

**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.

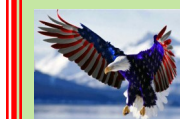
The Knox County Veterans Service shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission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

**MARCH 2024**

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

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**VETERANS MONTHLY**



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**DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT**

MARCH 2024

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

**In-House counseling returning to the Office.**

We are pleased to announce that counseling services are returning to the office. We are excited to introduce **Local Retired Army Chaplain /Infantry Mr. Don Wilson.** Don served on Active duty in the Army for over 27 years. His experience and service record is extensive to say the least. Don and his services to our office are not affiliated with the VA Healthcare System or any other organization. His services to you will be under this office's strict observance of all confidentiality laws (patient client privilege).

Questions regarding his credentials and other details can be answered by calling our office or stopping in to meet him. Mr. Wilson's training, experience and credentials will be available in the office upon your visit if needed.

*PTSD, Depression, MST, Family, Marriage, couples and any other topics of need to include the "I just need to talk to someone." are welcome and we encourage you to come meet Don.*

**CALL for a time slot, or stop in:**

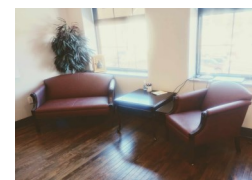
**Every Wednesday 9am- 1pm**

**Request a 30 min "meet and chat" or**

**Request a 1 hour "visit"**

**Call us today, Don is excited to meet you!**

**740-393-6742**



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tue. Mar. 5th- Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. Mar. 6th & Wed. Mar. 20th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday Mar. 14th and Mar. 28th—9:00 am to 11:00 am



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





## Military Trivia



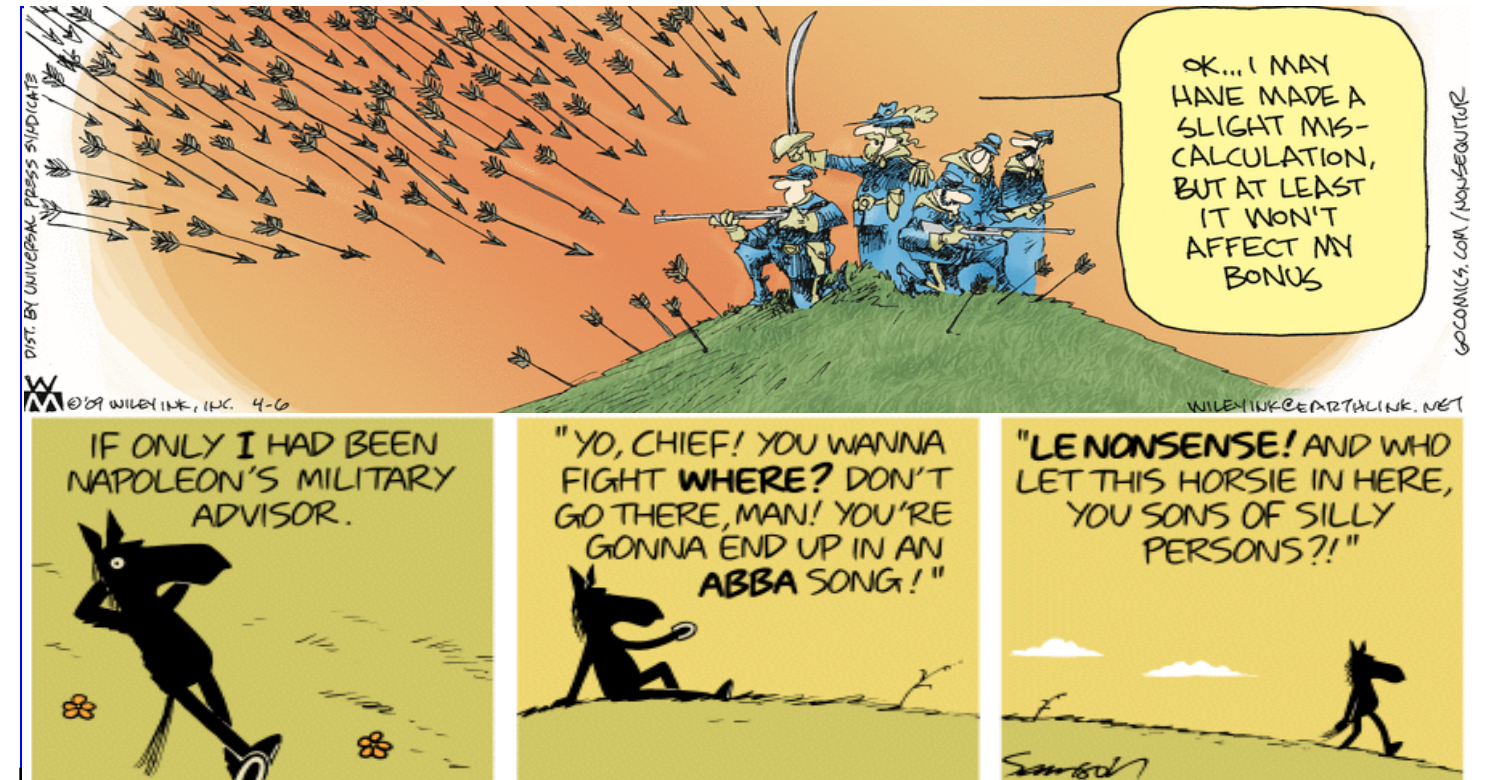
- After capturing Iwo Jima, the next stop for U.S. forces in April of 1945 was which Japanese island?
  - Ishigaki
  - Okinawa
  - Honshu
  - Kyushu
- The United Kingdom was the first country on which the U.S. formally declared war. What was the second?
  - Canada
  - Spain
  - Mexico
  - France
- Operation Urgent Fury was the codename for the American invasion of which island nation, formerly a British colony, in 1983?
  - Haiti
  - Panama
  - Grenada
  - Cuba

### Last Month's Trivia Answers:

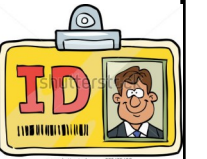
- Black Hand
- WWI
- Myanmar

### Medal of Honor Recipient— Cpt. Paris D. Davis

Captain Paris D. Davis, Commander, Detachment A-321, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty while serving as an advisor to the 883rd Regional Force Company, Army of the Republic of Vietnam, during combat operations against an armed enemy in the vicinity of Bồng Sơn, Republic of Vietnam on June 17th through 18th, 1965. Captain Davis and three other U.S. Special Forces advisors accompanied the Vietnamese 883rd Regional Force Company on its first combat mission, a daring nighttime raid against a Viet Cong regional headquarters housing a superior enemy force. Captain Davis's advice and leadership allowed the company to gain the tactical advantage, allowing it to surprise the unsuspecting enemy force and kill approximately 100 enemy soldiers. While returning from the successful raid, the regional force company was ambushed and sustained several casualties. Captain Davis consistently exposed himself to the hostile armed — small arms fire to rally the inexperienced and disorganized company. He expertly directed both artillery and small arms fire, enabling other elements of the company to reach his position. Although wounded in the leg, he aided in the evacuation of other wounded men in his unit, but refused medical evacuation himself. Following the arrival of air support, Captain Davis directed artillery fire within 30 meters of his own position in an attempt to halt the enemy's advance. Then, with complete disregard for his own life, he braved intense enemy fire to cross an open field to rescue his seriously wounded and immobilized team sergeant. While carrying the sergeant up the hill to a position of relative safety, Captain Davis was again wounded by enemy fire. Despite two painful wounds, Captain Davis again refused medical evacuation, remained with the troops, fought bravely, and provided pivotal leadership and inspiration to the regional force company as they repelled several Viet Cong assaults on their position over a period of several hours. Captain Davis's heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty, at the risk of his own life, 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 CHARGE.

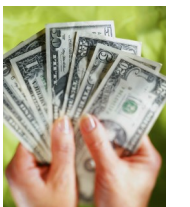


The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS**. The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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