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.

JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Radio Show 10am	4 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	13	14 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
15	16	17	18 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	19 Juneteenth office closed	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	27	28
29	30					

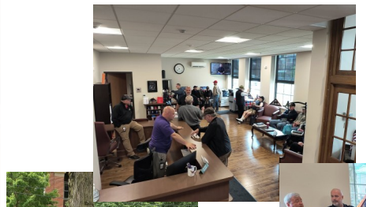
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From The Director's Desk - Kevin L. Henthorn











17th Annual Open House !!!

Thank you! Over 250 people stopped in to make our annual open house another huge success!

Knox County Memorial Day

It's a privilege and honor to participate in all of Knox County's Memorial Day Parades. A great day to honor and remember our fallen.





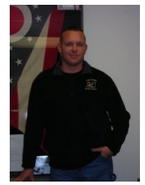






Upcoming Events:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, Tue. June 3 WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. June 4 & Wed. June 18 at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday June 12 and June 26— 9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting June 14 2:00 PM*
- *Office Closed June 19*



Military Trivia

1. What is the name of the 1942 Anglo-American invasion of French North Africa?
   - A) Operation Whirling Dervish
   - B) Operation Torch
   - C) Operation Sandstorm
   - D) Operation Sudden Wave
2. The Opium Wars were primarily fought between the British Empire and what country?
   - A) Japan
   - B) Turkey
   - C) China
   - D) Taiwan
3. During the Vietnam War, the battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966 was a military action between the Viet Cong and soldiers mostly from which country?
   - A) Australia
   - B) U.S.A
   - C) Canada
   - D) France

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Waterloo, NY
2. Civil War
3. Dr. Mary Walker

Medal of Honor Recipient– 1LT Richard Cavazos

1st Lt. Richard E. Cavazos distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, while serving as the commander of Company E, 2nd Battalion, 65th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, on June 14-15, 1953, in the vicinity of Sagimak, Korea. On the night of June 14, Cavazos led his company during a raid on an entrenched enemy outpost with the mission of destroying the personnel and installation.

During the initial attack, Cavazos led his men through intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. Upon entering the trenches, fierce close combat ensued, and Cavazos directed heavy fire on the enemy and their positions. When an extremely intense enemy mortar and artillery barrage hit his position, Cavazos withdrew the company and regrouped his men. Twice more he led his men through intense enemy fire during assaults on the enemy position, destroying vital fortifications and personnel. During the entire assault, Cavazos gave effective commands and words of encouragement to his men and inspired them to heroic heights of achievement through his personal example and leadership.

When ordered to withdraw his company, Cavazos complied but remained alone on the enemy outpost to search for missing men. While exposed to enemy fire, he located five casualties and evacuated them, one by one, to a point on the reverse slope of a nearby hill where they could be safely recovered by friendly forces.

Returning to the battlefield, he found a small group of men who had become separated from the main assaulting force and personally led them to safety. When informed that men were still missing, Cavazos again returned to the scene of the battle and led another small group of men to safety.

Cavazos then made two more unassisted trips to the battlefield, searching for missing soldiers. When he was satisfied that the battlefield was cleared on the morning of June 15, he finally allowed his own combat wounds to be treated.

1st Lt. Cavazos' conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism and intrepidity at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit 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.



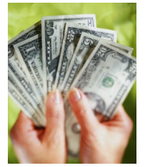
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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