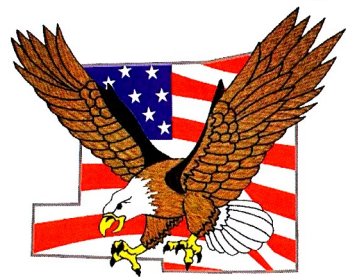


# Knox County



## 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.

# 2017

| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|---|--|--|-----|-----|
| 1   | 2  | 3 Radio Show<br>10A   | 4 Commissioners<br>Meeting - 3 PM - Public<br>Welcome  | 5  | 6   | 7   |
| 8   | 9<br><b>Office Closed</b><br><b>Columbus Day</b> | 10  | 11   | 12 Vet Center on<br>Location 9am—4pm.<br>Call for an appointment | 13  | 14  |
| 15  | 16   | 17  | 18 Commissioners<br>Meeting - 3 PM - Public<br>Welcome | 19   | 20  | 21  |
| 22  | 23   | 24  | 25   | 26 Vet Center on<br>Location 9am—4pm.<br>Call for an appointment | 27  | 28  |
| 29  | 30   | 31<br><b>Halloween!!</b><br> |  |  |     |     |

## KNOX COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE



# VETERANS MONTHLY



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DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

OCTOBER 2017

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

Thank you to all who came out to the Fredericktown Tomato Show and the Centerburg Farming Festival last month ! We had another wonderful time spent talking to veterans and their families about what our office can do for them.



Don't forget to start making plans for Veterans Day NEXT MONTH ! If you know of a opportunity for our office to come and share with your group or organization, please contact us ASAP. We would love the opportunity to share what benefits may be available as well as give any needed patriotic addresses.

Thank You for all your support and God Bless.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Oct. 3rd — *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners first & third Wed. at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- **OFFICE CLOSED Columbus Day**
- *Vet Center Counseling on location Oct. 12th & Oct. 26th call for an appointment.*



### Christmas TURKEY'S!!!

The **Knox County Veteran Service Office** would like every **Knox County Veteran** to receive a **FREE** Christmas Turkey as our gift.

All veterans must come to the Veterans Service Office and provide proof of county residency and valid military discharge in which to register with the office and receive your **"voucher"** for their **FREE** turkey.

**Please come to the office to receive your "voucher" this month (October), ending October 31st at 4 P.M.**

The turkeys will be available for **pick-up** at *Smithhisler Meats* during the month of **DECEMBER** (1st - 31st).

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

**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

| <b>FLAG SALES</b> |                  | <b>NEW FLAG PRICES !!!</b> |  |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Size:</b>      | <b>Material:</b> | <b>NEW Price:</b>          |  |
| 3x5               | Nylon            | \$10.00                    |  |
| 3x5               | Cotton           | \$11.00                    |  |
| 4x6               | Nylon            | \$15.00                    |  |
| 5x8               | Nylon            | \$20.00                    |  |
| 5x8               | Cotton           | \$23.00                    |  |

**Check or Money Order ONLY!! Thank You.**

**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**

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 Removes Former D.C. Medical Center Director**

*New Accountability Measures Used*

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has fired former Washington, D.C., VA Medical Center Director Brian Hawkins for his failure to provide effective leadership to the D.C. Medical Center.

The department undertook this action using authorities provided by the VA Accountability Act, which the president signed into law in June. Hawkins was notified in late August that he was being proposed for removal. "We at VA will use the authorities available to ensure our Veterans get the highest quality service and care possible," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "This is the right decision for Veterans in D.C., and employees at the medical center, and underscores our commitment to hold employees accountable if they fail to do their jobs or live up to VA's values."

VA initiated the latest action after the VA Office of Inspector General issued a new report finding that Hawkins violated VA policy by sending sensitive VA information from his work email to unsecured private email accounts.

**VA Awards \$188 Million in Grant Funding to Help Homeless Veterans**

**WASHINGTON** — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced \$188 million in grants for two programs benefiting homeless Veterans.

The grants were made through the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) program, awarded to community agencies providing services to homeless Veterans.

Awards announced today will provide approximately \$185 million in per diem funding for 556 projects to community agencies that provide transitional housing and supportive care for homeless Veterans. Awards were made to programs in 49 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

In addition, approximately \$3 million in grant funding will be awarded to 13 community agencies that provide services for homeless Veterans with special needs. The GPD Special Need funding provides additional operational costs for transitional housing and services for homeless Veterans who fall under "Special Need" populations, including women, those with chronic mental illness and individuals who care for minor dependents.

"The GPD program has been instrumental in providing needed services to community organizations," said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. "We look forward to our continued partnership with the awardees as we work together to end Veteran homelessness. Our goal is to help give at-risk Veterans stable housing and a good start to independence."

Since the GPD program began awarding grants in 1994, approximately \$2 billion has been awarded to community organizations serving homeless Veterans. More information about VA's homeless programs is available at [www.va.gov/homeless](http://www.va.gov/homeless). Community organizations seeking details can visit VA's National Grant and Per Diem Program website at [www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP](http://www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.ASP).

