



Montgomery County

Veterans Services

Commission Newsletter

November 2021

Director's Message

As we move into the Holiday Season, there is much for us to be thankful for at the Montgomery County Veterans Commission. This wonderful community in which we provide assistance and eligibility for VA benefits to almost 45,000 Veterans provide us reason to be thankful. We ask that you pray for our military, who are away from home during this holiday season. We recognize the sacrifices of the millions of men and women who have made ensured our freedom. We remain thankful for the Veterans, first responders, and emergency workers that have all spent time away from home during the Holiday season. I personally remain thankful for their vigilance and dedication in ensuring the country we hold dear remains safe. On behalf of the Veterans Commission, we wish you hope, joy, peace, good health, favor and love this Holiday Season.

**Kim Frisco,
Executive Director**

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Turkey Giveaway Huge Success



428 Turkeys Distributed to Veterans

Our first annual Turkey Giveaway was a huge success. We partnered with the Dayton VA Medical Center and the Dayton Food Bank to provide a frozen turkey and bag of side dish foods to more than 400 Veterans at the Dayton VA Campus Thursday November the 18th.

More than 20 volunteers from our office and from the partner agencies were on hand to brighten the holidays for hundreds of Veterans and their families.

Despite cold temperatures and a great turnout, the 428 turkeys were distributed in about 90 minutes!

Benefit News



Burn Pit Exposure

Veterans exposed to harmful burn pit smoke while serving in certain overseas war zones may get presumptive disability benefits status under new Department of Veterans Affairs policies.

If you were exposed to Burn Pits and please contact our office to schedule a review to determine if you are due benefits. .

<http://www.mcvsc.org/>

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Free Winter Coats Still Available for Veterans



On November 17 more than 200 area Veterans came by the Commission offices to pick up a brand new winter coat, hat, and gloves.

If you missed this event, we still have coats in stock. We will continue to give coats as needed throughout the end of the year.

If you know a Veteran in need of a new winter coat, have them contact us to schedule a time to come in to pick one up!

This Month in History

Pearl Harbor 80 Years Ago

On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor External, Hawaii Territory, killing more than 2,300 Americans. The U.S.S. Arizona was completely destroyed and the U.S.S. Oklahoma capsized. A total of twelve ships sank or were beached in the attack and nine additional vessels were damaged. More than 160 aircraft were destroyed and more than 150 others damaged.



December 25, 1776

Hoping to surprise the Germans, General Washington and his troops hopped in boats and waded across the icy Delaware River on Christmas night. At dawn on Dec. 26, about 2,400 frozen Continentals pushed into Trenton, and they did indeed surprise the enemy, who surrendered within an hour and a half.

The mission, which became known as the Battle of Trenton, was of huge significance to the Continental Army's cause. Not only did it raise the troops' spirits, but it revived the hope of the colonists, who were beginning to think their battle for independence wasn't feasible.

About Us

Montgomery County Veterans Services Commission

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

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

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

December

Commission Meeting

December 8, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Holiday Office Closures

December 23rd
12:30 - 4:30

December 24th
Closed all Day

December 31st
Closed All Day.

Our Commissioners

Jerry Hays, President, Disabled American Veterans

William Fried, Vice President Vietnam Veterans of America

James Dare, Secretary American Legion

John Theobald, American Veterans (AMVETS)