



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.

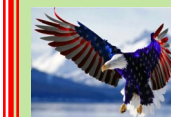
The Knox County Veterans Service shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10:30am	2 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Brew & Bull(coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m	11	12
13	14	15	16 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	17 Flag retirement ceremony 6 p.m. Ariel Park	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Brew & Bull(coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		


KNOX COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE



VETERANS MONTHLY



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DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

AUGUST 2023

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN



STILL AROUND AND GROWING
AFTER 150 YEARS!

Welcome to Knox County Fair

Thank you for coming to see us at the Fair this year. Giveaways, refreshments, and a POW-MIA Ceremony were just a few of the things we enjoyed providing. Please make plans to visit next year! Ask us about the Fairs' Veteran Appreciation Day... free admittance!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday, August 1st at 10:30 am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. August 2nd and 16th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday, August 10th and 24th at 9 a.m.*

PICNIC NEWS INSIDE!



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



TOP SECRET ... Possibly big news coming next year for our office at the Fair...shhhhhh. stay tuned.



Military Trivia



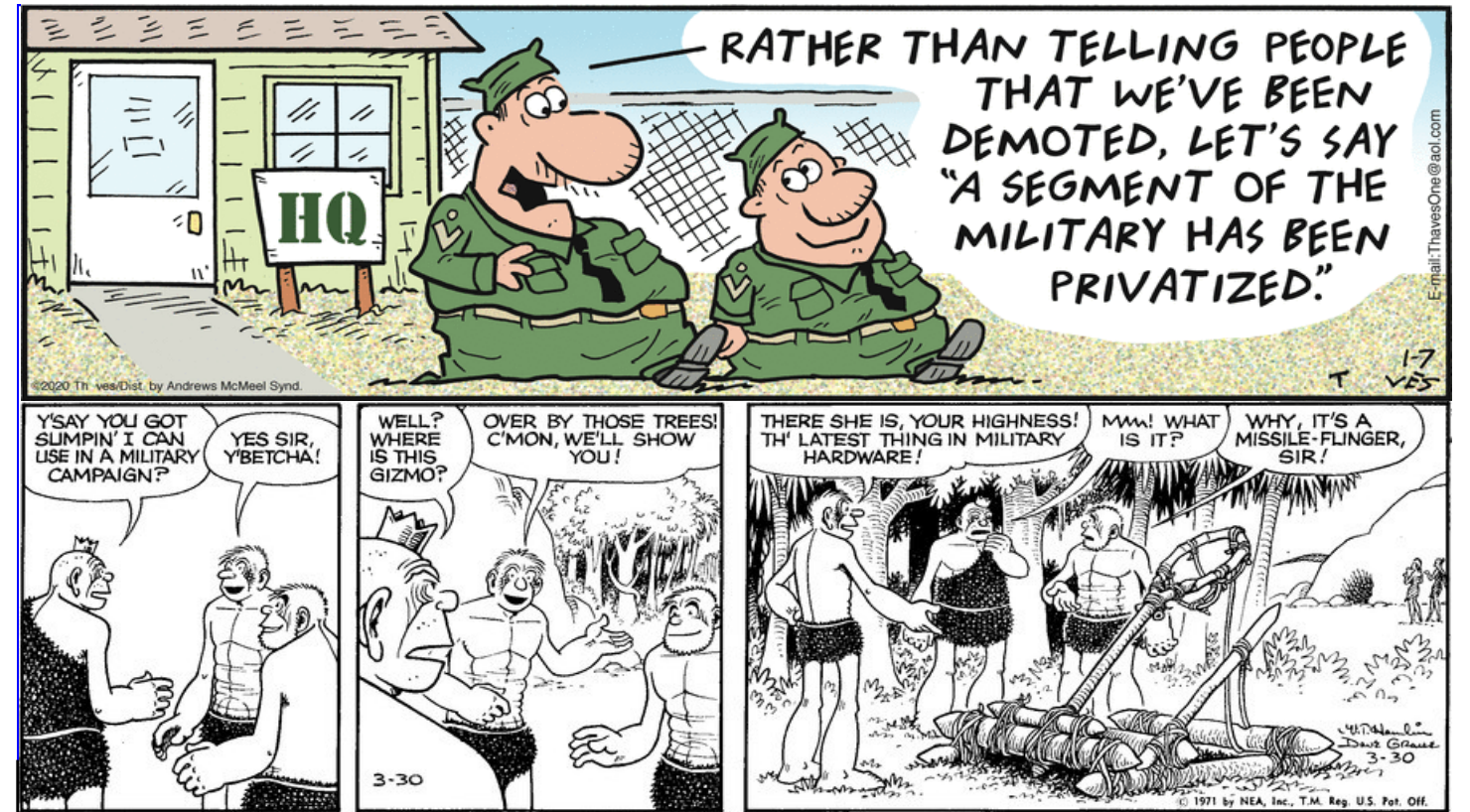
1. After what major conflict was the United States Air Force formed?
 - A) World War I
 - B) World War II
 - C) Korean War
 - D) Vietnam War
2. Who established the United States Coast Guard?
 - A) George Washington
 - B) Thomas Jefferson
 - C) Alexander Hamilton
 - D) Calvin Coolidge
3. In what U.S. city was the U.S. Marines formed?
 - A) New York
 - B) Philadelphia
 - C) Boston
 - D) Washington D.C.

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

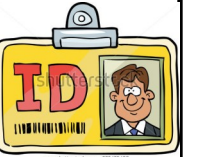
1. Somalia
2. China
3. War of 1812

SSG Travis Atkins

Staff Sergeant Travis W. Atkins distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on 1 June 2007, while serving in the position of Squad Leader with Company D, 2d Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2d Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. While manning a static observation post in the town of Abu Samak, Iraq, Staff Sergeant Atkins was notified that four suspicious individuals, walking in two pairs, were crossing an intersection not far from his position. Staff Sergeant Atkins immediately moved his squad to interdict the individuals. One of the individuals began behaving erratically, prompting Staff Sergeant Atkins to disembark from his patrol vehicle and approach to conduct a search. Both individuals responded belligerently toward Staff Sergeant Atkins, who then engaged the individual he had intended to search in hand-to-hand combat. Staff Sergeant Atkins tried to wrestle the insurgent's arms behind his back. When he noticed the insurgent was reaching for something under his clothes, Staff Sergeant Atkins immediately wrapped him in a bear hug and threw him to the ground, away from his fellow soldiers. Staff Sergeant Atkins maintained his hold on the insurgent, placing his body on top of him, further sheltering his patrol. With Staff Sergeant Atkins on top of him, the insurgent detonated a bomb strapped to his body, killing Staff Sergeant Atkins. Staff Sergeant Atkins acted with complete disregard for his own safety. In this critical and selfless act of valor, Staff Sergeant Atkins saved the lives of the three other soldiers who were with him and gallantly gave his life for his country. Staff Sergeant Atkins' undaunted courage, warrior spirit, and steadfast devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the 2d Brigade Combat Team, and the United States Army.



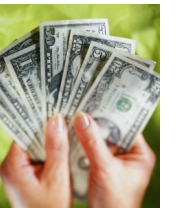
The state of Ohio veteran's ID cards will be available for issue here at your Knox County veterans service office MONDAY thru FRIDAY, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You **MUST** have Report of Separation or DD-214 upon request. If you are unsure if we have it or not, please call before you come. All discharge papers 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