, his team pushed forward 100 meters under overwhelming enemy fire to recover and prevent the enemy fighters from taking the bodies of the fallen comrades. Staff Sergeant Romesha's heroic actions throughout the day-long battle were critical in suppressing an enemy that had far greater numbers. His extraordinary efforts gave Bravo Troop the opportunity to regroup, reorganize and prepare for the counterattack that allowed the Troop to account for its personnel and secure Combat Post Keating. Staff Sergeant Romesha's discipline and extraordinary heroism above and beyond the call of duty reflect great credit upon himself, Bravo Troop, 3d Squadron, 61st Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division and the United States Army.



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.



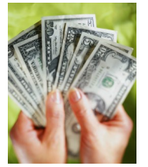
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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

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