

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.



2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	6 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	7 Pearl Harbor Day		9
10	11	12	13	14 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office)	15	16
17	18	19	20 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	21	22	23
24/31	25 Office Closed Christmas	26	27	28 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office)	29	30

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

CHRISTMAS HAMTIME...!!!

Knox County Veterans Services would like every Knox County Veteran to receive a FREE Christmas HAM as our gift to you.

All veterans must come to Veterans Services and provide proof of county residency and valid military discharge in which to register with the office and receive your "voucher" for their FREE HAM.

After receiving your "voucher" go directly to Smithhisler Meats to pick up your ham.
(Pick up in December only)

FRIDAY December 29th at 4:00 pm will be the last day to pick up your "voucher". The HAMS are available for immediate pick-up at Smithhisler Meats **all this month only.**

Contact our office for further details or special circumstances at 740-393-6742.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Dec. 5th - Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Dec. 6th & Wed. Dec. 20th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Dec. 14th and Dec. 28th—9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Dec. 25th—Office Closed





Military Trivia



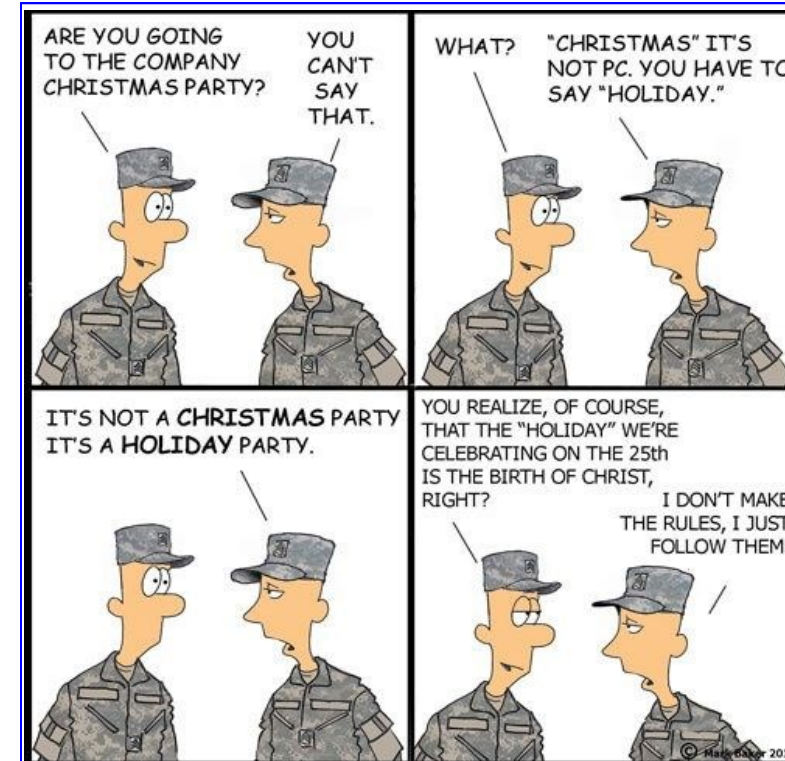
- The Salvation Army's "Christmas Kettle" annual donation drive made its debut in San Francisco in what year?
 - 1931
 - 1991
 - 1891
 - 1961
- For many years, the enormous tree found during Christmas at "Trafalgar Square" has been given to London by which country?
 - Switzerland
 - Canada
 - Norway
 - Germany
- When did the first Christmas tree appear in the White House?
 - 1802
 - 1856
 - 1903
 - 1874

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- George H. Bush
- Princeton vs. Yale
- 1941

Medal of Honor Recipient— CSM Bennie G Adkins

During combat operations against an armed enemy at Camp A Chau, Republic of Vietnam from March 9 to 12, 1966. When the camp was attacked by a large North Vietnamese and Viet Cong force in the early morning hours, Sergeant First Class Adkins rushed through intense enemy fire and manned a mortar position continually adjusting fire for the camp, despite incurring wounds as the mortar pit received several direct hits from enemy mortars. Upon learning that several soldiers were wounded near the center of camp, he temporarily turned the mortar over to another soldier, ran through exploding mortar rounds and dragged several comrades to safety. As the hostile fire subsided, Sergeant First Class Adkins exposed himself to sporadic sniper fire while carrying his wounded comrades to the camp dispensary. When Sergeant First Class Adkins and his group of defenders came under heavy small arms fire from members of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group that had defected to fight with the North Vietnamese, he maneuvered outside the camp to evacuate a seriously wounded American and draw fire all the while successfully covering the rescue. When a resupply air drop landed outside of the camp perimeter, Sergeant First Class Adkins, again, moved outside of the camp walls to retrieve the much needed supplies. During the early morning hours of March 10, 1966 enemy forces launched their main attack and within two hours, Sergeant First Class Adkins was the only man firing a mortar weapon. When all mortar rounds were expended, Sergeant First Class Adkins began placing effective recoilless rifle fire upon enemy positions. Despite receiving additional wounds from enemy rounds exploding on his position, Sergeant First Class Adkins fought off intense waves of attacking Viet Cong. Sergeant First Class Adkins eliminated numerous insurgents with small arms fire after withdrawing to a communications bunker with several soldiers. Running extremely low on ammunition, he returned to the mortar pit, gathered vital ammunition and ran through intense fire back to the bunker. After being ordered to evacuate the camp, Sergeant First Class Adkins and a small group of soldiers destroyed all signal equipment and classified documents, dug their way out of the rear of the bunker and fought their way out of the camp. While carrying a wounded soldier to the extraction point he learned that the last helicopter had already departed. Sergeant First Class Adkins led the group while evading the enemy until they were rescued by helicopter on March 12, 1966. During the thirty eight hour battle and forty eight hours of escape and evasion, fighting with mortars, machine guns, recoilless rifles, small arms, and hand grenades, it was estimated that Sergeant First Class Adkins killed between one hundred thirty five and one hundred seventy five of the enemy while sustaining eighteen different wounds to his body. Sergeant First Class Adkins' extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Detachment A-102, 5th Special Forces Group, 1st Special Forces 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.



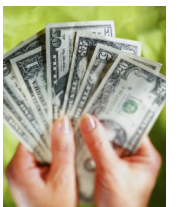
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS**. The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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

County American Legion Post 's, Disabled American Veterans Post, AMVETS Post's, V.F.W. Post's 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