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
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	 6 Radio Show 10am		7 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	8 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	9	10 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
11	12	13	14 Counseling services 9-1	15	16	17
18	19 Open House 8am-5pm	20	21 Counseling services 9-1 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	22 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	23	24
25	26 Office Closed 	27	28 Counseling services 9-1	29	30	31

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VETERANS MONTHLY

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

17th Annual Open House

Open to public !

Tour the facility and meet the staff.

Monday May 19th — 8am till 5 pm

Free: Goodies / Swag / 3x5 American Flags / Ice Cream !

while supplies last







As we enter May, our thoughts always turn to Memorial Day. We hope that you will contact your local municipality to find out times and places of your local parades and ceremonies. We are looking forward to many opportunities this year to honor those no longer with us starting with our local Memorial Day ceremonies. There are no words that can describe our deepest sympathy for the families of those no longer with us and thankfulness for those who have given so much.

There is little I can share that could express how myself and our staff feel when Memorial Day comes around, so I will simply leave you with the little known fourth verse of our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner.

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program,Tue. May 6 WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. May 7 & Wed. May 21 at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday May 8 and May 22—9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting May 10 2:00 PM*
- *In-house counseling services every Wednesday 9 to 1*
- *Open House Monday May 19 8am-5pm*
- *Memorial Day May 26..Office closed*



Military Trivia

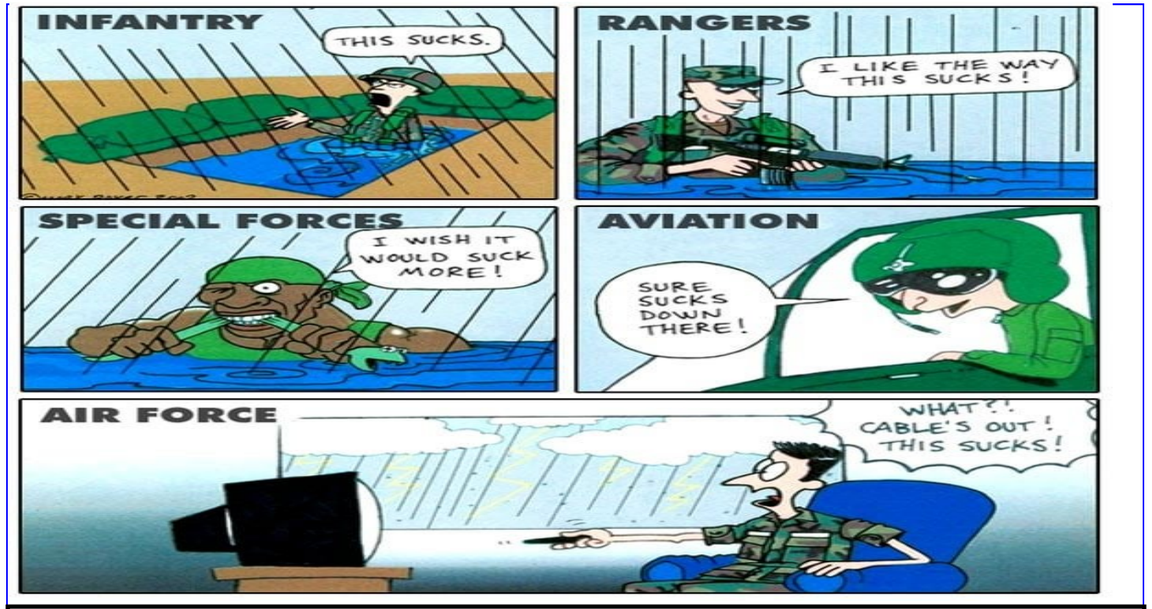
1. What city is known as the birthplace of Memorial Day?
   - A) Ithaca, NY
   - B) Canton, OH
   - C) Waterloo, NY
   - D) Charleston, SC
2. Memorial Day was originally established to honor fallen soldiers of which war?
   - A) WWII
   - B) WWI
   - C) Civil War
   - D) War of 1812
3. Who is the only woman to ever be awarded the Medal of Honor?
   - A) Bea Arthur
   - B) Harriet Tubman
   - C) Dr. Mary Walker
   - D) Ruby Bradley

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Germany
2. Unicorn
3. McDonald's

Medal of Honor Recipient– Cpl Tibor Rubin

Corporal Tibor Rubin distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism during the period from July 23, 1950, to April 20, 1953, while serving as a rifleman with Company I, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division in the Republic of Korea. While his unit was retreating to the Pusan Perimeter, Corporal Rubin was assigned to stay behind to keep open the vital Taegu-Pusan Road link used by his withdrawing unit. During the ensuing battle, overwhelming numbers of North Korean troops assaulted a hill defended solely by Corporal Rubin. He inflicted a staggering number of casualties on the attacking force during his personal 24-hour battle, single-handedly slowing the enemy advance and allowing the 8th Cavalry Regiment to complete its withdrawal successfully. Following the breakout from the Pusan Perimeter, the 8 th Cavalry Regiment proceeded northward and advanced into North Korea. During the advance, he helped capture several hundred North Korean soldiers. On October 30, 1950, Chinese forces attacked his unit at Unsan, North Korea, during a massive nighttime assault. That night and throughout the next day, he manned a .30 caliber machine gun at the south end of the unit's line after three previous gunners became casualties. He continued to man his machine gun until his ammunition was exhausted. His determined stand slowed the pace of the enemy advance in his sector, permitting the remnants of his unit to retreat southward. As the battle raged, Corporal Rubin was severely wounded and captured by the Chinese. Choosing to remain in the prison camp despite offers from the Chinese to return him to his native Hungary, Corporal Rubin disregarded his own personal safety and immediately began sneaking out of the camp at night in search of food for his comrades. Breaking into enemy food storehouses and gardens, he risked certain torture or death if caught. Corporal Rubin provided not only food to the starving Soldiers, but also desperately needed medical care and moral support for the sick and wounded of the POW camp. His brave, selfless efforts were directly attributed to saving the lives of as many as forty of his fellow prisoners. Corporal Rubin's gallant actions in close contact with the enemy and unyielding courage and bravery while a prisoner of war are in the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself 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.



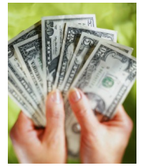
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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