

**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.

**November 2023**

| Sun | Mon | Tue                                   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                 | Sat   |
|-----|-----|---------------------------------------|---|--|---------------------|---|
|     |     |                                       | 1<br>Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome  | 2  | 3                   | 4   |
| 5   | 6   | 7<br>Radio 10:00am<br>Rural King 11-2 | 8   | 9<br>Brew & Bull coffee & doughnuts at the office 9 a.m.                             | 10<br>OFFICE CLOSED |  |
| 12  | 13  | 14                                    | 15<br>Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome | 16   | 17                  | 18  |
| 19  | 20  | 21                                    | 22  |  | 24<br>OFFICE CLOSED |  |
| 26  | 27  | 28                                    | 29  | 30   |                     |   |

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**VETERANS MONTHLY**

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

Hello Knox County !

With November being the host of Veterans Day on the 11th, there are many opportunities around Knox County to support our veterans and their families. Nearly every school and many churches as well as numerous businesses and community centers have programs and dedications to attend. I strongly encourage everyone to contact one or more of these hosts in your neighborhood and attend an event.

Our office will be speaking at many upcoming venues surrounding the week of veterans day, from senior centers, schools, Ariel, The Village of Danville and other organizations. This is a wonderful honor and privilege to reach out and educate the public on patriotic etiquette and honor all those who have served. **The City of Mt. Vernon's ceremony is now under the direction of our KCCC JROTC. (Town Square 11th @ 11am )**



“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.” ~John F. Kennedy  
Meaning...SHOW your patriotism on Veterans Day and live it everyday after.

NOTE:We will once again be providing a Holliday Ham (voucher) during the month of December. Mark your calendars for NEXT MONTH with details in December's Newsletter.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday November 7th at 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. November 1st & 15th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday November 9th at 9 a.m.*
- *Office Closed- November 10th, 23rd, & 24th*



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







# Halloween Trivia



- Who was the first president to officially pardon a turkey?
  - Abraham Lincoln
  - Gerald Ford
  - George H Bush
  - Herbert Hoover
- Which college teams faced off in the first Thanksgiving football game in 1869?
  - Michigan vs. Chicago
  - Princeton vs. Yale
  - Brown vs. Columbia
  - Columbia vs. Harvard
- What year was the date of Thanksgiving codified into law as the fourth Thursday of November?
  - 1901
  - 1898
  - 1862
  - 1941

### Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- Mamie Eisenhower
- Anoka, MN
- Alabama



## Maj John J. Duffy

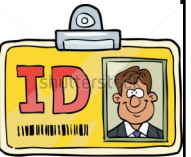
Maj. John J. Duffy distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty, while assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group and serving as a senior advisor to the 11th Airborne Battalion, 2nd Brigade, Airborne Division, Army of the Republic of Vietnam in the Republic of Vietnam, on April 14-15, 1972. Two days earlier, the commander of the 11th Airborne Battalion was killed, the battalion command post was destroyed, and Duffy was twice wounded but refused to be evacuated. Then on April 14, Duffy directed the defense of Fire Support Base Charlie, which was surrounded by a battalion-sized enemy element. In the morning hours, after a failed effort to establish a landing zone for resupply aircraft, he moved close to enemy anti-aircraft positions to call in airstrikes. At this time, Duffy was again wounded by fragments from a recoilless rifle round and again refused evacuation. Shortly after, the enemy began an artillery bombardment on the base and he remained in an exposed position to direct gunships onto the enemy positions, which eventually silenced the enemy fire. Following the bombardment, Duffy assessed the conditions on the base and personally ensured that wounded friendly foreign forces were moved to positions of relative safety and the remaining ammunition was appropriately distributed to the remaining defenders. The enemy resumed indirect fire on the base, expending an estimated 300 rounds. Nevertheless, Duffy remained in an exposed position to direct gunship fire on the enemy positions. In the late afternoon hours, the enemy began a ground assault from all sides of the firebase, and Duffy moved from position to position to adjust fire, spot targets for artillery observers and, ultimately, to direct gunship fire on a friendly position which had been compromised. During the early morning hours of April 15, the enemy ambushed the battalion, inflicting additional casualties and scattering some of the able-bodied service members. After withstanding the ambush, Duffy led the evacuees - many of whom were significantly wounded - to an established evacuation area, despite being continually pursued by the enemy. Upon reaching the exfiltration site, Duffy directed gunship fire on enemy positions and marked a landing zone for the helicopters. Only after ensuring all of the evacuees were aboard, did Duffy board while also assisting a wounded friendly foreign service member. Once on board, he administered aid to a helicopter door gunner who had been wounded during the evacuation. Duffy's extraordinary heroism and selflessness beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army.

Kevin & Kell

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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.



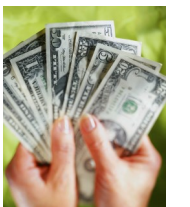
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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 of 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