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.



2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	2 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Counseling services 9-1	10 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	11	12 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
13	14	15	16 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	17	18	19
	21	22	23 Counseling services 9-1	24 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	25	26
27	28	29	30 Counseling services 9-1			

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VETERANS MONTHLY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

Spring is in the air, and your Knox County Veteran Services is gearing up for what will be a busy and eventful 2025! Along with all of our regular programming such as Brew and Bull, in-house counseling, Rolling Thunder meetings and all other normal special events, we look forward to expanding to hosting "Guitars for Vet's" sessions, Joint Veterans Council-Honor Guard meetings and much more. To highlight a few new activities, we look forward to seeing everyone at this year's Mount Vernon's First Fridays as well as launching our new mobile office! (Below)

This new "Mobile Office" will provide us the opportunity to reach veterans and their families in the communities in which they live and work. We understand the difficulties of utilizing our office during standardized hours. We hope to be able to serve our veterans out in the county and work from within this mobile office. We will be able to provide questions and answers, filling out paperwork and acquiring signatures, as well as the collection and distribution of printed materials and more. We're looking forward to setting up the mobile office in all of Knox County's towns, villages and "Burg's". Check out our Facebook page for all the when-&-where.



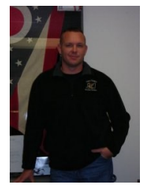
DON'T get used to the camouflage!

We purchased this vehicle with this current design/colors, and look forward to putting our own design on the exterior to match our existing vehicles.

If you see us out in the community, please stop in and see what we have to offer and most likely walk away with some "swag" or goodies.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, Tue. April 1, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Apr. 2nd & Wed. Apr. 16th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Apr. 10th and Apr. 24th— 9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting Apr 12th 2:00 PM*
- *In-house counseling services every Wednesday 9 to 1*



Military Trivia

1. In what country did the tradition of the Easter Bunny originate?
   - A) France
   - B) Canada
   - C) Germany
   - D) Zaire
2. April 9 is a holiday dedicated to celebrating what sparkly mythological creature?
   - A) Pegasus
   - B) Unicorn
   - C) Bigfoot
   - D) Loch Ness Monster
3. In April 1955 what fast food company was founded?
   - A) Burger King
   - B) Wendy's
   - C) Arby's
   - D) McDonald's

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Waterloo
2. France
3. Always Ready

Medal of Honor Recipient– SSG Ronald Shurer

Staff Sergeant Ronald J. Shurer II distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on April 6, 2008, while serving as a Senior Medical Sergeant, Special Forces Operational Detachment Alpha 3336, Special Operations Task Force-33, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Staff Sergeant Shurer was part of an assault element inserted by helicopter into a location in Afghanistan. As the assault element moved up a near vertical mountain toward its objective, it was engaged by fierce enemy machine gun, sniper, and rocket-propelled grenade fire. The lead portion of the assault element, which included the ground commander, sustained several casualties and became pinned down on the mountainside. Staff Sergeant Shurer and the rest of the trailing portion of the assault element were likewise engaged by enemy machine gun, sniper, and rocket-propelled grenade fire. As the attack intensified, Staff Sergeant Shurer braved enemy fire to move to an injured Soldier and treat his wounds. Having stabilized the injured Soldier, Staff Sergeant Shurer then learned of the casualties among the lead element. Staff Sergeant Shurer fought his way up the mountainside, under intense enemy fire, to the lead element's location. Upon reaching the lead element, he treated and stabilized two more Soldiers. Finishing those lifesaving efforts, Staff Sergeant Shurer noticed two additional severely wounded Soldiers under intense enemy fire. The bullet that had wounded one of these Soldiers had also impacted Staff Sergeant Shurer's helmet. With complete disregard for his own life, Staff Sergeant Shurer again moved through enemy fire to treat and stabilize one Soldier's severely wounded arm. Shortly thereafter, Staff Sergeant Shurer continued to brave withering enemy fire to get to the other Soldier's location in order to treat his lower leg, which had been almost completely severed by a high-caliber sniper round. After treating the Soldier, Staff Sergeant Shurer began to evacuate the wounded; carrying and lowering them down the sheer mountainside. While moving down the mountain, Staff Sergeant Shurer used his own body to shield the wounded from enemy fire and debris caused by danger-close air strikes. Reaching the base of the mountain, Staff Sergeant Shurer set up a casualty collection point and continued to treat the wounded. With the arrival of the medical evacuation helicopter, Staff Sergeant Shurer, again under enemy fire, helped load the wounded into the helicopter. Having ensured the safety of the wounded, Staff Sergeant Shurer then regained control of his commando squad and rejoined the fight. He continued to lead his troops and emplace security elements until it was time to move to the evacuation landing zone for the helicopter. Staff Sergeant Shurer's actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, Special Operations Command Central, 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.



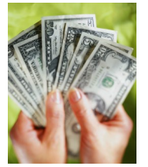
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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