



Montgomery County

Veterans Service Commission

Newsletter

June 2021

Director's Message

June 14th - National Flag Day

Many people have died protecting our country. On National Flag Day, raise the flag and fly it proudly. On June 14th, National Flag Day honors Old Glory and commemorates the adoption of the United States flag on Jun 14, 1777.

This day Americans show respect for the U.S. Flag and what it represents.

Representing independence and unity, the Star-Spangled Banner has become a powerful symbol of Americanism and the flag is flown proudly.

Since 1777, the design of the flag has been officially modified 26 times.

On May 30, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation deeming June 14th as Flag Day. He wrote, "on that day rededicate ourselves to the nation, 'one and inseparable' from which every thought that is not worthy of our father's first vows in independence, liberty, and right shall be excluded and in which we shall stand with united hearts."

**Kimberly Frisco,
Executive Director**

Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator



Please welcome **Charles Strong** as the new Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) Mentor Coordinator. Charles is a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps where he served honorably for 21 years. During his service, he served as an Infantry Unit Leader with all 4 Divisions within the Marine Corps. His deployments with the Corps include multiple overseas deployments with 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, Unit Deployment Program to Okinawa, Camp Fuji, Hokkaido, and South Korea. He served on Joint-Combat Operational Deployments with 3rd

Battalion, 6th Marines in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF).

After retirement he attended and graduated from the well-revered North Bennett Street School of Boston, Cabinet and Furniture Design.

With his strong leadership background, he is the right person for mentor recruitment, coordination, and guidance to the VTC.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

Veterans Treatment Courts have gained national prominence as the most innovative solution for Veterans caught up in the criminal justice system due to substance use and/or mental health disorders and trauma. Veterans Treatment Courts connect these men and women to the benefits and treatment they have earned; saving their lives, families, and future, and saving tax dollars for the American public.

As mentors in a Veterans Treatment Court, volunteers engage, encourage, and empower their fellow Veterans to change their lives, ensuring that together we will "Leave no Veteran behind."

Become a life-saving mentor volunteer today!!! Call Charles Strong at 937-225-4837 for more information.

The Final Salute Society

Since 2014, The Final Salute Society has quietly gathered and conducted funeral services for hundreds of Veterans at the Dayton National Cemetery when that Veteran had no family or friends to attend their service.

Now, they are working to professionally clean, repair, and restore three Veteran monuments that have fallen into disrepair. **Oak Knoll**, a WWI monument at Hills and Dales has a cost to repair of \$4650. The **Veterans' Bridge Monument** on Edwin C. Moses is a WWII memorial. The restoration cost is \$23,000. The **North Dayton Patriots Monument** close to the Tony Stein Memorial Bridge is a WWII monument. The estimated cost to clean, restore the pillars, globe, eagle, walkways, and reseal joints as needed is \$6,000.



The Final Salute Society Fund #1573 is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation. To donate: <https://bit.ly/3fl5PWK>

This Month in History

June 6, 1944 - D-Day Invasion. Allied invasion of Normandy. This was the largest seaborne invasion in history.

June 12, 1948 - Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

June 14, 1775 - Flag Day and the US Army Established

June 22, 1942 - Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress

June 25, 1950 - Korean War Began.

About Us

Montgomery County Veterans

Services Commission

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4th Floor, East Medical Plaza
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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:

July 14, 2021 at 10:00am
August 11, 2021 at 10:00am
September 8, 2021 at 10:00am
October 13, 2021 at 10:00am
November 10, 2021 at 10:00am
December 8, 2021 at 10:00am

Our Commissioners

Jerry Hays, President,
Disabled American Veterans

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

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America

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American Legion

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