

Our Mission

The mission of Knox County Veterans Services 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.

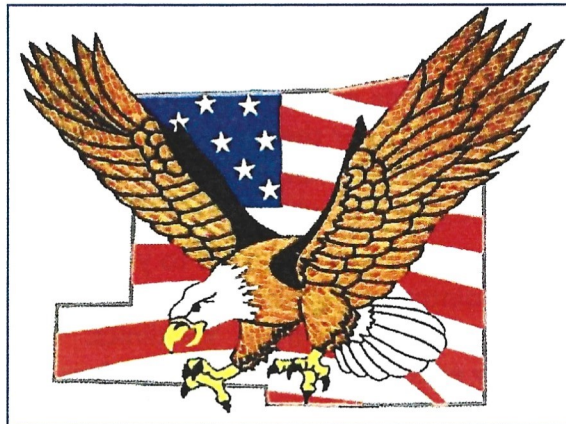
Knox County Veterans Services shall take those steps necessary to ensure a well trained and professional staff that is available to advise and assist veterans, their dependents, and the widows and orphans of those veterans who, by virtue of their service in the military of the United States of America. They may be entitled to benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other local benefit available under federal, state or local law.

Knox County Veterans Services 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 guidelines it alone shall establish and oversee, in accordance with Title 59 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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

"To care for him who
shall have borne the
battle and for his widow
and his orphan..."

Abraham Lincoln



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Your Guide To Available Services

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About Our Office

We are a local, county operated agency with no affiliation to the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our funding comes from county property taxes in the amount of .5 mil. With this funding we provide: temporary financial assistance, a gas card program to reimburse gas usage by veterans for their trips to and from VA appointments, community outreach, office operating expenses and payroll. What money we don't utilize is returned to the County General Fund. We employ 2 full time Veteran Service Officers to assist you with filing disability claims, pensions, or they are available if you just want to come in to talk or answer questions. We also have a full time Financial Coordinator to assist our veterans and dependents in the need for temporary financial assistance. In addition to the above listed services we also have in place a transportation program to get our veterans to and from their VA scheduled appointments. We have 3 vans operated and maintained in house which are driven by part time veteran drivers, employed by our office, and are in operation Monday through Friday. So, as you can see we offer a wide range of services to meet the needs of our Knox County veterans and their families. Please stop in for a visit or call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Services We Provide:

- ◆ Assist the veterans and dependents with filing a claim for Pension or Service Connected Disability, Survivors Pension or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC),
- ◆ Assist families with the filing for Death and Burial benefits
- ◆ Provide veterans and dependents with temporary financial assistance for basic necessities such as; food, utilities, rent or mortgage.
- ◆ All services can be accomplished in our office or, if you are unable to come in, we can provide services at your home.
- ◆ We provide gas card reimbursement to veterans for their VA appointments. Vouchers are provided after your appointment and with proof of your visit.
- ◆ If you are unable to drive to your VA appointment, we also provide transportation to and from VA clinics. The only exception is Newark and Mansfield.
- ◆ We can help you obtain copies of your DD214 or Report of Separation, service medical records, service personnel file and replacement medals.
- ◆ We are involved with Community Outreach to help broaden our office's exposure and reach those veterans that are unaware of our office. One way we accomplish this is by appearing at the area festivals and events such as The Knox County Fair, Knox County Veterans Picnic, Memorial Day and Veterans Day, POW/MIA Vigil, and Fredericktown Tomato Show. We

also conduct informational seminars at several of the local nursing homes and service organizations.

- ◆ Our office provides a fully functional Veteran's welcome center available during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8 AM-4 PM. Computers with internet access, color printer, fax machine and scanner are available for use as well as a small library with abundant veteran related information.
- ◆ Our office also publishes a monthly newsletter which is accessible online at our website, in our office, and at several other locations around Knox County.
- ◆ Counseling services from the Columbus Vet Center are available, which provides free PTSD counseling for combat veterans and their families. Call or visit our office for details.
- ◆ The first Tuesday of each month, you can hear us on 1300 WMVO beginning at 10 AM. Call with your questions.
- ◆ Any Veteran who is an Ohio resident can obtain the "Ohio Veterans ID Card" within our office with proper discharge on file.

