



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 105 E Chestnut St. Mount Vernon, Ohio. The post conducts regular meetings on the third Thursday of each month. The meeting time is 7:00 P.M. **Contact Carol Riley @**

[740-504-3264](tel:740-504-3264) 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.

Remains of South Korea Medal of Honor hero identified after 73 years

White House officials announced Wednesday that military investigators have identified the remains of Medal of Honor recipient Army Cpl. Luther Story, killed during the Korean War and classified as missing for the last 73 years.

In a joint statement, Presidents Joe Biden and South Korea's Yoon Suk Yeol said the revelation underscores both country's commitment to honoring the service members who fought in that war and ensuring everything possible is done to provide closure to their families.

Story's remains were included among a group of 652 unknown combatants exhumed from Sangde-po, South Korea, in June 2021. Officials from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency used dental and anthropological records to identify Story among the individuals buried there, while scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA analysis to confirm the findings.

Story was posthumously given the Medal of Honor — the nation's highest military award — in June 1951. Eleven months earlier, Story was a 19-year-old serving with the 9th Infantry Regiment of the 2nd Infantry Division when his company was attacked by North Korean forces near the towns of Pusan and Yeongsan in South Korea.

According to his fellow soldiers, Story repeatedly exposed himself to enemy gunfire to lob grenades at the attackers, allowing time for U.S. forces to pull back to safety. During that retreat, he was mortally wounded, but continued to provide cover for his withdrawing comrades. Military members later searched for his body, but were unable to recover it. He was officially declared missing in 1954.

Wednesday's announcement was made as part of the South Korean president's visit to Washington, D.C. This year marks the 70th anniversary of start of the official alliance between the two countries.

Story will be buried in his home state of Georgia in a ceremony scheduled for May 29, according to officials from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

NEW FLAG POLICY!

ATTENTION, Bad news and Good news ! "FLAGS"

THE BAD NEWS.

Unfortunately, due to multiple logistic changes outside of our control, the office will no longer be able to keep an inventory of U.S. Flags for purchase through the Congressman's office. But we can still assist.

In prior years we were able to maintain an inventory of flags and the public would be able to write a check to the congressman's office and we would be reimbursed the flag that was given out.

Due to changes in ordering, billing, shipping and pricing we will now only be able to assist YOU with the purchase. The new ordering process takes place one flag at a time, online, through our new Congressman's website.

If you stop in, we can provide the following.

1. Order your flag online for you.
2. Accept your check to the Congressman. (cost+shipping now)
3. Mail your check with conformation to the proper office.
4. You will then receive your flag in the mail.

You may also do this yourself online at ,<https://balderson.house.gov/>

Under the tab "services", "flag Requests"

THE GOOD NEWS.

We are offering FREE 3x5 nylon, all-weather, made in the USA Flags every year to all those who attend our Open House in person. This being ONE per Knox County household/family. Our annual Open House is always on the Monday before Memorial Day every year.

This year's Open house is Monday May 22nd 8am-5pm.

We will also entertain and review special requests for a flag to be donated based on location, need, event etc.

We are also entertaining additional free flag giveaway events throughout the year with no decisions being made yet.

We apologize for this inconvenience. See you in the office soon !



US Vietnam War Commemoration hosting May 'welcome home' event in DC

The [United States Vietnam War](#) Commemoration is calling on all Vietnam War veterans and their families to head to the National Mall May 11-13 for a “[welcome home](#)” event featuring performances, speakers and a chance to connect with veterans service organizations.

The event will be the organization’s biggest yet, and a warm-up for the 50th anniversary, acting director Army Maj. Ed Chrystal told reporters Tuesday. [Congress created the United States Vietnam War Commemoration back in 2008](#), with a mandate increase outreach and hold events to honor Vietnam veterans and their families through 2025, when the U.S. will mark 50 years since the end of the war.

“The Vietnam War Commemoration estimates approximately 7 million Vietnam veterans are currently living within the United States and abroad, and through our estimations, we have reached about 3.7 million of those veterans,” Chrystal said. “So we have two years and we’ve got about three and a half million veterans to go.”

210924-N-GR120-1013 WASHINGTON (September 24, 2021) Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Pete Aylward, the director of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration, presents the Vietnam War Commemoration flag to Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Russell Smith. The mission of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration is to thank and honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the nation. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Anna Van Nuys)

In this year’s event, starting May 11, the organization will set up “Camp Legacy” along West Potomac Park in Washington, D.C., with static helicopter displays and more than 40 exhibit tents featuring museum displays, veterans advocates and allied country participants like South Korea and Australia. Daily events will include a jump by the U.S. Army Parachute Team, the Golden Knights, speakers, panel discussions, concerts, high school bands and local junior ROTC drill teams. The VA will also have their mobile veterans assistance unit on site to help connect any participants to services, Chrystal said.

Chrystal, a career National Guardsman and Iraq War veteran, said he hopes the event helps continue to change the culture around how Americans treat veterans.

“Now, we treat our veterans very well. But 50 years ago, we weren’t so good at that,” he said. “And we definitely owe it to our Vietnam veterans and their families, who were he even looked down upon at the time.”

He believes Vietnam veterans themselves started that change.

“The Vietnam veterans could have turned their backs on all of society,” he said. “But what they did was when ... the soldiers and sailors, airmen, Marines that worked for us got on planes from foreign countries fighting wars, the first person in line to shake their hand and welcome to back was the Vietnam veteran.”

Pictures of the Month



An Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II takes off for a test mission at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., April 19, 2023.



Air Force airmen demonstrate search-and-rescue capabilities at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., April 6, 2023.