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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.

JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Radio Show 10am	2 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	3 Mobile Office @First Friday	closed	5 FREE Columbus ZOO Day
6	7	8	9	10 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	11	12 Rolling Thunder meeting 2pm
13	14	15	16 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	17	18	19 Knox County Fair Begins
20 The Resilient Concert	21 FAIR WEEK	22	23 Veterans Day @ FAIR	24 Brew & Bull (coffee& dough-	25	26 Knox County Fair Ends
27	28	29	30	31		

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN



The Resilient

In 2012, after suffering devastating injuries in Afghanistan, lead vocalist Tim Donley and guitarist Nate Kalwicki were rehabilitating at Walter Reed Military Hospital. During that time they joined MusiCorps, a music program for wounded warriors, where they befriended professional musician and teaching artist Greg Loman. With fresh wounds and a vast new space to fill in their lives, the veterans plunged into the spiritually, physically and emotionally healing pursuit of music, practicing relentlessly and forming a lasting brotherhood in the process.

As part of the MusiCorps Band, they had an opportunity to perform with rock legend Roger Waters (Pink Floyd) at The Beacon Theater, Constitution Hall, and Madison Square Garden. It was during these shows that they first jammed with recently discharged drummer Juan "Dom" Dominguez - a decorated Marine and triple amputee whom Roger had brought on board - and in sharing the experience they realized that forming their own group was inevitable. Nathan's brother Erik, a talented bassist, was brought on board to round out the band.

Since then The Resilient have independently released original tracks and performed in concerts all over the U.S., gaining traction as a unique, unforgettable act by stunning audiences at conventions, galas, dive bars, universities, and music festivals. They were featured by D'Angelico Guitars at the 2020 NAMM convention and headlined the 2021 Sag Harbor Music Fest, where they had the honor of being proudly introduced by their mentor Roger himself. During the COVID lockdowns, they adapted to the new normal by finding fresh opportunities working on veteran-supporting campaigns. Members of the band have performed with musical greats Yo-Yo Ma, Sheryl Crow, Aaron Neville, G.E. Smith, Ricky Skaggs, the Kansas City Symphony Orchestra, Billy Corgan (Smashing Pumpkins), Tom Morello (Rage Against the Machine), and appeared on television shows "N.C.I.S.," "The Colbert Report," and "Lucky Dog." Currently they are in pre-production for their first full length album and are the subjects of a feature length documentary currently in the works with award-winning filmmakers North Productions.

The Resilient's rare combination of artistic freedom and military discipline amplifies their message of hope and perseverance.

Call the above number for your free tickets !

See the calendar for all the summer events this month:

MTV First Friday, 4th of July , Free Zoo Day, Concerts, Knox Co. Fair week !!!

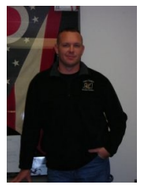
See you there !

Complimentary rides back to your vehicle at the Knox County Fair!

Stop by our booth!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, Tue. July 1 WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. July 2 & Wed. July 16 at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday July 10 and July 24—9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Rolling Thunder meeting July 12 2:00 PM*
- *Office Closed July 4*



Military Trivia

1. What year was the first 4th of July celebration held at the White House?
   - A) 1811
   - B) 1801
   - C) 1796
   - D) 1788
2. What was the first state to declare the 4th of July a state holiday?
   - A) Delaware
   - B) Michigan
   - C) Massachusetts
   - D) Virginia
3. Which president was born on the 4th of July?
   - A) Martin Van Buren
   - B) John Tyler
   - C) James Madison
   - D) Calvin Coolidge

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Operation Torch
2. China
3. Australia

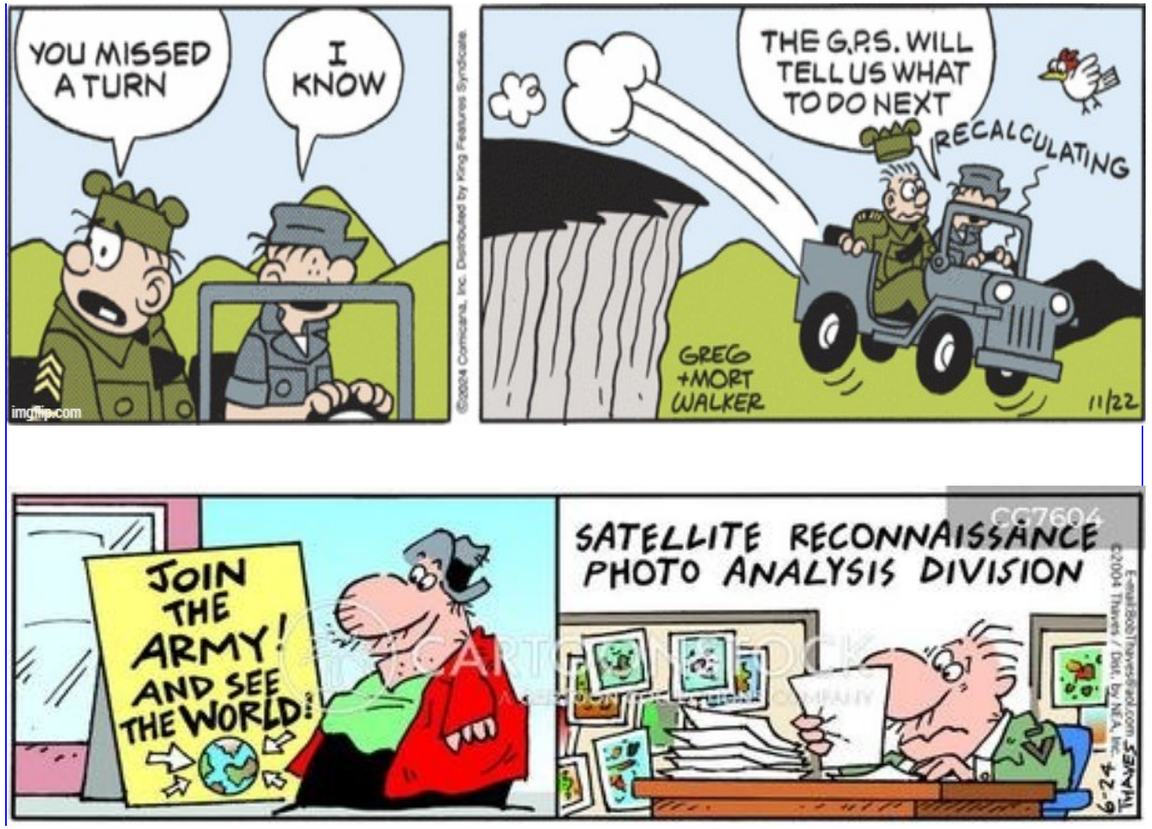
Medal of Honor Recipient– SPC5 Dwight W. Birdwell

On this date, C Troop was ordered to move south to help repel an enemy attack on Tan Son Nhut Airbase. As the C Troop column of tanks and armored personnel carriers approached the west gate of Tan Son Nhut Airbase, it came under intense enemy fire from a building to its right. Unbeknown to C Troop, it had driven directly into an enemy force consisting of three battalions. The column tried to push through the initial attack but the lead tank, crippled by a rocket-propelled grenade explosion, was blocking the way forward. C Troop immediately came under heavy enemy fire from both sides of the road. Specialist Five Birdwell, upon seeing that his tank commander was wounded by enemy fire, immediately went to his aid. Under intense enemy fire, he lowered the injured tank commander to the ground, and moved him to safety. Specialist Five Birdwell then, with complete disregard for his own safety, mounted the tank and assumed the tank commander's position. Standing in the tank commander's hatch with the upper half of his body exposed to heavy enemy fire, Specialist Five Birdwell used the tank's .50 caliber machine gun and 90mm main gun to suppress the enemy attack. With the ammunition for the 90mm main gun exhausted, he continued to fire the .50 caliber machine gun until it overheated. At this point, Specialist Five Birdwell, rather than abandoning his position, continued to engage the enemy with his M-16 rifle, sometimes exposing his entire body to enemy fire in order to engage the enemy from a better vantage point.

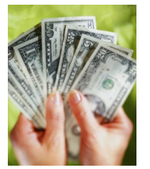
After giving one M-60 and ammunition to a fellow soldier, he remounted his tank and used the other M-60 to again engage the enemy. Specialist Five Birdwell continued to engage the enemy with complete disregard for his own safety until the M-60 he was firing was hit by enemy fire.

Specialist Five Birdwell, now wounded in the face, neck, chest, and arms, dismounted the tank but refused to be medically evacuated. Instead, Specialist Five Birdwell, under enemy fire, rallied fellow soldiers to advance toward the front of the armored column where they set up a defensive position by a large tree. From this position, he and the other soldiers engaged the enemy with M-16 fire and grenades. As the enemy fire lessened, Specialist Five Birdwell gathered ammunition from disabled vehicles and helped wounded soldiers move to safer positions. His leadership and tenacity under fire inspired the other C Troop soldiers to continue fighting against the superior enemy force, and directly contributed to the enemy's ultimate defeat.

Specialist Five Birdwell's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army



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