

Knox County



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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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	5 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	6	7	8
	10	11	12	13 Brew & Bull (coffee & dough- nuts at the office) 9 a.m.	14	15
16	17	18	19 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27 Brew & Bull (coffee & dough- nuts at the office) 9 a.m.	28	29

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

??? Questions ???

Disability—Pension—Healthcare -Education - Camp Lejeune—PACT Act—Ear Plugs – Agent orange—Burn Pits – Asbestos

Any one else confused by all the radio ads, TV commercials, lawyers, doctors, fellow veterans, phone solicitors, emails, and tons of junk mail every day ??????

With all of the information resources available today, I think we can all agree that what we want most is an “expert” answering our questions. We all appreciate the different opinions and information gathered from multiple sources to make the best educated decisions in life. So when it comes to veterans and widows seeking out Veterans Affairs benefits, look no further than your County Veterans Service Office (located in all 88 Ohio Counties).

There is **NO** other service, company, office or entity with the same training, certifications, accreditations, access or experience than a County Veteran Service Officer (CVSO). Many other options are available to assist those in filing benefit claims as you the veteran or widow can even do so yourself. Navigating the system and filing the correct federal VA Forms can be a bit confusing but is possible. **However !** That is only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to getting all you may be entitled to.

Many other entities who assist Veterans in filing for claims may only assist in the filing of an *initial claim* and possibly even receive a portion of your benefit if awarded. A CVSO will not just “file your claim”, We will pursue every single benefit that may accompany these claims. If awarded (or not) introduce you to in-house benefits , state benefits, health care benefits, education benefits, transportation services and more ! There may also be multiple follow up claims such as additional secondary, aggravated and requests for increase claims. Normally, no other volunteer or hired service can provide a fraction of these services, not to mention the empathy and expertise a County Veteran Service Officer can provide. Did I forget to mention that there has never been a fee or charge for **ANY** services provided here at Knox County Veterans Services, nor will there ever be !

Serving you , our brothers and sisters in arms is our reward.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday, April 4th at 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. April 5th and 19th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday April 13th and 27th at 9 a.m.*



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





Military Trivia



- A standard U.S. military multi-fuel engine that is used in most modern cargo trucks will run on what fuels?
 - Gasoline, grain alcohol, motor oil, and propane
 - Diesel, kerosene, home heating oil, jet fuel, and vegetable oil
 - Any petroleum based fuel
 - All of the above
- The first major use of U.S. airborne troops occurred during which 1942 operation?
 - Giant
 - Pegasus
 - Steve
 - Torch
- Which U.S. units made the only combat jump during the Vietnam War?
 - 3rd Battalion, 511th Infantry and 320th Artillery (Airborne)
 - 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry and 318th Artillery (Airborne)
 - 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry and 319th Artillery (Airborne)
 - 3rd Battalion, 509th Infantry and 318th Artillery (Airborne)

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- American Samoa
- Northern Ireland
- Alvin York

Medal of Honor Recipient— PFC Ross McGinnis

Private First Class Ross A. McGinnis distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an M2 .50-caliber Machine Gunner, 1st Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy in Adhamiyah, Northeast Baghdad, Iraq, on 4 December 2006. That afternoon his platoon was conducting combat control operations in an effort to reduce and control sectarian violence in the area. While Private McGinnis was manning the M2 .50-caliber Machine Gun, a fragmentation grenade thrown by an insurgent fell through the gunner's hatch into the vehicle. Reacting quickly, he yelled "grenade," allowing all four members of his crew to prepare for the grenade's blast. Then, rather than leaping from the gunner's hatch to safety, Private McGinnis made the courageous decision to protect his crew. In a selfless act of bravery, in which he was mortally wounded, Private McGinnis covered the live grenade, pinning it between his body and the vehicle and absorbing most of the explosion. Private McGinnis' gallant action directly saved four men from certain serious injury or death. Private McGinnis' extraordinary heroism and selflessness at the cost of his own life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

<https://www.army.mil/medalofhonor/mcginnis/citation/index.html>



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 3:30 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.

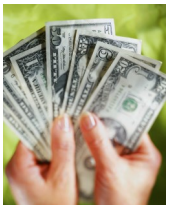


The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

Here are some veteran organizations that can take donations for our veterans:

County American Legion Posts, Disabled American Veterans Post, AMVETS Post's, V.F.W. Posts and Knox County Joint Veterans Council (Military Burials)

Thank you!



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