

**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.

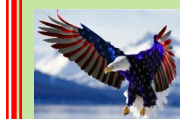
The Knox County Veterans Service Commission shall promulgate programs as required by Title 59 of the Ohio revised Code for services not listed above, such as outreach and the transportation of veterans to and from VA medical facilities.

**February**

**2024**

| Sun | Mon                 | Tue                                     | Wed                                                       | Thu                                                                    | Fri                                                    | Sat |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                     |                                         |                                                           | 1                                                                      | 2                                                      | 3   |
| 4   | 5                   | 6<br>Radio program<br>1300 WQIO<br>10am | 7<br>Commissioners<br>Meeting - 3 PM -<br>Public Welcome  | 8<br>Brew & Bull<br>(coffee & dough-<br>nuts at the office)<br>9 a.m.  | 9<br>Benefit<br>Seminars<br>10am &<br>1pm<br>3rd floor | 10  |
| 11  | 12                  | 16                                      | 14                                                        | 15                                                                     | 16                                                     | 17  |
| 18  | 19<br>Office closed | 20                                      | 21<br>Commissioners<br>Meeting - 3 PM -<br>Public Welcome | 22<br>Brew & Bull<br>(coffee & dough-<br>nuts at the office)<br>9 a.m. | 23                                                     | 24  |
| 25  | 26                  | 27                                      | 28                                                        | 29                                                                     |                                                        |     |

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**VETERANS MONTHLY**



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FEBRUARY 2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN



**VA Benefit Seminars & Q&A Sessions**

**Friday February 9th**

**3rd FLOOR !**

**VA BURIAL BENEFITS 10:00 AM**

**&**

**VA HOME LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM 1:00 PM**

Presented by Executive Director/ VSO Kevin Henthorn

Refreshments and local experts available for follow-up questions and planning details.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tue. Jan. 6th-  
Veteran's Office Ra-  
dio Program, WMVO  
1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Of-  
fice Commissioners  
Wed. Jan. 7th &  
Wed. Jan 21st at 3  
p.m. Public Welcome
- Veteran Bull and  
Brew Thursday Jan.  
8th and Jan. 22nd—  
9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Feb 19th—Office  
Closed



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





## Military Trivia



1. What was the name of the Serbian secret military society that formed in 1911, originating in a conspiracy to assassinate the Serbian royal couple?
  - A) Death's Mask
  - B) Black Hand
  - C) Wolverines
  - D) Red Plague
2. During which war did the German and British Empires fight in the Battle of Polygon Wood?
  - A) WW I
  - B) WW II
  - C) Korean War
  - D) 100 Year War
3. In 1989 the ruling military junta changed the country Burma's name to what new English name?
  - A) Brunei
  - B) UAE
  - C) Laos
  - D) Myanmar

### Last Month's Trivia Answers:

1. Japan
2. France
3. USS Maine

### Medal of Honor Recipient— 1LT Ralph Puckett

First Lieutenant Ralph Puckett, Jr., distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as the commander 8th U.S. Army Ranger Company during the period of 25 November, 1950, through 26 November, 1950, in Korea. As his unit commenced a daylight attack on Hill 205, the enemy directed mortar, machine gun, and small-arms fire against the advancing force. To obtain fire, First Lieutenant Puckett mounted the closest tank, exposing himself to the deadly enemy fire. Leaping from the tank, he shouted words of encouragement to his men and began to lead the Rangers in the attack. Almost immediately, enemy fire threatened the success of the attack by pinning down one platoon. Leaving the safety of his position, with full knowledge of the danger, First Lieutenant Puckett intentionally ran across an open area three times to draw enemy fire, thereby allowing the Rangers to locate and destroy the enemy positions and to seize Hill 205. During the night, the enemy launched a counter-attack that lasted four hours. Over the course of the counterattack, the Rangers were inspired and motivated by the extraordinary leadership and courageous example exhibited by First Lieutenant Puckett. As a result, five human-wave attacks by a battalion-strength enemy — enemy element were repulsed. During the first attack, First Lieutenant Puckett was wounded by grenade fragments, but refused evacuation and continually directed artillery support that decimated attacking enemy formations. He repeatedly abandoned positions of relative safety to make his way from foxhole to foxhole, to check the company's perimeter and to distribute ammunition amongst the Rangers. When the enemy launched a sixth attack, it became clear to First Lieutenant Puckett that the position was untenable due to the unavailability of supporting artillery fire. During this attack, two enemy mortar rounds landed in his foxhole, inflicting grievous wounds, which limited his mobility. Knowing his men were in a precarious situation, First Lieutenant Puckett commanded the Rangers to leave him behind and evacuate the area. Feeling a sense of duty to aid him, the Rangers refused the order and staged an effort to retrieve him from the foxhole while still under fire from the enemy. Ultimately, the Rangers succeeded in retrieving First Lieutenant Puckett and they moved to the bottom of the hill, where First Lieutenant Puckett called for devastating artillery fire on the top of the enemy-controlled hill. First Lieutenant Puckett's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and 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.



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.



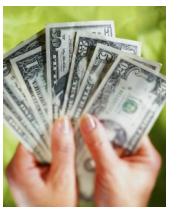
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS**. The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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