

Toll Free Numbers for Contacting VA

Department Name(s)	Toll Free Number(s)
Benefits (VA):	
Burial	
Death Pension	
Dependency Indemnity Compensation	
Direct Deposit	
Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices	
Disability Compensation	
Disability Pension	
Education	
Home Loan Guaranty	
Medical Care	
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment.....	1-800-827-1000
Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits.....	1-877-294-6380
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or)1-866-229-7389
Combat Call Center.....	1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)...	1-800-827-0648
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV)	
Foreign Medical Program (FMP)	
Spina Bifida Health Care Program.....	1-877-345-8179 (or)1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA)	
CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI).....	1-800-733-8387
eBenefits Technical Support.....	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill).....	1-888-442-4551
Health Care Benefits.....	1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance:	
Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program.....	1-800-419-1473
All other VA Life Insurance Programs.....	1-800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline.....	1-888-492-7844
Smoking Cessation Counselors.....	1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation.....	1-800-749-8387
Status of Headstones and Markers.....	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD).....	Dial 711
Veterans Crisis Line.....	1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
White House VA Hotline.....	1-855-948-2311
Women Veterans Hotline.....	1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)



Military Trivia



1. Gregory Peck played what general in a 1977 biographical film?
 - A) George Patton
 - B) Dwight Eisenhower
 - C) Douglas MacArthur
 - D) Robert E. Lee
2. What fictional swashbuckling sea captain does Gregory Peck play in a 1951 movie?
 - A) Jack Driscoll
 - B) Horatio Hornblower
 - C) Jack Aubrey
 - D) Captain Nemo
3. Gregory Peck's character in the film "Twelve O'clock High," named General Frank Savage, was largely based on what real-life general?
 - A) Chuck Yeager
 - B) Curtis LeMay
 - C) Hap Arnold
 - D) Frank Armstrong

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Andrews Air Force Base
2. Naval Submarine Base New London, Connecticut
3. Presidio of San Francisco, California

FLAG SALES

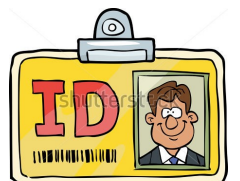
NEW FLAG PRICES !!!

<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



Check or Money Order ONLY!! Thank You.

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.



New text feature available through VA's Women Veterans Call Center

USERS MAY NOW TEXT, CALL OR CHAT TO LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) added a text messaging feature to the [Women Veterans Call Center](#) on April 23, providing another convenient way for women to seek information about VA benefits, health care and available resources.

Women Veterans can now text 855-829-6636 to receive answers and guidance about VA services.

"We want to make it as easy as possible for women Veterans to get answers about eligibility requirements, benefits, services and more," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "By offering new methods of communication, such as texting, we can reach more women Veterans and support their health care needs more quickly."

The Women Veterans Call Center is staffed by trained, compassionate female VA employees, who can provide and link callers to available resources, such as health care, benefits and cemetery information via phone, chat and now text. The new texting feature aligns this service with other VA call centers that provide information and assistance to Veterans who are in crisis, at risk for suicide and becoming homeless.

VA works to meet the unique requirements of women, while offering privacy, dignity and sensitivity to gender-specific needs. Since April 2013, the call center has received nearly 83,000 inbound calls and has initiated almost 1.3 million outbound calls. As the number of women Veterans continues to grow, VA is expanding its outreach to ensure they receive enrollment and benefit information through means that are user-friendly and responsive.

Women are among the fastest-growing Veteran demographics, accounting for more than 30% of the increase in Veterans who served between 2014 and 2018. The number of women using VA health care services has tripled since 2000, growing from about 160,000 to over 500,000 today. This continued growth underscores VA's commitment to enhancing communication and outreach to the growing population of women Veterans. For more information about the Women Veterans Call Center, visit [Women Veterans Health](#).



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.

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!



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**

VA publishes Code of Integrity ethical standards for its Health Care Administration employees

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recently published a [Code of Integrity](#), which sets the ethical standards and obligations of every employee in VA's Veterans Health Administration (VHA).

Centered upon VA's [I CARE](#) values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect and Excellence, the VHA Code of Integrity, which was published April 22, makes VA among the first handful of federal departments or agencies to implement such an action.

"The response by VHA staff in reaffirming our shared values and strengthening our culture is outstanding," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We're proud to help set a standard for other federal departments and agencies to follow."

A "go to" resource for finding high-level guidance and contact information, the Code covers a wide range of ethical conduct and concerns, from protecting confidential Veteran information to ensuring the accuracy of reported statistics to making the workplace environment safer. Further, the Code emphasizes VHA's common culture of integrity and its responsibility to operate with the highest principles and ethical business standards in striving to care for patients, as well as treating fellow colleagues with dignity, respect, integrity, honesty, compassion, teamwork and excellence.

As government employees, all VHA employees adhere to a federal employee code of conduct. The VHA Code of Integrity takes this commitment further by underscoring the unique role VHA staff plays in Veterans' care.

"Creating a culture that's conducive to the highest ethical standards is critical not only to assuring high quality health care, but also to assuring public trust in VA," Wilkie said.

Additionally, the Code aligns with the agency's priority to ensure the efficient use of government resources and address underlying management issues previously identified by the Government Accountability Office.