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.

FEBRUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	5 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	6	7	8 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
9	10	11	12 Counseling services 9-1	13 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	14	15
16	17 Office Closed	18	19 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	20	21	22
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VETERANS MONTHLY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

It's February, and already thoughts of spring are in the forefront of our minds. It won't be long and we'll be mowing our grass! Just trying to think warm thoughts.

We have numerous things to bring you every month. Please tune into 100.9 WMVO FM radio on the first Tuesday of every month at 10am for our radio program. (Tue Feb 4th) Please call in with any comments or questions you may have.

Over the years, we have implemented many ideas on how to expand our services to reach all the veterans we possibly can . However we cannot do this on our own, we need your input. If you have any suggestions on how we could better serve our community please let us know. We welcome your feedback on the many services we provide or could provide;

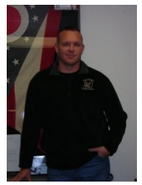
Radio program
Outreach programming (in-house/community events)
Public Speaking
Seminars / Trainings
In-House Counseling
Open House's
Resource materials
Mobile Office coming soon

Please take the time to visit our website at kcvso.com and like our Facebook page at "Knox County Veterans Office". We need everyone's help in reaching our veterans. We work extremely hard through television, radio, newspaper, billboards, newsletters , internet , signs, picnics , open house's, and multiple community outreach events to reach veterans and their families. However I still find those who don't know about our office! It takes all of us working together to spread the word about the vast array of VA benefits that Veterans may be entitled to. Please refer people to any of our above resources for assistance.

Thank You for the privilege of serving each and every one of you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Feb. 4h-Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Feb 5th & Wed. Feb. 19th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Feb. 13th and Feb. 27th—9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting Feb 8th 2:00 PM*
- *Feb. 17th—Office Closed*
- *In-house counseling services every Wednesday 9 to 1*



Military Trivia

1. Often mistakenly credited with inventing baseball, Abner Doubleday was involved in the firing of the first shots during which war?

   A) French-Indian War

   B) American Civil War

   C) World War I

   D) World War II

2. Which of these airports is named for a fighter pilot who died in action during World War II?

   A) Chicago O'Hare International Airport

   B) Hartsfield–Jackson Atlanta International Airport

   C) Boston Logan International Airport

   D) Washington Dulles International Airport

3. Before becoming U.S. president, which of these men led surviving members of his crew to safety after his patrol boat was sunk in World War II?

   A) Harry Truman

   B) Richard Nixon

   C) Gerald Ford

   D) John Kennedy

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Montgomery Bus Boycott
2. The Atomic Energy Commission
3. In a small industrial town 40 miles from Moscow

Medal of Honor Recipient– 1LT Alonzo Cushing

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty:

First Lieutenant Alonzo H. Cushing distinguished himself by acts of bravery above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an Artillery Commander in Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery, Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania on July 3, 1863 during the American Civil War. That morning, Confederate Forces led by General Robert E. Lee began cannonading First Lieutenant Cushing's position on Cemetery Ridge. Using field glasses, First Lieutenant Cushing directed fire for his own artillery battery. He refused to leave the battlefield after being struck in the shoulder by a shell fragment. As he continued to direct fire, he was struck again, this time suffering grievous damage to his abdomen. Still refusing to abandon his command, he boldly stood tall in the face of Major General George E. Pickett's charge and continued to direct devastating fire into oncoming forces. As the Confederate Forces closed in, First Lieutenant Cushing was struck in the mouth by an enemy bullet and fell dead beside his gun. His gallant stand and fearless leadership inflicted severe casualties upon Confederate Forces and opened wide gaps in their lines, directly impacting the Union Forces' ability to repel Pickett's Charge. First Lieutenant Cushing's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty, at the cost of his own life, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Battery A, 4th U.S. Artillery, Army of the Potomac, 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.



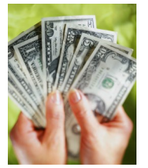
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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

County American Legion 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