



Ohio's "Families 4 Vets" campaign has launched! Families4Vets is a veteran's suicide prevention initiative of Ohio's Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal is to empower family members and close friends to "step up" for active-duty military personnel, returning veterans, Ohio National Guard members and other servicemen and women. We know that military families often struggle

with issues related to deployments, service and the transition back to civilian life, such as re-integration challenges, PTSD, depression or withdrawal.

Close friends, parents/caregivers, grandparents, siblings, adult children or other relatives of veterans facing the challenges of re-integration after military service, have an important role to play. And we're here to help!

Those who love and care about our service members and veterans can access the campaign Website and social media pages for know-how, answers, resources and support. They can also get linked up to local, state and federal resources, including crisis response, both for themselves and for the veterans in their lives. This campaign builds knowledge and skills, and connects people so that we can all help weave a strong "circle of care" around military personnel and their families. We hope to motivate friends and family members to take an active role and find helpful resources in their community to make a positive difference as veterans and their loved ones cope, readjust and thrive in civilian life.

Because we value your commitment to serving military personnel and veterans and their families in these communities, we are seeking your support and participation with this campaign.

If you or your organization are active on social media, please "like," link to and share campaign information there. Access the relevant pages below:

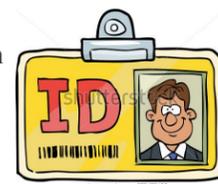
Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ohiodepartmentofveteransservices/>

Twitter:



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 4 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.



Military Trivia



1. What ancient world general said "I do not fear an army of lions, if they are led by a lamb. I do fear an army of sheep, if they are led by a lion"?
 - A) Julius Caesar
 - B) Vercingetorix
 - C) Xerxes I
 - D) Alexander the Great
2. What U.S. President is credited with saying, "From time to time, the tree of liberty must be watered with the blood of tyrants and patriots"?
 - A) George Washington
 - B) Thomas Jefferson
 - C) Abraham Lincoln
 - D) Franklin Roosevelt
3. What comedian opined that "Military justice is to justice what military music is to music"?
 - A) W.C. Fields
 - B) Charlie Chaplin
 - C) Groucho Marx
 - D) Bob Hope

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Operation Urgent Fury
2. Cuba
3. Bernard Coard



The Knox County Joint Veterans Council are looking for **volunteers!!!**

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 7:00 P.M. **Contact Jerry Robinson @ 740-398-7200 if you are interested in volunteering.** Thank you!



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.

This Month In Military History

The month of March, like every month of the year, has its notable events that occurred in our military history. In March of 1931, Congress approved "The Star Spangled Banner" as the official national anthem. Unofficially, Americans had been singing Francis Scott Key's song since the War of 1812.

In 1933 the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) was established, providing jobs for 250,000 unemployed young men between the ages of 18 and 25. U.S. Army officers directed CCC projects in reforestation, road construction, prevention of soil erosion, flood control, and maintenance of national parks.

On March 5, 1942, the U.S. Navy Seabees (Naval Construction Force) began operations during the early days of World War 2, and became famous during the Navy's island hopping campaigns in the Pacific, for their engineering skills as well as their bravery.

In March of 1943, the Battle of Bismarck Sea demonstrated the feasibility of the new "skip-bombing method of attack adopted by the Allies. In this battle, which started on March 2nd, and lasted until the 14th, American and Australian medium bombers, under Lt. Gen. George Kenney, flew low level attacks and destroyed eight Japanese Transports and four destroyers.

Also during March 1943, the U.S. 2nd Corps opened its drive toward Gabes, Tunisia, in a series of diversionary blows intended to distract the Germans from Field Marshal Montgomery's major assault on the Mareth Line. The new commander of 2nd Corp, Lt. Gen. George Patton, revitalized the beaten troops of Kasserine with his insistence on discipline and soldierly pride.

On March 9, 1945, the fire bombing of Tokyo killed 84,000 Japanese and destroyed about one-fourth of the buildings in the Japanese Capital. Under the command of Maj. Gen. Curtis LeMay, the 279 Superfortresses dropped large numbers of incendiary bombs on the city. 14 Superfortresses were shot down during the operation.

Later in March, 1945, U.S. Naval Task 58, under Admiral Mitscher, conducted carrier strikes against military targets on Kyushu to neutralize the island before the impending invasion of Okinawa.

Also that same month, the first Allied troops to land across the Rhine were airborne forces under Maj. Gen. Matthew Ridgeway. Winston Churchill witnessed the spectacular daylight drop of two airborne divisions.

Also in March of 1945, The U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima destroyed the last enemy resistance and occupied the island. This bloody month long campaign cost the United States more than 20,000 casualties, and almost the entire Japanese garrison of 23,000 was annihilated. Admiral Nimitz said, " Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue. More Marines received the Medal of Honor for their bravery on Iwo, than any other campaign or battle in history.

During the Korean War, on March 14, 1951, United Nations Forces recaptured Seoul. Seoul changed hands for the fourth time, following the success of "Operation Ripper". Under General Matthew Ridgeway, the United Nations forces drove the enemy from Seoul and marched into the capital unopposed. By March 31, the Eighth Army resumed its old position along the 38th Parallel.

In Vietnam, on March 3, 1965, the first direct and massive intervention of American ground forces in Vietnam began. U.S. Marines, 3,900 strong, landed on the beaches near DaNang at the request of the government of Saigon. Their mission was to protect DaNang Airbase. The old advisory role of the U.S. became a combatant role.

On March 16, 1968, U.S. Army soldiers swept through the hamlet of My Lai outside the village of Sonsung. Lt. William Calley, was in charge of First Platoon, Company C, First Battalion, 20th Infantry, under the Command of Captain Ernest Medina. Calley was ordered to lead a task force to Son My in Quang Ngai Province and destroy a suspected Vietcong stronghold in the hamlet of My Lai.

Reports circulated that Calley and his platoon gunned down 109 men, women and children. It was three years later, on March 29, 1971, that Lt. Calley Jr. was convicted by a court martial jury of six officers of 22 premeditated murders at My Lai Hamlet. Two days later the jury sentenced Calley to life in prison, dismissal from the service, and forfeiture of pay and allowances. His verdict was lessened to twenty years, and then he was paroled in November 1975.

In March of 1972, the North Vietnamese launched their long anticipated invasion of South Vietnam. Communist forces staged a coordinated attack on South Vietnamese fire support bases along the DMZ.

The following year, on March 15, 1973, Headquarters, US Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) closed in Saigon. Southeast Asia Operations would transfer to Thailand. On March 29th of that same month, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam. Meeting the deadline set by the Paris Peace Talks, the last of the 2500 American servicemen left Saigon's Ton Son Nhut Air Base for home.

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Now Seeking Applications

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is accepting nominations to recognize those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to contribute to our communities, state and nation through exceptional acts of volunteerism, advocacy, professional distinction, public service or philanthropy.

Each year, the Hall of Fame inducts up to 20 veterans based on recommendations from an Executive Committee of veterans from throughout the state and approval from the Governor of Ohio.

To be considered, the veteran must meet the following criteria:

- Be a past or current Ohio resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

This Hall of Fame sets the standard for recognizing Ohio's veterans for accomplishments beyond their military service. In addition, it is a fitting way to say "thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for your continued service to our communities." Chances are you know a veteran who deserves to be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. You are encouraged to nominate that deserving veteran today.

Nomination deadline is June 1, 2019. Guidelines, a sample nomination and more information are available at <http://dvs.ohio.gov/main/veterans-hall-of-fame.html>.

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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!

