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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.

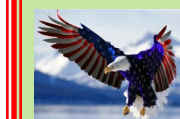
The Knox County Veterans Service Office shall take those steps necessary to ensure a well trained and professional staff that is available to advise and assist veterans, their dependents, and the widows and orphans of those veterans who, by virtue of their service in the military of the United States 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	2	3 Radio 10:00am Rural King 11-2	4 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	5	6	7
8	9 Office Closed	10	11	12 Brew & Bull coffee & doughnuts at the office 9 a.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Brew & Bull coffee & doughnuts at the office 9 a.m.	27	28
29	30	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN				



VETERANS MONTHLY



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DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

OCTOBER 2023

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN



September was a busy month with multiple opportunities to see us all over Knox County. We hope you enjoyed all Knox County offers every summer and fall in the way of festivals and community gatherings!



Annual 9/11 motorcycle run to Ohio Fallen Hero's Memorial.



Centerburg Old Time Farming Festival



Fredericktown Tomato Festival



Mount Vernon First Fridays.



SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR !

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday October 3rd at 10am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. October 4th and 18th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday October 12th and 26th at 9 a.m.*
- *Office Closed- October 9th*



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





Halloween Trivia



- The first First Lady ever to have decorated the White House for Halloween was
 - Eleanor Roosevelt
 - Mamie Eisenhower
 - Mary Lincoln
- What was the first city in the United States to plan an official Halloween celebration?
 - Salem, MA
 - Wamego, KS
 - Anoka, MN
 - Boerne, TX
- In what American state is it illegal to be a priest or nun for Halloween?
 - Mississippi
 - Vermont
 - Alabama
 - Indiana

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- Brother Rat
- Montgomery Meigs
- Theodore Roosevelt

Spc5 Dennis M. Fujii

Spc. 5 Dennis M. Fujii distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity beyond the call of duty while serving as crew chief aboard a helicopter ambulance during rescue operations in Laos and the Republic of Vietnam from Feb. 18, 1971 to Feb. 22, 1971. Fujii was serving with the 237th Medical Detachment, 61st Medical Battalion, 67th Medical Group. The team's mission was to evacuate seriously wounded Vietnamese military personnel from the midst of a raging battlefield. During the second landing attempt, the enemy concentrated a barrage of flak at the air ambulance, which damaged the aircraft and caused it to crash, injuring Fujii. A second helicopter was able to land and load all of his fellow downed airmen. However, Fujii was not able to board because the enemy directed fire on him. Rather than endanger the lives aboard the second helicopter, Fujii waved it off to leave the combat area. Subsequent attempts to rescue him were aborted due to the violent anti-aircraft fire. Fujii secured a radio and informed the aviators in the area that the landing zone was too hot for further evacuation attempts. Fujii remained as the lone American on the ground, treating the injuries of South Vietnam troops throughout the night and the next day. On the night of Feb. 19, the allied perimeter came under ruthless assault by a reinforced enemy regiment supported by heavy artillery. Once again obtaining a radio transmitter, Fujii called in American helicopter gunships to assist the small unit in repelling the attack. For a period of over 17 consecutive hours, Fujii repeatedly exposed himself to hostile fire as he left the security of his entrenchment to better observe enemy troop positions and to direct air strikes against them. At times, the fighting became so vicious that Fujii was forced to interrupt radio transmittal in order to place suppressive rifle fire on the enemy while at close quarters. Though wounded and severely fatigued by Feb. 20, the specialist bore the responsibility for the protection and defense of the friendly encampment until an American helicopter could land and attempt to airlift him from the area. As his air ambulance left the still blazing battlefield, it received numerous hits and was forced to crash land at another South Vietnamese Ranger base approximately four kilometers from his original location. The exhausted Fujii remained at the allied camp for two more days until yet another helicopter could return him to Phau Bai for medical assistance on Feb. 22. Fujii's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army



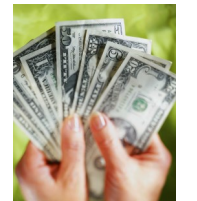
The state of Ohio veteran's ID cards will be available for issue here at your Knox County veterans service office MONDAY thru FRIDAY, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. You **MUST have Report of Separation or DD-214 upon request.** If you are unsure if we have it or not, please call before you come. All discharge papers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

