The Knox County Joint Veterans Council are looking for volunteers!!!

The Knox County Joint Veterans Council is located at the Knox County Veterans Service Office located at 105 E Chestnut St. Mount Vernon, Ohio. The post conducts regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting time is 7:00 P.M. Contact Carol Riley @ 740-504-3264 to schedule services. Contact Eddie Stage@ 740-504-1597 if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!



They stand guard silently, vigilantly through whatever Mother Nature dares throw at them. They do so with great pride to honor one of their own. And they do this without thought of payment. For them, honoring a fallen brother-in-arms is compensation enough.

For the families of the deceased soldier, they are the ever-watchful sentinels, and their selfless act is a much-appreciated tribute.

They are the Joint Veterans Council.

Army battalion bans use of profanity

The 43rd Adjutant Battalion issued a memo last month instructing military personnel to refrain from uttering expletives, the Army confirmed.

An April 17 memo — with a subject line that read “profanity free campus” — made it clear that the use of profanity, vulgar language or rude gestures or remarks is prohibited for soldiers operating during duty hours at the unit, which is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

“Such language does not align with the Army’s core values and undermines the integrity of our Soldiers and our formations,” read a copy of the memo shared on Reddit.

The memo specified that bad language will not be tolerated during meetings, briefings or training exercises, and cannot be used when speaking with peers, trainees or superiors. Clothing will not be allowed to depict any offensive language either, the memo stated.

“This is a policy to correct actions that took place within the unit based on results of an investigation conducted earlier this year,” said Fort Leonard Wood spokesperson Tiffany Wood. She explained via an emailed statement that the investigation was launched after concerns arose over the battalion’s climate and culture in the wake of an alleged “extreme use of profanity.” Information regarding the nature of the investigation or its findings were not made available to Military Times.

No soldiers have been punished or separated as a result of the policy, Wood said. To ensure compliance with the obscenity ban, the Army created a four-strike punitive policy. The first strike will yield a verbal counseling. Strike two will lead to a written counseling placed in the soldier’s file. Strike three will result in the “removal of favorable actions.” And the final strike will lead to “separation for misconduct based on a pattern of behavior.”

The memo listed the golden rule as the overall ethos for the policy’s implementation. “The most productive work environment is one where employees and Soldiers treat each as they would like to be treated.”

Space Force, states at odds over National Guard plans

The head of the U.S. Space Force is moving ahead with plans to pull talent from Air National Guard units to help build up the still new military service — but several governors remain opposed and argue it tramples on their rights to retain control over their state units.

Overall, the plan would affect only 578 service members across six states and the Air National Guard headquarters and augment the Space Force without creating a separate Space Force National Guard — something the service has said would not be efficient because it would be so small.

“We are actively pursuing where do we want our part-time workforce? What type of work do they do?” the head of Space Force, Gen. Chance Saltzman, said Thursday at a Politico conference in Washington.

The Space Force was established by President Donald Trump in late 2019, during his first term. In the years since, the Air Force has transferred its space missions into the now five-year-old military branch — except for the 578 positions still contained in the Air National Guard, which is part of the Air Force. In the 2025 defense bill, Congress mandated that those positions move over to the Space Force as well.

The transferred service members would be a part-time force like they are now, just serving under the Space Force instead of their state units.

But space missions are some of the most lucrative across the military and private sector and the states that lose space mission service member billets are potentially losing highly valuable part-time workforce members if they have to move away to transfer into the Space Force.

Last month, the National Governors Association said the transfers violate their right to retain control over their state units.

“We urge that any transfers cease immediately and that there be direct and open engagement with governors,” the Association said in April. The group was not immediately available to comment on Space Force’s plan.

“There’s a lot of concern in the National Guard about these individuals who are highly skilled that want to be in the Guard being transferred out,” Oklahoma Republican Sen. Markwayne Mullin said at an Air Force manpower hearing this week.

The contention between the states and the Space Force has meant the service hasn’t so far been able to approach individual members about transferring in.

According to the legislation, each National Guard will get the option to either stay with their units — and get retrained in another specialty — or join the Space Force. Even if they do transfer into the Space Force, their positions would remain located in those same states for at least the next 10 years, according to the 2025 legislation.

The affected personnel include 33 from Alaska, 126 from California, 119 from Colorado, 75 from Florida, 130 from Hawaii, 69 from Ohio and 26 from Air National Guard headquarters.

This sailor requested leave to get his wife pregnant. It was approved.

Like a lion stalking its prey across the Serengeti, so too does a Jody hunt — lurking in the night, ever vigilant in hopes of hearing that one magic word: "Deployment."

So, how does one stop an insatiable Jody in his tracks? For one seaman, the solution was simple: Beat out the competition by simply being there.

On July 20, 1967, Petty Officer 1st Class David Jarvis Anderson submitted an unusual special leave request. His plea was simple.

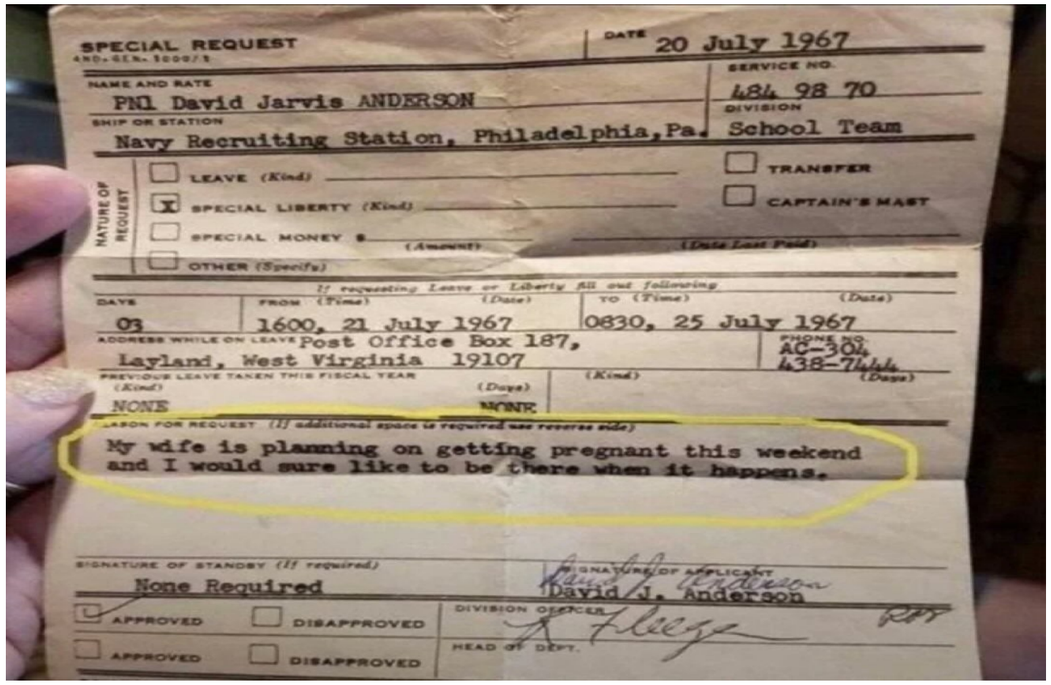
"My wife is planning on getting pregnant this weekend," he wrote, "and I would sure like to be there when it happens."

Anderson's tongue-in-cheek entreaty seemed to have worked. It was, after all, the Summer of Love.

While requests for special liberty can often reduce a poor service member to a desperate husk of a man, in 1967, it appears that the powers that be were a little more forgiving — allowing for Anderson to enjoy shore leave in the right port during a particularly crucial tide.

In traveling the seven-plus hours from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the coal mining town of Layland, West Virginia, the sailor thwarted all would-be Jody's in the area upon his arrival home.

No word was readily available, however, on whether the pair's weekend's festivities produced the desired result.



SPECIAL REQUEST
NAVPERS 1000/1

DATE: 20 July 1967

NAME AND RATE: PN1 David Jarvis ANDERSON
SERVICE NO.: 484 98 70
SHIP OR STATION: Navy Recruiting Station, Philadelphia, Pa.
DIVISION: School Team

NATURE OF REQUEST:
- [ ] LEAVE (Kind)
- [x] SPECIAL LIBERTY (Kind)
- [ ] SPECIAL MONEY $ (Amount) (Date Last Paid)
- [ ] OTHER (Specify)
- [ ] TRANSFER
- [ ] CAPTAIN'S MAST

If requesting Leave or Liberty fill out following

DAYS	FROM (Time) (Date)	TO (Time) (Date)
03	1600, 21 July 1967	0830, 25 July 1967

ADDRESS WHILE ON LEAVE: Post Office Box 187, Layland, West Virginia 19107
PHONE NO.: AC-304 438-7[illegible]

PREVIOUS LEAVE TAKEN THIS FISCAL YEAR (Kind) (Days): NONE NONE

REASON FOR REQUEST (If additional space is required use reverse side)
My wife is planning on getting pregnant this weekend and I would sure like to be there when it happens.

SIGNATURE OF STANDBY (If required): None Required
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: David J. Anderson

- [ ] APPROVED [ ] DISAPPROVED — DIVISION OFFICER
- [ ] APPROVED [ ] DISAPPROVED — HEAD OF DEPT.

Pictures of the Month



Soldiers fly over Citizens Bank Park for a Phillies baseball game in Philadelphia, May 17, 2025.



A Marine Corps recruit descends the rappel tower at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., May 16, 2025. The 47-foot-tall tower helps recruits overcome fear of heights and trust their gear.