2025 BY THE NUMBERS

More than 1,000 Veterans served by the 14-person staff of the VSC.

73% of all VA claims were given a positive award, totalling

$11,327,345

of disablility compensation for Montgomery County Veterans at no cost to the Veteran.

$552,391.00 awarded in emergency relief to 354 Veterans.

3,143 Medical Transports at an average cost of $27.00/ride

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Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

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American Veterans (AMVETS)

Kim Frisco, USAF Ret.
Executive Director

THE MISSION

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission is dedicated to serving Montgomery County Veterans.

The **Commission** strives to provide best in class assistance in filing VA compensation claims and widows' benefits, providing emergency financial assistance, medical appointment transportation and dental vouchers for low-income veterans.

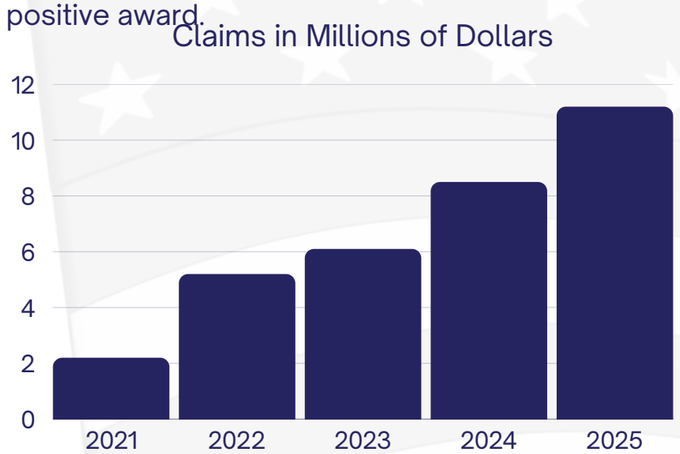
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ECONOMIC IMPACT

More than 630 Veterans were granted a disability claim after filing with of our Veteran Service Officers. Those claims combined for more than **$11.3M** in direct benefits paid to local veterans during 2025.

We have seen a steady growth in both the volume and success in receiving positive awards from the VA.

More than **2,100 claims were submitted** for 632 Veterans. 73% of all submitted claims received a positive award.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In total 2025, we approved **354** Emergency Financial Assistance Applications. This represents more than **$500,000** of direct assistance in the form of **rent, mortgage, emergency repair, food vouchers, utility and indigent burial payments** for 269 individual veterans and their families.

VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

As of December 2025, the Mentor Program counted 13 certified mentors who serve the 18 Veterans who are active in the Montgomery County Veterans Treatment Court Program.

The program continues to grow. Our **mentor coordinator** is working to recruit and train more mentors. Monthly meetings that bring mentors and mentees together have proved to be a positive addition to the program.

ALDI GIFT CARD

286 gift cards for food from local Aldi Supermarkets were distributed to indigent Veterans during the 2025 Holiday Season. Valued at $200 each, this program provides holiday meals to qualifying Veterans with household incomes at 250% or below the federal poverty line.

DENTAL PROGRAM

The Dental Assistance Program provided routine dental care to a number of Veterans who lacked dental insurance or access to care. Local providers partnered with the MCVSC to insure that every Veteran who needed routine preventative care and more were treated. This year $3,526 was spent on Veteran Dental Care.

OUTREACH

The staff participated in more than 50 news appearances, parades, fairs, festivals, concerts, poker runs, post events, golf outings, base events, and non-profit partnerships.

Every member of the VSC staff participated in these face to face outreach events in the community.

More than **$20,000.00** was allocated to support Veteran focused events and programs including a mental health awareness concert at Dayton's Levitt Pavilion and partnership with WYSO public radio in support of the *Veteran's Voices* project.

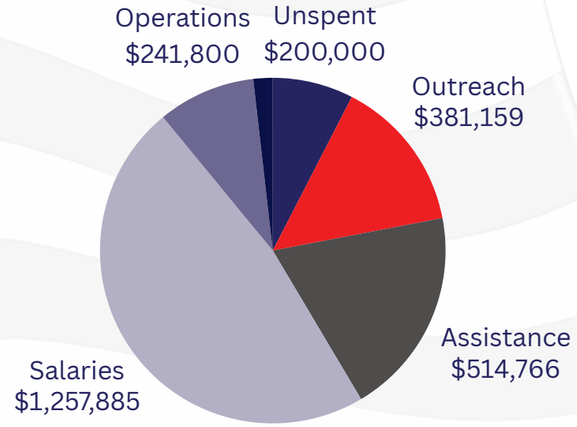
CASE MANAGER

In 2025 MCVSC added a client case manager. This position dedicated staff time and resources to lend a more personal approach to caring for Veterans in need. This addition provides needed client follow up and has proved to be a vital resource for our Veteran Service Officers as they help guide Financial Assistance Clients

The case manager assists veterans with connecting to additional community resources, coaching them toward self sufficiency and advocating for them where needed. This position helped prevent eviction and assisted in securing housing for more than 20 veterans.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The 2025 Budget Appropriation was set at **$2,711,810.56**. Of that appropriation $2,481,193 was expended. 100% of operational dollars were spent this year in support of Montgomery County Veterans and community partner programs for Veterans.



COAT GIVEAWAY

For the 6th year qualifying Veterans were able to pick up a new winter coat. This program runs from November through January. 2025 was a huge success with more than **320 new winter coats** being distributed to Veterans in need. We are honored to count the VA Office of Homeless Services as a partner this year.

TRANSPORTATION

2025 was a big year for Transportation. The Commission was awarded an Ohio Department of Transportation grant to purchase a transportation vehicle. This award will enable Montgomery County Veteran Services to transport Veterans with internal staff, lessening the need for 3rd party vendors. 2026 will bring additional staff to both schedule and transport Veterans. One more example of increased levels of service, and Veterans serving Veterans.

Client transportation surpassed the $86,000 dollar mark and moved us to nearly 300 rides per month.