

# Montgomery County Veterans Services

**Commission Newsletter** 

May 2022

#### **Director's Message**

Memorial Day is a time to honor, reflect, and remember those who've made the ultimate sacrifice for their county.

This is the day that is set aside to remember with gratitude and pride all those who served and died for our Country and our Freedom.

May your day be filled with memories and peace. God Bless America.

"Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them."- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Kim Frisco, Executive Director

## May is Motorcycle Safety Month



## **Tips for Drivers**

Traffic is returning to pre-pandemic levels, families are planning for summer road trips, and interest in motorcycling. This means more drivers and riders on the roads this summer.

Tips for Drivers:

 Take an extra moment to look for motorcycles
 Predict a motorcycle is closer than it looks

- 3. Keep a safe distance
- 4. Understand lane shifting
- 5. SEE the person

#### **Meetings and Minutes**

Did you know that the Monthly Meetings of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission are open to the public?

The monthly meetings are open to all members of the public. Meetings are held every month in our offices.

Official minutes are kept and published monthly to our website. You can find the date of the next meeting and minutes from previous meetings at

mcvsc.org/commission-meetings/

937-225-4801

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## This Month in History



## May 21, 1881

Clara Barton and a circle of her acquaintances founded the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881. Barton first heard of the Swiss-inspired global Red Cross network while visiting Europe following the Civil War. Returning home, she campaigned for an American Red Cross and for ratification of the Geneva Convention protecting the war-injured, which the United States ratified in 1882. Barton led the Red Cross for 23 years.

# May 22

In 1933, Congress declared National Maritime Day to commemorate the American steamship Savannah's voyage from the United States to England, marking the first successful crossing of the Atlantic Ocean with steam propulsion. During World War II more than 250,000 members of the American Merchant Marine served their country, with more than 6,700 giving their lives, hundreds being detained as prisoners of war and more than 800 U.S. merchant ships being sunk or damaged.

### Veteran ID Cards

Veterans please consider recording your DD214(s) with the Montgomery County Recorder's Office. Recording your DD214 will protect your document against fire, theft or misplacement. This paperwork is your ONLY evidence of active military service under the Federal Law. The Report of Separation contains information normally needed to verify military service for benefits, retirement, employment, and burial benefits. Currently, the National Personnel Records Center has almost a 2 year backlog of requests for discharge and military records.www.mcrecorder.org

### **Dental Program**

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is now offering Dental Exams and Cleanings for eligible Veterans in need. If you know a Veteran who could benefit from this, have them visit <u>mcvsc.org/dental</u> for details and application. This yearly benefit includes exam, x-rays and a cleaning at participating Dayton area dentists.



## **Upcoming Events**

May 30, 2022 MCVSC Offices Closed for Memorial Day

June 8, 2022 10:00 a.m. Monthly Commission Meeting

June 14, 2022 Flag Day

June 19, 2022 Fathers Day

#### Our Commissioners

Jerry Hays, President, Disabled American Veterans

William Fried, Vice President,, Vietnam Veterans of America

James Dare,Secretary, American Legion

John Theobald AMVETS

Michael Howley, VFW



**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. The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency dedicated to serving Montgomery County veterans. It is not affiliated with the VA.

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