



Montgomery County

# Veterans Service Commission

Newsletter

May 2021

## Director's Message

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths, and flags. Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization former Union sailors and soldiers.

Let Memorial Day be a day to count our blessings and remember those who serve to protect our country and our freedom. We are forever grateful for the ultimate sacrifice of those who died for the the United States of America. May their courage and dedication never be forgotten.

May we never forget that freedom isn't free.

**Kimberly Frisco,  
Executive Director**

## Purple Heart Parking



Purple Heart recipients now have special places to park in Montgomery County. On May 20th a parking space and parking sign were unveiled in front of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission. Vietnam Veteran, Purple Heart Recipient, and Mayor of Springboro, John Agenbroad helped dedicate and unveil the parking space. Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient Randy Ark says the parking space is special. "It says we haven't forgotten about you and we want to recognize, honor what you did, respect what you did." Veteran Jerry Ferrell donated money for the signs. "I want them to have the recognition and right here in front of the building. I think Purple Heart recipients ought to be ahead of the line," he said. Reserved Purple Heart parking slots are also at the Montgomery County Admin Building and Reibold Building. It was a great day to honor our Purple Heart Veterans with a special parking designation.

**You most likely know a Veteran who continues to serve selflessly in his or her post-military life -- a former service member who is going above and beyond to impact others.**

Now in its 28th year, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes those who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and continue to contribute to our communities, state and nation through exceptional acts of volunteerism, advocacy, professional distinction, public service or philanthropy.

Each year, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame inducts up to 20 veterans based on recommendations from an Executive Committee of veterans from throughout the state and approval from the Governor of Ohio.

(Note: The Hall of Fame accepts nominations for *those who would be inducted posthumously.*)

- Be a past or current Ohio resident
- Have received an honorable discharge
- Be of good moral character

This Hall of Fame sets the standard for recognizing Ohio's veterans for accomplishments beyond their military service. It's also a fitting way to say **“thank you for your service to our nation and thank you for your continued service to our communities.”**

The nomination deadline is **June 15, 2021**. Please go to <https://dvs.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/dvs/hall-of-fame/nomination-form/nominations> and nominate your worthy Veteran today!!!!

## Memorial Wreaths Available

We are happy to provide these memorial wreaths. Memorial Day is only a week away!! There is a limited supply of wreaths and stands suitable for gravesite decoration. Available for free.

Pickup while supplies last.

Memorial Day 2021, Monday May 31st.



## About Us

### Montgomery County Veterans

#### Services Commission

627 Edwin C. Moses Blvd.  
4th Floor, East Medical Plaza  
Dayton, OH 45417

Phone: (937) 225-4801

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday,  
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Appointment Hours:** Monday -  
Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

## COVID-19 FINANCIAL RELIEF ASSISTANCE IS STILL AVAILABLE

Call for more information at 937-225-4801

## Transportation Available for all VA and Community Medical Appointments

Offering day bus passes, Uber assistance for those not on a bus line or unable to walk to a bus stop, and Paratransit for those utilizing mobility devices such as wheelchairs. Call 937-225-4801 for more information.

## Commission Meetings:

June 9, 2021 at 10:00am  
July 14, 2021 at 10:00am  
August 11, 2021 at 10:00am  
September 8, 2021 at 10:00am

## Our Commissioners

Jerry Hays, President,  
Disabled American Veterans

Federico Rojas, Jr.,  
Vice President,  
Veterans of Foreign  
Wars

William Fried, Secretary,  
Vietnam Veterans of  
America

James Dare,  
American Legion

Vacant, AMVETS