

# 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.



# 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Radio Show 10A	3 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Vet Center on Location 9am—4pm. Call for an appointment	12	13
14 Palm Sunday	15	16	17 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	18 JVC Meeting 7:00p	19 Good Friday	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25 Vet Center on Location 9am—4pm. Call for an appointment	26	27
28	29	30				



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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

*Spring IS coming ! Believe it or not it will get here... eventually.*

It's a busy, busy time here in your Veterans Office this month. There is a lot taking place behind the scenes as we are making plans for spring & summer events like Memorial Day, Veterans Picnic and even the county fair plans are beginning. It takes many months and numerous people to put together all the quality programming Knox County Veterans get to enjoy.

April is also the month for several training events for our office personnel. The VA has implemented several changes in both the Disability claims and Appeal processes so these training events will be very important to further help our veterans.

This all in conjunction with the normal benefits and programming that takes place here. Please keep in tune with our newsletter, Facebook, website, radio program and local news for details on all that will be happening here in Knox County !



**Kevin Henthorn,**  
 Executive Director  
 Thank You for all your support  
 and God Bless.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr. 2nd — Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners first & third Wed. at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Vet Center Counseling on location Apr. 11th & 25th, call for an appointment.

Happy Easter!



### 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

**Perspecta Awarded \$155 Million Technical Support Contract  
from the Department of Veterans Affairs**

CHANTILLY, Va., March 27, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Perspecta Inc. a leading U.S. government services provider, announced today that it was awarded a prime contract from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to continue providing maintenance and support for the Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA), the agency's electronic health records (EHR) system. The follow-on contract has a one-year base and four, one-year options with a potential ceiling value of \$155 million, if all options are exercised.

On the contract, Perspecta will provide a full range of technical, managerial and administrative services to the VA, in support of both the primary VistA and VistA Imaging systems. Services will include engineering support and engineering changes, updates, repairs and other technical services. Additionally, Perspecta will execute an expertise center that will be used to diagnose and troubleshoot complex issues by providing various maintenance and support services including: a call center help desk, infrastructure and technical performance management, systems performance monitoring, and hardware and software troubleshooting.

"Maintaining and supporting one of the most complex EHR systems in the world requires a broad range of capabilities and smart answers to multifaceted challenges," said Mac Curtis, president and chief executive, Perspecta Inc. "We are proud of the successes we've had, and are excited to continue bringing our extensive experience and evolving innovation to our VA customer."

VistA is a robust and sophisticated EHR system, designed and developed to support the expansive medical system supporting U.S. military veterans. VistA is an integrated database consisting of 180 applications for clinical, financial and administrative functions of more than 143 facilities across the United States, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. As a long term infrastructure partner to the VA, Perspecta has been maintaining and supporting the VistA system for more than 20 years.

**About Perspecta Inc.**

At Perspecta **PRSP, -1.33%** we question, we seek and we solve. Perspecta brings a diverse set of capabilities to our U.S. government customers in defense, intelligence, civilian, health care and state and local markets. Our 260+ issued, licensed and pending patents are more than just pieces of paper, they tell the story of our innovation. With offerings in mission services, digital transformation and enterprise operations, our team of 14,000 engineers, analysts, investigators and architects work tirelessly to not only execute the mission, but build and support the backbone that enables it. Perspecta was formed to take on big challenges. We are an engine for growth and success and we enable our customers to build a better nation. For more information about Perspecta, visit [perspecta.com](http://perspecta.com).



**Unisys Selected to Assist Department of Veterans Affairs Move to the Cloud for More Efficient and Secure Service to Veterans**

Under task order valued at up to \$24.7 million, company will provide cloud advisory services to enable fast and secure transition to a multi-vendor cloud environment

RESTON, Va., March 28, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Unisys Corporation (NYSE: UIS) announced today it has been awarded a contract by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) – a new client for Unisys – to provide cloud advisory services to help accelerate its transition to the cloud, supporting the VA's goals of delivering secure digital experiences to benefit the U.S. veteran community. The Cloud Advisory Services work is being performed under a task order, valued at up to \$24.7 million, awarded in the third quarter of 2018 under the company's General Services Administration IT Schedule 70 contract. Unisys will leverage its deep experience in moving organizations to the cloud to help the VA with organizational change management, architecture, governance and migration planning. The adoption of cloud computing is a key VA goal as it seeks to continually improve its delivery of integrated health IT services to better serve the complex and diverse health and benefits needs of America's veterans and their families.

The task order runs up to five years, including a one-year base period followed by four consecutive one-year option periods.

Unisys will apply its CloudForte™ solution, tailored to VA requirements, in creating a strategy to accelerate the secure move of data and applications to the cloud. Launched in June 2018, CloudForte helps government users quickly and securely obtain the innovation, scale and cost efficiencies of the cloud while complying with all U.S. federal regulations.

The transition to the cloud represents a key aspect of VA's strategy to cost-effectively provide efficient and secure services to veterans. Under the task order, Unisys will analyze the agency's current environment and recommend strategies and approaches for moving its large and complex array of mission-critical applications and services to the cloud – while ensuring compliance with federal and VA security standards.

"Recognizing the essential need to provide the best healthcare to those who have served our country, Unisys is proud to be part of this project to enhance the VA's cloud computing capabilities for effective and efficient delivery of healthcare services," said Peter O'Donoghue, vice president, application and business consulting services, Unisys Federal. "And with the lessons learned from our experience helping federal agencies move to the cloud, we can enable a strategy for VA to break free from legacy infrastructure and adopt the cloud as a new platform for providing innovative health IT services for our nation's veterans."

**About Unisys**

Unisys is a global information technology company that builds high-performance, security-centric solutions for the most demanding businesses and governments on Earth. Unisys offerings include security software and services; digital transformation and workplace services; industry applications and services; and innovative software operating environments for high-intensity enterprise computing. For more information on how Unisys builds better outcomes securely for its clients across the Government, Financial Services and Commercial markets, visit [www.unisys.com](http://www.unisys.com).

