



## Knox County Joint Veterans Council

The Knox County Joint Veterans Council is located at the Knox County Veterans Service Office located at 411 Pittsburgh Ave. Mount Vernon, Ohio. The post conducts regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting time is 7:30 P.M. Contact the Veterans Service Office for membership information on the JVC.

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.



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### Veterans Crisis Hotline

1-800-273-TALK (8255), and press "1"

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has founded a national suicide prevention hotline to ensure veterans in emotional crisis have free, 24/7 access to trained counselors.

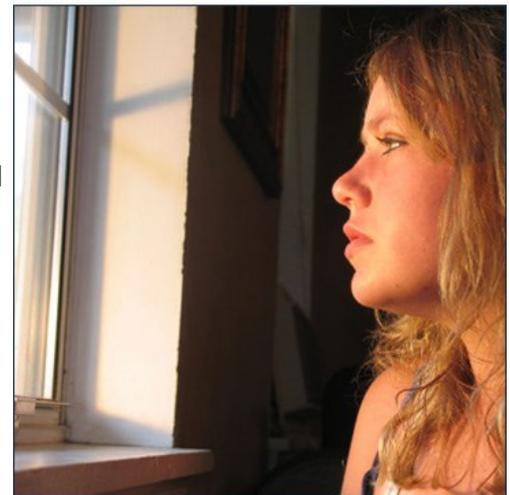
To operate the Veterans Hotline, the VA partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. Veterans can call the Lifeline number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), and press "1" to be routed to the Veterans Hotline.

### Ohio Cares

[www.ohiocares.ohio.gov](http://www.ohiocares.ohio.gov)

A collaboration of state and local agencies supporting the behavioral health of returning OIF/OEF veterans and their families. Although the VA is the primary source of services for veterans, this partnership identifies community based resources also available to veterans and their families.

Partners include: VA Healthcare System for Ohio, Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio National Guard, Ohio Department of Drug and Alcohol Addiction Services, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Healthcare Authorities, and Ohio Council of Behavioral Healthcare Providers.



# Attention Veterans

## Replacing Lost Military Medals and Decorations

The military recognizes that military medals are often a cherished part of family history and makes replacement medals, decorations, and awards available to veterans or their next of kin if the veteran is no longer living or able to make the request on his or her own behalf. Requests for replacement medals, decorations, and awards should be made to the veteran's respective branch of service, with the exception of Army and Air Force (including Army Air Corps) veterans; requests will be sent to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis where the records will be reviewed and verified. The center will then forward the requests to the respective service where the medal, decoration, or award will be issued.

The military won't issue replacement medals or awards to just anyone. You typically need to be the veteran or next of kin (NOK) to receive a replacement medal or decoration. NOK differs between services.

For the Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps & Coast Guard, the NOK is defined as: the un-remarried widow or widower, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister.

For the Army, the NOK is defined as: the surviving spouse, eldest child, father or mother, eldest sibling or eldest grandchild.

Replacement medals, decorations and awards should be requested on SF 180, Request Pertaining To Military Records. This form can be downloaded from [www.va.gov/vaforms](http://www.va.gov/vaforms). You can fill out the form online or print the application and fill it out and mail it in. Each request should be filled out neatly, and should include the veter-

an's branch of service, social security number, dates of service, and it should be signed by the veteran or the next of kin if the veteran is incapacitated or deceased. Supporting documentation such as discharge paperwork or the veterans DD 214 or other military records can help speed the process. In general, requests made by the veteran are fulfilled at no cost. This includes requests made by family members who have the signed authorization of the veteran. There may be an associated fee for requests made by next of kin, especially if the request involves archival records (records are considered ar-

chival records 62 years after the veteran's date of separation from military service). However, you would be able to purchase these from commercial sources. We have a non endorsed list of commercial vendors in the office. As always if you require assistance with any forms please contact the office. We can also assist you with your request for your archived military records.

