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.

MARCH 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
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23/30	24/31	25	26 Counseling services 9-1	27 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	28	29

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VETERANS MONTHLY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN



Meet the staff!

We have an amazing staff here at Knox County Veteran Services and we thought we would bring you up to date on some of our fresh names and faces, and how long they've been serving Knox County veterans and their families.

Full time staff

- Melissa Shank US Navy, financial coordinator: over 19years
- Vince Thompson US Army, VSO/Deputy Director: over 12 years
- Alan Huffman US Army, Office Coordinator: over 4 years
- Brad Bowers US Army , Transportation Manager: over 1 year
- Kevin Henthorn USAF, VSO/Executive Director: over 19years

Part Time Staff

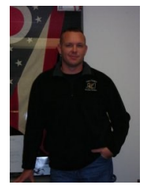
- Chris Thompson USMC , Transportation: over 7 years
- Craig Cox USAF Ret. , Transportation: over 2 years
- Robert Coscia US Army, Transportation: over 1 year
- Chuck Ferrell USAF Ret., Transportation: over 1 year.

Veteran Service Commissioners

George Curry US Army, Ken Lane US Navy, Wilson Warner US Army
Jerry Robinson US Army, Colin Pack USMC

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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



Military Trivia

1. At what battle in did Napoleon surrender to the British?
   - A) Versailles
   - B) Waterloo
   - C) Naples
   - D) Antietam
2. What does the Coast Guard's motto "Semper Paratus" mean?
   - A) Always There
   - B) Always Faithful
   - C) Always Ready
   - D) Death Before Dismount
3. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory at the Battle of Puebla over what European country?
   - A) Italy
   - B) France
   - C) Great Britain
   - D) Spain

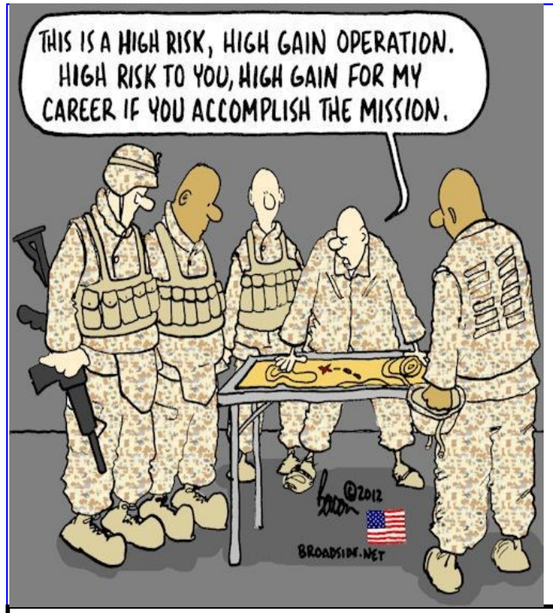
Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. American Civil War
2. Chicago O'Hare International Airport
3. John Kennedy

Pvt. George D. Wilson

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

Private George D. Wilson distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving the 2d Ohio Volunteer Infantry in Georgia on 12 April 1862. Private Wilson was one of 22 Andrews' Raiders who by direction of Major General Ormsby M. Mitchell, penetrated nearly 200 miles south into enemy territory. Upon capturing a railroad train at Big Shanty in Georgia, the group set out to complete their mission of disrupting enemy supply lines by destroying bridges and tracks between Chattanooga and Atlanta. Private Wilson's gallant actions in close contact with the enemy were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Army of Ohio, and the United States Army.





"The drone strikes aren't working, sir. Have you tried divorce?"

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.



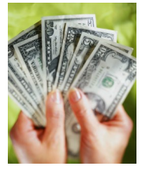
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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