

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.

January **2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed	2 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	3 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Brew & Bull (coffee & dough- nuts at the office) 9 a.m.	12	13
14	15 Office Closed	16	17 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Brew & Bull (coffee & dough- nuts at the office) 9 a.m.	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

BBBBBBBBBB . . . Winter is here and so is a new year !

Let this year be the year you become more involved with our office. Please contact us with any questions you may have about any federal, state, or local benefits you may be entitled to. Make it a priority this year to ask about a VA Disability or Pension Claim, VA Health Care eligibility, or simply about receiving a little help with those rising utilities costs. We are here to serve you .



We hope everyone enjoyed their Christmas Ham once again this year. The office gave out approximately **1400+ hams** this year to our Knox county Veterans. It was a great turn out and we hope everyone enjoyed visiting our Welcome Center and receiving a few other goodies and information needed.

We look forward to seeing you at all of our annual events in 2024: Our open house, picnic, Knox County Fair, Fredericktown Tomato Show, and any new events that may come.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tue. Jan. 2nd- Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Jan. 3rd & Wed. Jan 17th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Jan. 11th and Jan. 25th— 9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Jan. 1st & Jan. 15th—Office Closed



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





Military Trivia



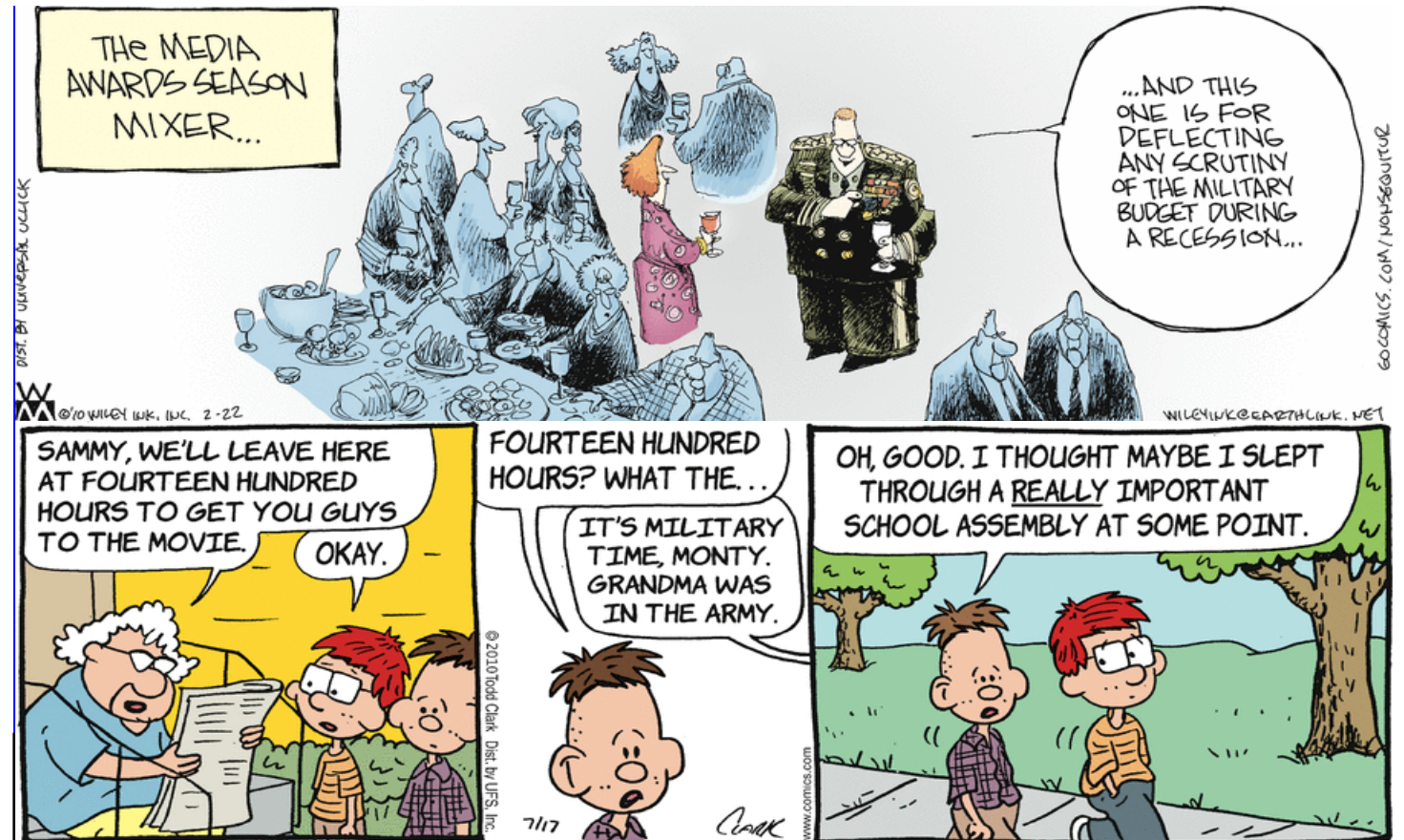
- The Mukden Incident was used by what country as a pretext to invade China in 1931?
 - Germany
 - Korea
 - Japan
 - Italy
- Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory at the Battle of Puebla over what European country?
 - Great Britain
 - Portugal
 - Spain
 - France
- In 1898, what US Navy ship sunk in Havana harbor, becoming a catalyst for US involvement in what became the Spanish-American War?
 - USS York
 - USS Maine
 - USS Enterprise
 - USS Vermont

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- 1891
- Norway
- 1856

Medal of Honor Recipient— 1LT Larry L. Taylor

First Lieutenant Larry L. Taylor distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving with Troop D (Air), 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, on June 18, 1968, near the village of Ap Go Cong, Republic of Vietnam. On this date, First Lieutenant Taylor commanded a light fire team of two Cobra helicopter gunships scrambled on a nighttime mission in response to an urgent call for aerial fire support from a four-man long range patrol team. Upon arrival, First Lieutenant Taylor found the patrol team surrounded and heavily engaged by a larger Viet Cong force. He immediately requested illumination rounds from supporting artillery to assist with identifying the enemy positions. Despite intense enemy ground fire, he flew at a perilously low altitude placing a devastating volume of aerial rocket and machine gun fire on the enemy forces encircling the friendly patrol. For approximately 45 minutes, First Lieutenant Taylor and his wingman continued to make low-level danger-close attack runs on the surrounding enemy positions. When enemy fire increased from the village of Ap Go Cong, he requested artillery rounds with lower illumination altitudes be fired on that portion of the village so that the burning rounds ignited the enemy positions. With both Cobra gunships nearly out of ammunition and the enemy still closing in on the patrol team, First Lieutenant Taylor flew the patrol team's potential ground evacuation route, finding it unviable based on the heavy enemy fire encountered. Returning to the patrol team's location, he continued to circle it at a low level under intense enemy fire, employing his search light to make fake gun runs on the enemy positions to distract them from the patrol team. Running low on fuel and with the patrol team nearly out of ammunition, First Lieutenant Taylor decided to extract the team with his two-man Cobra helicopter gunship, a feat never before accomplished. He directed his wingman to fire their remaining mini-gun rounds on the patrol team's east flank. First Lieutenant Taylor then fired his own last mini-gun rounds on the enemy positions, opening an avenue of movement to the east for the patrol team. He directed the patrol team to move 100 yards towards the extraction point where First Lieutenant Taylor, still under enemy fire, landed his helicopter and instructed the patrol team to climb aboard anywhere they could. With the four-man long range patrol team seated on rocket-pods and skids, he evacuated them to the nearest friendly location, undoubtedly saving their lives. First Lieutenant Taylor's conspicuous gallantry, his profound concern for his fellow soldiers, and his intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are 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



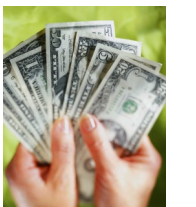
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS**. The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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