Knox County

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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.

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	3	4
5	6	7 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	8 Counseling services 9-1	9 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	10	11 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
12	13	14	15 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	16	17	18
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VETERANS MONTHLY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

2024 year in review;

It brings us great pleasure to serve all of Knox County. 2024 brought many changes to our office. It was an exciting year as we expanded our full time staff and services out in the community. We were able to provide coverage at all the normal fairs and festivals and added additional coverage to places like Rural King, First Fridays, annual picnic and nursing homes. We have also been extremely blessed with the opportunity to bring in-house counseling services back to the veterans office! Please give us a call for those details. Many of our outreach events were a huge success to include our annual open house where we served nearly 200 people and gifted American flags to those in attendance as well as our annual Christmas ham giveaway which fed nearly 1500 veterans. The office feels extremely honored and blessed to have provided these services for another year.

2025 Outlook;

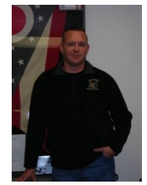
As we enter into another year, we are extremely excited about the many opportunities that lie ahead. We look forward to bringing you even more in-house services such as VA benefit seminars, additional financial assistance holiday giveaways, and a few other "RED Friday surprises". We also look forward to being in the community and around the county, meeting you where you are with the unveiling of our new "mobile office" ! We feel strongly about our mission to seek and to find and to serve veterans. We try to do everything we can to invite you into the office or serve you where you are. We take great pride in the fact that the last year has brought in hundreds of new veterans seeking benefits and we hope to continue that growth and continue to serve our current veterans and their surviving spouses. Please make 2025 the year that you stop in and see us!

It is an honor and a privilege to serve you, God bless

Executive Director Kevin L Henthorn

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Jan. 7th-Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Jan. 2nd & Wed. Jan. 15th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Jan. 9th and Jan. 23rd—9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting Jan 11 2:00 PM*
- *Jan. 1st & Jan. 20th—Office Closed*
- *In-house counseling services every Wednesday 9 to 1*



Military Trivia

1. Which boycott led by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lasted 385 days?
   - A) Montgomery Bus Boycott
   - B) Harlem Housing Boycott
   - C) Selma Lunch Counter
   - D) Birmingham School Boycott
2. Which organization first ran operations at Area 51?
   - A) The Central Intelligence Agency
   - B) The U.S. Department of Defense
   - C) The Atomic Energy Commission
   - D) U.S. Air Force
3. The Soviet Union's own version of Area 51 (catchy name: NII-88) was also not listed on any map. Where was it located?
   - A) In a small industrial town 40 miles from Moscow
   - B) The foothills of the Caucasus mountains
   - C) On the northern coast of Siberia
   - D) Outside Vladivostok, just above the North Korean peninsula

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Marines
2. Rudolph
3. Turkey

Medal of Honor Recipient– 1SG Maximo Yabes

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. First Sgt. Yabes distinguished himself with Company A, which was providing security for a land-clearing operation. Early in the morning the company suddenly came under intense automatic-weapons and mortar fire followed by a battalion-sized assault from three sides. Penetrating the defensive perimeter, the enemy advanced on the company command post bunker. The command post received increasingly heavy fire and was in danger of being overwhelmed. When several enemy grenades landed within the command post, 1st Sgt. Yabes shouted a warning and used his body as a shield to protect others in the bunker. Although painfully wounded by numerious grenade fragments, and despite the vicious enemy fire on the bunker, he remained there to provide covering fire and enable the others in the command group to relocate. When the command group had reached a new position, 1st Sgt. Yabes moved through a withering hail of enemy fire to another bunker 50 meters away. There he secured a grenade launcher from a fallen comrade and fired point-blank into the attacking Viet Cong, stopping further penetration of the perimeter. Noting two wounded men helpless in the fire-swept area, he moved them to a safer position where they could be given medical treatment. He resumed his accurate and effective fire, killing several enemy soldiers and forcing others to withdraw from the vicinity of the command post. As the battle continued, he observed an enemy machine gun within the perimeter which threatened the whole position. On his own, he dashed across the exposed area, assaulted the machine gun, killed the crew, destroyed the weapon, and fell mortally wounded. First Sgt. Yabes' valiant and selfless actions saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and inspired his comrades to effectively repel the enemy assault. His indomitable fighting spirit, extraordinary courage, and intrepidity at the cost of his life are in the highest military traditions and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.



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.



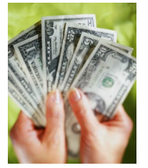
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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