

**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.

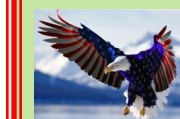
The Knox County Veterans Service shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 First Friday	2
3	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10:00am	6 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM Tomato Show !	7 Tomato Show !	8 Tomato Show !	9 9/11 Motorcycle Ride 10am Tomato Show !
10		12	13	14 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m.	15	16 Centerburg Farm Fest
17 Centerburg Farm Fest	18	19	20 Silent Watch (TBD) Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m.	29	30

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**VETERANS MONTHLY**



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**DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT**

SEPTEMBER 2023

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

**SAVE THE DATES**

September brings your office a busy busy schedule. We want to take advantage of every opportunity to meet you where you are. Come see us at any of the following events !

**Sept 1st** MtVernon First Friday on the square

**Sept 6th-9th** Fredericktown Tomato Show

**Sept 9th,** Annual 9/11 Remembrance Motorcycle Ride ( Office) See inside.

**Sept 16th-17th** Centerburg Old Time Festival

**Sept 20th** The Silent Watch (Office—Yet to be determined)



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- *Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, Tuesday, September 5th at 10 am*
- *Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Sept. 6th and 20th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome*
- *Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Sept. 14th and 28th at 9 a.m.*
- *Office Closed-Sept. 4th*



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





## Military Trivia



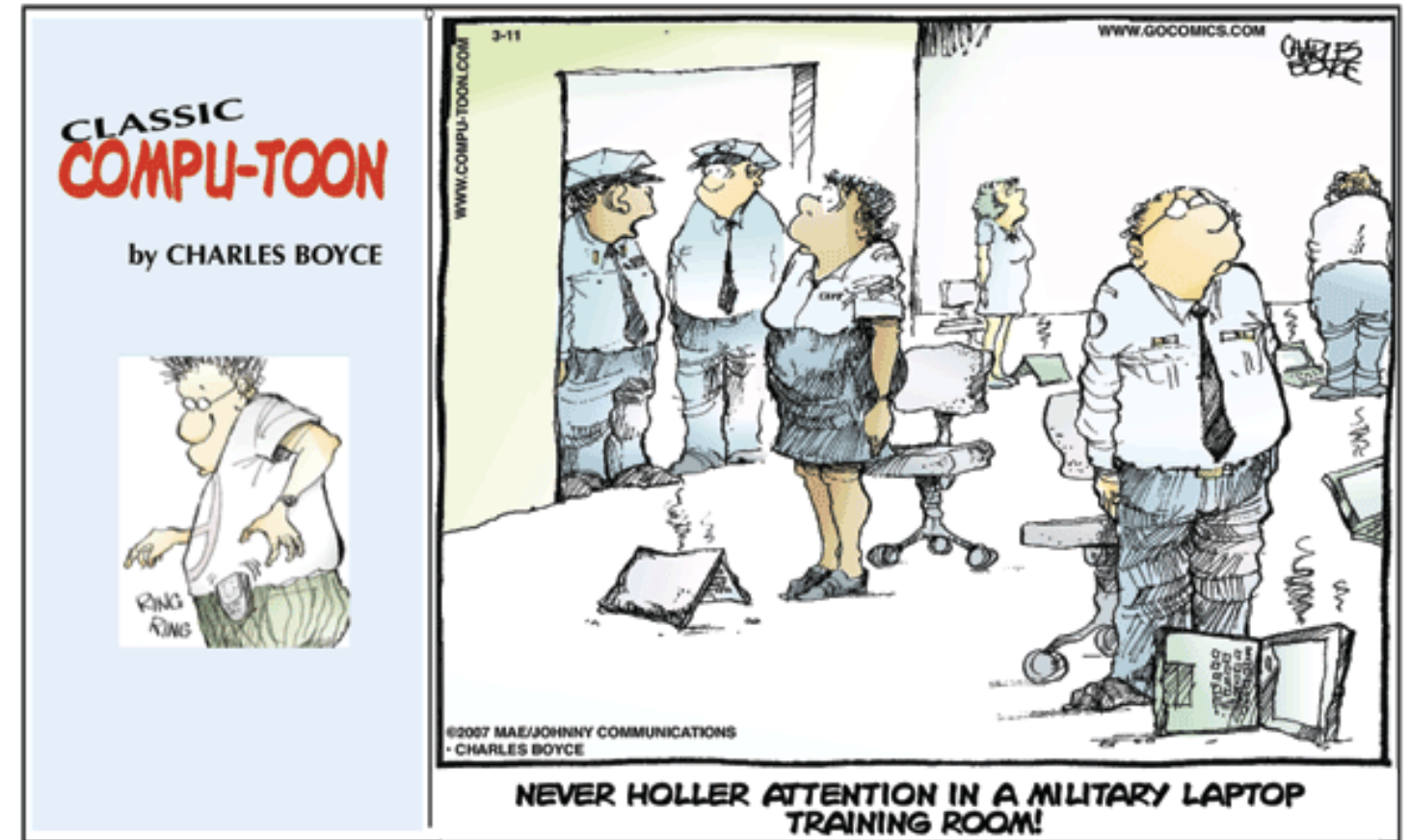
1. Stonewall Jackson was a professor at the Virginia Military Institute (V.M.I.) which was also the location for the filming of a 1935 movie starring Ronald Reagan. What is the name of the movie?
  - A) This is the Army
  - B) Brother Rat
  - C) Storm Warning
  - D) The Winning Team
2. Who selected the location of the Tomb of the Unknown soldier?
  - A) Abraham Lincoln
  - B) Montgomery Meigs
  - C) Ulysses S. Grant
  - D) U.S. Congress
3. Who was the only US president to receive the Medal of Honor?
  - A) Theodore Roosevelt
  - B) Harry Truman
  - C) Ulysses S. Grant
  - D) Georg Washington

### Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. WW II
2. Alexander Hamilton
3. Philadelphia

### SSG Earl D Plumlee

Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee distinguished himself by acts of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty on August 28th, 2013, while serving as a weapons sergeant, C company, 4th Battalion, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) in support of Enduring Freedom. Sergeant Plumlee instantly responded to an enemy attack on Forward Operating Base Ghazni — Ghazni Province, Afghanistan — that began with an explosion that tore a 60-foot breach in the base's perimeter wall. Ten insurgents wearing Afghan National Army uniforms and suicide vests poured through the breach. Sergeant Plumlee and five others mounted two vehicles and raced toward the explosion. When his vehicle was engaged by enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee reacted instinctively, using his body to shield the driver prior to exiting the vehicle and engaging an enemy insurgent 15 meters to the vehicle's right with his pistol. Without cover and in complete disregard for his own safety, he advanced on the enemy, engaging multiple insurgents with only his pistol. Upon reaching cover, he killed two insurgents — one with a grenade and the other by detonating the insurgent's suicide vest using precision sniper fire. Again, disregarding his own safety, Sergeant Plumlee advanced alone against the enemy, engaging several insurgents at close range, including one whose suicide vest exploded a mere seven meters from his position. Under intense enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee temporarily withdrew to cover, where he joined up with another soldier and, together, they mounted another counterattack. Under fierce enemy fire, Sergeant Plumlee again moved from cover and attacked the enemy forces, advancing within seven meters of a previously wounded insurgent who detonated his suicide vest, blowing Sergeant Plumlee back against a nearby wall. Sergeant Plumlee, ignoring his injuries, quickly regained his faculties and reengaged the enemy forces. Intense enemy fire once again forced the two soldiers to temporarily withdraw. Undeterred, Sergeant Plumlee joined a small group of American and Polish soldiers, who moved from cover to once again counterattack the infiltrators. As the force advanced, Sergeant Plumlee engaged an insurgent to his front left. He then swung around and engaged another insurgent who charged the group from the rear. The insurgent detonated his suicide vest, mortally wounding a U.S. soldier. Sergeant Plumlee, again, with complete disregard for his own safety, ran to the wounded soldier, carried him to safety, and rendered first aid. He then methodically cleared the area, remained in a security posture, and continued to scan for any remaining threats. Staff Sergeant Earl D. Plumlee's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Special Forces Regiment, 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



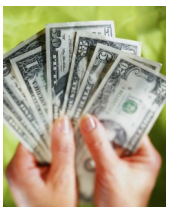
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS**. The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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