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.

DECEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	3 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome Counseling 9-1	4	5	6
	8	9	10 Counseling 9-1	11 Brew & Bull (coffee& doughnuts at the office)	12	13 Rolling Thunder-3pm
14		16	17 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome Counseling 9-1	18	19	20
	22	23	24		26 Office Closed	27
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

CHRISTMAS HAM TIME !!!

Knox County Veterans Services would like every *"Knox County"* Veteran to receive a FREE Christmas HAM as our gift to you.

All veterans must come to Veterans Services and provide <u>proof of county residency</u> and <u>valid military discharge</u> in which to register with the office and receive your "voucher" for their FREE HAM.

After receiving your "voucher" <u>*go directly to Smithhisler Meats to pick up your ham. (Pick up in December only)*</u>

<u>Wednesday December 31st at 4:00 pm</u> will be the last day to pick up your "voucher". The HAMS are available for **immediate** pick-up at Smithhisler Meats **all this month only.**

Contact our office for further details or special circumstances at 740-393-6742.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Dec. 2nd -Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Dec. 3rd & Wed. Dec. 17th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Dec. 11th at9:00 am to 11:00 am*
- *Dec. 25th & Dec. 26th—Office Closed*



Military Trivia

1. What 1964 sci-fi movie starring Santa Claus is widely regarded as one of the worst movies ever made?
   - A) Jingle all the Way
   - B) Santa Claus Conquers the Martians
   - C) Surviving Christmas
   - D) The Holiday
2. Which of Santa's reindeer was the subject of a 1989 movie starring Sam Elliot?
   - A) Dasher
   - B) Dancer
   - C) Prancer
   - D) Rudolph
3. In what country do people celebrate Christmas by eating KFC chicken?
   - A) Taiwan
   - B) Belize
   - C) Vietnam
   - D) Japan

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Armistice Day
2. Treaty of Versailles
3. 1938

Medal of Honor Recipient– Pvt Paul Wiedorfer

He alone made it possible for his company to advance until its objective was seized. Company G had cleared a wooded area of snipers, and 1 platoon was advancing across an open clearing toward another wood when it was met by heavy machinegun fire from 2 German positions dug in at the edge of the second wood. These positions were flanked by enemy riflemen. The platoon took cover behind a small ridge approximately 40 yards from the enemy position. There was no other available protection and the entire platoon was pinned down by the German fire. It was about noon and the day was clear, but the terrain extremely difficult due to a 3-inch snowfall the night before over ice-covered ground. Pvt. Wiedorfer, realizing that the platoon advance could not continue until the 2 enemy machinegun nests were destroyed, voluntarily charged alone across the slippery open ground with no protecting cover of any kind. Running in a crouched position, under a hail of enemy fire, he slipped and fell in the snow, but quickly rose and continued forward with the enemy concentrating automatic and small-arms fire on him as he advanced. Miraculously escaping injury, Pvt. Wiedorfer reached a point some 10 yards from the first machinegun emplacement and hurled a handgrenade into it. With his rifle he killed the remaining Germans, and, without hesitation, wheeled to the right and attacked the second emplacement. One of the enemy was wounded by his fire and the other 6 immediately surrendered. This heroic action by 1 man enabled the platoon to advance from behind its protecting ridge and continue successfully to reach its objective. A few minutes later, when both the platoon leader and the platoon sergeant were wounded, Pvt. Wiedorfer assumed command of the platoon, leading it forward with inspired energy until the mission was accomplished.



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.



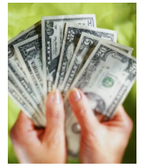
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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