

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.

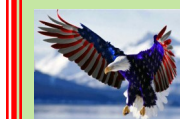
The Knox County Veterans Service shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission 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 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	2	3	MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
5	6	7 Radio program 1300 WQIO 10am	8	9 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m.	10	11
12	13	14	15 Commissioners Meeting - 3 PM - Public Welcome	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Brew & Bull (coffee & doughnuts at the office) 9 a.m.	24	25
26		28	29	30	31	

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VETERANS MONTHLY



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DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

MAY 2024

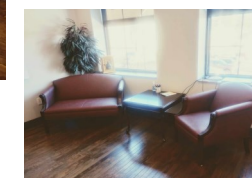
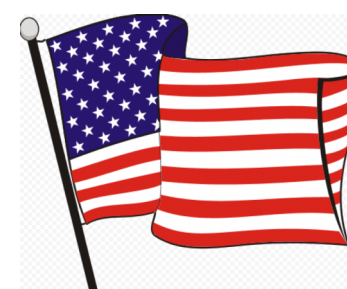
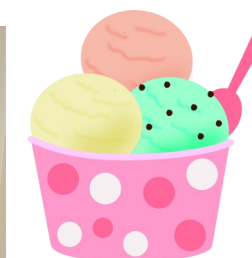
FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK - KEVIN L. HENTHORN

4th Annual Open House

Open to public

Tour the facility and meet the staff.

Monday May 20th — 8am until 5 pm



ONE free 3x5 American flag per household, while supplies last !

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tue. May 7th Veteran's Office Radio Program, WMVO 1300, 10am
- Veterans Service Office Commissioners Wed. May 1st & Wed. May 15th at 3 p.m. Public Welcome
- Veteran Bull and Brew Thursday May 9th and May 23rd—9:00 am to 11:00 am
- Office Closed Monday May 27th



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





Military Trivia



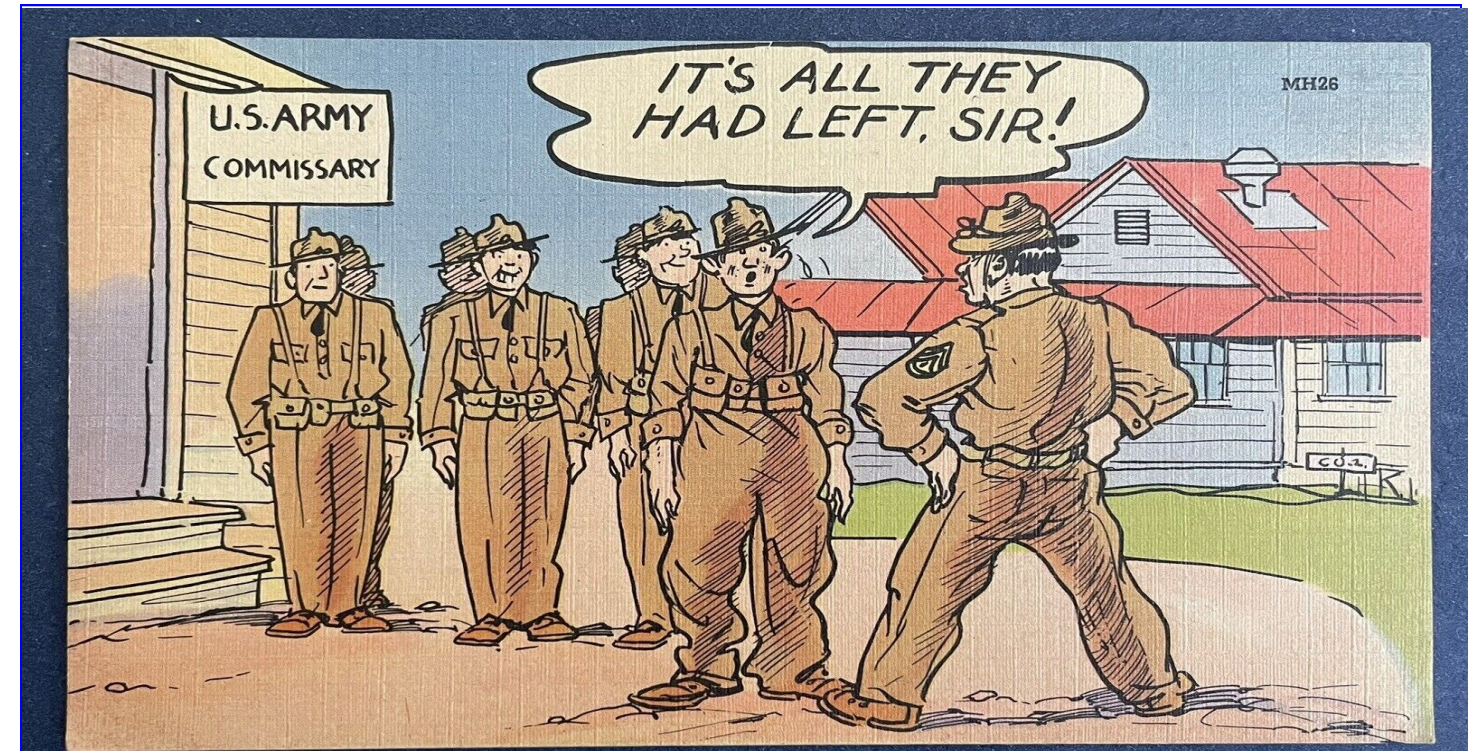
- The Opium Wars were primarily fought between the British Empire and what country?
 - Japan
 - Turkey
 - China
 - Russia
- Which famous special forces unit, whose motto is "Who Dares Wins" was founded by Scottish army officer David Stirling during World War II?
 - Black Wasp
 - Sayeret Matkal
 - Seal Team 6
 - Special Air Service (SAS)
- The Swiss Constitution prohibits Swiss citizens from participating in foreign military service except for the military unit responsible for guarding what enclave city in Europe?
 - San Marino
 - Lesotho
 - The Vatican
 - Campion d'Italia

Last Month's Trivia Answers:

- Mississippi
- Captain Fear
- Stirrups

Medal of Honor Recipient— Spc Donald P. Sloat

Specialist Four Donald P. Sloat distinguished himself by acts of gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Machinegunner with Company D, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, during combat operations against an armed enemy in the Republic of Vietnam on January 17, 1970. On that morning, Specialist Four Sloat's squad was conducting a patrol, serving as a blocking element in support of tanks and armored personnel carriers in the area. As the squad moved up a small hill in file formation, the lead soldier tripped a wire attached to a hand grenade booby-trap set up by enemy forces. As the grenade rolled down the hill, Specialist Four Sloat knelt and picked up the grenade. After initially attempting to throw the grenade, Specialist Four Sloat realized that detonation was imminent. He then drew the grenade to his body and shielded his squad members from the blast, saving their lives. Specialist Four Sloat's actions define the ultimate sacrifice of laying down his own life in order to save the lives of his comrades. Specialist Four Donald P. Sloat's extraordinary heroism and selflessness above and beyond the call of duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, Company D, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 196th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division 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.



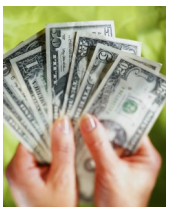
The Knox County Veterans Service Office **CANNOT ACCEPT DONATIONS.** The office appreciates the generosity towards our county veterans, but please NO DONATIONS.

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