

Knox County



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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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Radio Program 1300 WMVO 10 AM	5 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Vet Center on Location 9am—4pm. Call for an appointment	14 Good Friday	15
16 Easter Sunday 	17	18	19 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	20 Joint Veteran Council Mtg. 7:30 pm	21	22
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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

VETERANS DISCOUNTS !!!!!

The veterans office would like your assistance in compiling a comprehensive list of all local businesses that offer discounts or special promotions for those who have served our country.

We will have a special place here in our office where veterans can get information if interested. **WE WILL NOT** be recommending any one business over another or be promoting that veterans only do business with those entities. We simply want to be as knowledgeable as we can as to what our community offers our veterans.

Please only report that in which you have personally asked about and **WE WILL VERIFY** the correctness and details with the business. Keep in mind, a lot of businesses will give a veteran a discount or perk but its not necessarily a "policy". Do not report that you once received a free coffee somewhere. This will be a verified list of true and accurate details.

We would also be happy to list all "veteran owned" businesses.

WE DO NOT NEED information about once a year deals or out of town businesses... This will be a local Knox County benefits guide.

Thanks in advance for all your help in this project !!

God Bless



Executive Director, Kevin L. Henthorn

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- April. 4th, Radio Program on WMVO at 10:00 AM.
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners first & third Wed. at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Vet Center Counseling on location April 13th & April 27th call for an appointment.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

MELISSA LATHAM

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

Free PTSD / Combat related counseling !!!!!

The Columbus VA Vet Center will be here at your Knox Co. Veterans Office EVERY * 2ND and 4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH. *****

Please call our office ASAP with any questions about this fantastic service. This is a wonderful opportunity to come into a local, comfortable, welcoming environment to just sit and share with a professional about issues you or your family may be dealing with. Not only could this make a huge difference in your quality of life, but will aid this office in the filing and advancement of disability claims. Dr. Scott Johnson has already been in the office and seen numerous veterans and is excited and eager to see more Knox County Veterans !

PLEASE HELP US HELP YOU !

CALL NOW for an appointment 740-393-6742

FLAG SALES

NEW FLAG PRICES !!!

<u>Size:</u>	<u>Material:</u>	<u>NEW Price:</u>
3x5	Nylon	\$10.00
3x5	Cotton	\$11.00
4x6	Nylon	\$15.00
5x8	Nylon	\$20.00
5x8	Cotton	\$23.00



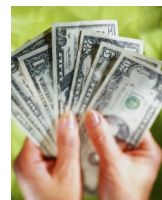
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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!



**VA and GAO Agree: Appeals Reform Needed
Current legal process detrimental to Veterans**

WASHINGTON — In response to a report released by the Government Accountability Office's (GAO), "VA Disability Benefits: Additional Planning Would Enhance Efforts to Improve the Timeliness of Appeals Decisions," the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) released the following statement:

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) appreciates the work of the Government Accountability Office (GAO). This report confirms that the current law and process for adjudicating appeals is not consistent with the commitment we have made to our nation's Veterans.

"Veterans are waiting far too long for decisions in our current appeals process," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We have made bold changes to remove the bureaucratic red tape that has caused Veterans to wait an average of three years before they get a decision."

VA has developed sound and aggressive plans regarding hiring, training and mitigation strategies that are already being aggressively implemented. In addition, VA recognizes the importance of effective management practices for the development of information systems to help integrate and streamline the appeals process. Our new Casflow system will help us anticipate new information requirements, allowing us to quickly address challenges and provide our employees the support they need.

There is broad consensus that the current VA appeals system is broken and in urgent need of reform. Our proposal for a new appeals process was designed in conjunction with Veterans Service Organizations and other key stakeholders. VA strongly disagrees with GAO about the need for any type of piloting, which would only unnecessarily delay the implementation of the bold changes Veterans expect us to make.

"We have a number of reports and studies, including this one from GAO, which have helped us clearly identify the problems in the current system," said Acting Under Secretary for Benefits Tom Murphy.

VA is working to make as many changes to the system allowed by current law.

"We need our partners in Congress to act swiftly, so we can implement the changes we all agree need to be made," Secretary Shulkin said. "I am personally committed to work with Congress over the coming months to get this done."

