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.**




## 2024

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10:00am | 2 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m. | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 Office Closed | 15 | 16 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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# VETERANS MONTHLY

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN







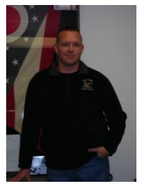





**It's fall! That means festival season is over. Thank you to everyone that came to the events to keep us from being lonely. If you missed us, come on in to our office anytime to say hello!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday, October 1st at 10 am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Oct. 2 and 16th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Oct. 10th and 24th at 9 a.m.*
- *Office Closed-Oct. 14th*



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

## Halloween Trivia

1. Which U.S. state produces the most pumpkins?
   - A) Georgia
   - B) Illinois
   - C) Kansas
   - D) Wisconsin
2. Name the haunted in San Jose, CA, named after a riflemaker heiress.
   - A) Winchester Mystery House
   - B) Remington Ridge
   - C) Colt Estate
   - D) Smith Fields
3. Which celebrity died on Halloween?
   - A) Lon Chaney Jr.
   - B) Rosa Parks
   - C) Harry Houdini
   - D) Bela Lugosi

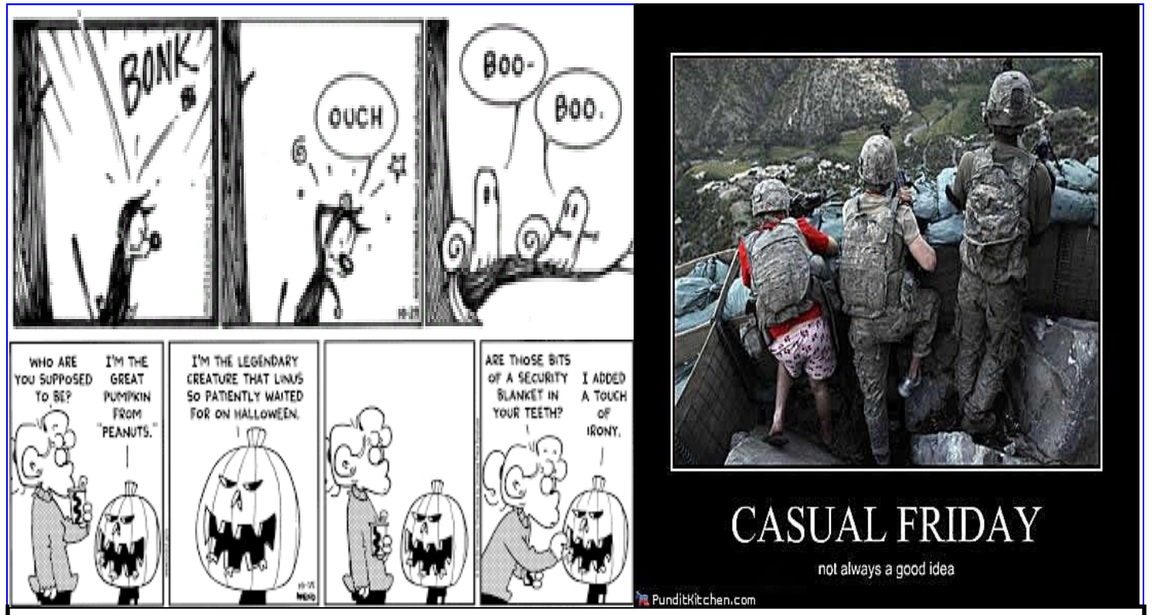
**Last Month's Trivia Answers:**

1. Mississippi
2. Operation Sea Lion
3. Congo



## PO Michael E. Thornton

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while participating in a daring operation against enemy forces. On October 31, 1972, PO Thornton, as assistant U.S. Navy adviser, along with a U.S. Navy lieutenant serving as senior adviser, accompanied a three-man Vietnamese Navy SEAL patrol on an intelligence-gathering and prisoner capture operation against an enemy-occupied naval river base. Launched from a Vietnamese Navy junk in a rubber boat, the patrol reached land and was continuing on foot toward its objective when it suddenly came under heavy fire from a numerically superior force. The patrol called in naval gunfire support and then engaged the enemy in a fierce firefight, accounting for many enemy casualties before moving back to the waterline to prevent encirclement. Upon learning that the senior adviser had been hit by enemy fire and was believed to be dead, PO Thornton returned through a hail of fire to the lieutenant's last position, quickly disposed of two enemy soldiers about to overrun the position, and succeeded in removing the seriously wounded and unconscious Senior Naval Advisor to the water's edge. He then inflated the lieutenant's lifejacket and towed him seaward for approximately two hours until picked up by support craft. By his extraordinary courage and perseverance, PO Thornton was directly responsible for saving the life of his superior officer and enabling the safe extraction of all patrol members, thereby upholding the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service.




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.



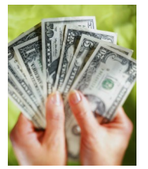

The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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 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