



Montgomery County

# Veterans Services

Commission Newsletter

March 2022

## Director's Message

March is National Women's History Month and the perfect time to recognize Women Veterans who have played an important role in our nation's history. Not only did they set the stage for future generations who wanted to serve their country, like me, but proved that women could be as resilient and inspiring as men in times of conflict.

I'm inspired by the contributions these women have made. We owe them and others like them a world of gratitude.

Here's a look in this newsletter at just a few of these women who voluntarily put themselves in harm's way -- many suffering life-altering disabilities and illnesses or giving the ultimate sacrifice -- to protect our way of life.

**Kim Frisco**  
Executive Director

## Montgomery County Memorial Day Appropriations



### Aid for Memorial Day Expenses Available

As a reminder, the Board of County Commissioners of Montgomery County will allot each Service Post with an amount up to \$500 to aid in meeting the expenses of Memorial Day according to Ohio Revised Code 307.66.

Please contact Montgomery County Office of Management and Budget, Jamie Norris at [norrisj@mcoho.org](mailto:norrisj@mcoho.org) or 937-496-7709 for your application.

### NPRC Update



Local health conditions in the St. Louis area have improved and the NPRC resumed normal operations on March 7, 2022.

While the National Personnel Records Center has reopened for normal operations, the federal record center research room remains closed.

The operating status of the public research room may be found at [www.archives.gov/st-louis](http://www.archives.gov/st-louis).

## National Vietnam War Veterans Day March 29



We honor, remember and welcome home the men and women for their sacrifices. National Vietnam War Veterans Day came about as the result of the passage of the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act that was signed into law by President Trump in 2017. Hanoi also released the last of 591 U.S. prisoners of war that were being held in North Vietnam on March 29, 1973.

Along with establishing a specific day to acknowledge these Veterans, there has been a movement across the country to give Vietnam Veterans the Welcome Home they never received 49 years ago. Each of these Veterans sacrificed something in Southeast Asia many decades ago. Many sacrificed everything while over there or after they returned home. They fought the war. And they faced contempt when they arrived home, living it for decades since.

It is long overdue that those men and women are given the Welcome Home and the gratitude they deserve. THANK YOU!! WELCOME HOME!!!

## Women Veterans To Honor

### **Pvt. Cathay Williams, aka William Cathay (1844–1892)**

Private Williams served post-Civil War. She was born a slave and is the first known African American woman who served in the United States Army.

Documents show Williams served alongside men in her unit-without being recognized as a woman.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ashly White Stumpf (1987-2011)**

She served in Afghanistan. Lt. White Stumpf was assigned to a National Guard unit from Goldsboro, NC, and served as a member of a cultural support team (CST) attached to a joint special operations task force in Afghanistan.

As part of a CST, she took on a new role for women in the military, involving special units of female Army soldiers meant to build relationships with Afghan citizens.

She was killed during combat operations in October 2011, when the assault force she was supporting triggered an improvised explosive device.

### **Col. Ruby Bradley (1907–2002)**

She served in World War II and the Korean War. She joined the U.S. Army Nurse Corps as a surgical nurse in 1934. In 1941, she was taken captive by Japanese forces while serving in the Philippines.

She and fellow imprisoned nurses continued to care for their fellow prisoners, earning them the nickname “angels in fatigues.”

In February 1945, U.S. troops stormed the gates of the Japanese camp and liberated Bradley and her fellow prisoners, where she had been held captive for three years.

Bradley continued serving in the Army Nurse Corps after her release and then in the Korean War. She dedicated 30 years to the military, becoming only the third woman in U.S. history to be promoted to the rank of Colonel.

## About Us

### **Montgomery County Veterans Services Commission**

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## Upcoming Events

April 20, 2022

Commanders Meeting  
Sinclair Community  
College Conference  
Center. Call  
937-225-4801 to  
RSVP.

April 21, 2022

April MCVSC  
Commissioners  
Meeting 10:00 a.m.

June 1, 2022

Deadline for ODVS  
Hall of Fame  
Nominations.  
[dsv.ohio.gov](http://dsv.ohio.gov) for more  
info.

## Commissioners

Jerry Hays, President  
*Disabled American Veterans*

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