



Medina County Veterans Newsletter



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This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it

easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the



next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

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Happy Birthday!



Washington Lincoln
**Presidents Day 16 Feb 2009,
 Veterans Service Office is Closed**



Nearly 11,000 Survivors to Receive Retroactive Payments by New Years

Search for Other Eligible Survivors Continues

WASHINGTON -- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has identified nearly 11,000 surviving spouses of deceased veterans who will receive a lump-sum payment before the New Year to correct an error in their VA benefits. Also documented were more than 73,000 who had been previously paid. VA officials are still tracking down eligible survivors.

"I am pleased that our task force working to correct this problem has been able to identify this first group this week," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "We under-

stand the difference these funds can make for these surviving spouses, especially during the holiday season."

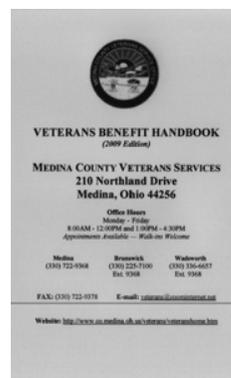
Payments will be released to these survivors on Dec. 29. The total value of the payments is about \$24 million.

At issue is a 1996 federal law that makes a surviving spouse eligible to receive the veteran's VA compensation or pension benefit for the month of the veteran's death. VA failed to properly

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New Benefits Handbook for 2009

The Medina County Veterans Service Office has published its new handbook for 2009. This hand book has significantly changed and has much more information than its predecessors. There are more phone number and website addresses for vets to get information from. It has a section for federal, state and county benefits as well as a section for you to put important phone numbers regarding your veterans benefits and log your VA appointments. We have also included the year on the front so you can easily identify it from your old one. These handbooks will be available at our office and your local veterans organization by the end of February.



Medina Welcomes Home its Own Ohio National Guard G/Company, 237/BSB



Tuesday December 9th, 2008 was a joyous occasion for the soldiers of our hometown unit and their families, as they were welcomed home by a crowd at the performing Arts Center here in Medina.

For more pictures go to page 6



Commanders Corner

...a brief message from one of the commanders of our organizations.

The Medina Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 5137 has had a very exciting year. Our programs to assist Veterans and their families continue to grow as does our programs for members of our community.

These programs require the assistance and support of our members and auxiliaries. Without them none of this would be possible.

Our Post offers a fun and friendly canteen and the camaraderie is second to none. We are fortunate to have a large outdoor pavilion which is perfect for outdoor events and BBQ's.

I would like to encourage all Veterans and their family members who have not yet done so, to please stop by and en-

quire about membership. As our ranks grow, so does the amount of good we can do together throughout the community.

In comradeship,
Keith Gerkins
Post Commander



Keith Gerkins is the Commander of VFW Post 5137 in the city of Medina. He and his wife who is the First Vice Commander are very much involved in Veterans activities throughout our county.

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Search for Other Eligible Survivors Continues

implement that law in all cases.

Most likely to have been affected by this problem are surviving spouses who never applied for VA survivors' benefits following the death of a veteran. Eligible for the payment are surviving spouses of veterans who died after Dec. 31, 1996. The Department doesn't have current addresses for many of them, which makes the process of contacting them difficult.

VA has established a special Survivor Call Center (1-800-749-8387) for spouses who believe they may be eligible for this retroactive benefit. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Central Standard Time. Inquiries may also be submitted through the Internet at

<http://www.vba.va.gov/survivorsbenefit.htm>



"Associate with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company."

President George Washington

Submit Your Article or Event

We're looking for articles about Medina County Veterans, Monuments or your Veteran Organization. All submissions must be submitted through our office by mail or e-mail no later than April, 15th in order to be put in the Spring Edition.

Having a cookout or fish fry let us know we'll put in on our calendar page.

Deadlines for all submissions are:

Issue	Submit by
Spring	10 April
Summer	10 July
Fall	10 Oct
Winter	10 Jan

DD 214's continued from front page:

How to Request Military Service Records or Prove Military Service



The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain **free** copies of their **DD Form 214 (Report of Separation)** and other military and medical records several ways:

Required Information:

Your request must contain certain basic information for us to locate your service records. This information includes:

- The veteran's complete name used while in service
- Service number
- Social security number
- Branch of service
- Dates of service

- Date and place of birth (especially if the service number is not known).

If you suspect your records may have been involved in the 1973 fire, also include:

- Place of discharge
- Last unit of assignment
- Place of entry into the service, if known.

•All requests must be **signed and dated** by the veteran or next-of-kin.

•As always we are here to help, you can stop in our office at anytime and we will submit the required information for you either online or by mail which ever you prefer.



Don't Forget February 14th



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2009 Tax Preparation Announcement for Military Members

You have many choices when the time comes to file your 2008 tax return. We have highlighted 3 programs which offer free or discounted tax services. Each program has its own eligibility criteria.

Operation: CPA - CPAs from throughout Ohio have volunteered their time and expertise to prepare 2008 tax returns free of charge for deployed Ohio



residents this filing season. Military personnel who are Ohio residents *currently deployed outside of the state*, (not necessarily deployed to combat theater) will qualify for free preparation of their 2008 individual or joint local, state and federal personal tax returns. To take part in *Operation CPA*, qualified service personnel or their spouse or family member may call The Ohio Society of CPAs toll-free at 888.959.1212 or e-mail cpanswers@ohio-cpa.com. Military personnel will be matched with a CPA volunteer from their area.

Military OneSource – Beginning January 19, 2009 Military OneSource will provide free tax-filing services to service members and their families, including free online tax-filing services (both state and federal) and free tax consultations by phone. Users can access these free services through the link that Military OneSource will post January 19,

2009 on the Military OneSource home-page at www.militaryonesource.com. Please don't try to register in advance by accessing the tax-filing service web site directly; **the only way to use our free customized version of the tax site is through the Military OneSource home-page.**

Keep in mind that Military OneSource can help tame your tax stress with expert advice on planning, on tax issues specific to service members, and sound ways to use your refund. Our expertly prepared articles, booklets, recordings and worksheets on tax filing and other financial matters can be accessed on the Military OneSource home-page at www.militaryonesource.com and click on "Money" in the left hand navigation menu under "Categories".

Collins & Associates Military Appreciation Drive – This tax season Collins & Associates will prepare 2008 tax returns free of charge for any Ohio or Michigan residents who are members of the armed forces (Active Duty as well as National Guard & Reserve Members), no matter their deployment status. They will also reduce their normal preparation fees by \$60 for all US Armed Services veterans. For each military return prepared, Collins & Associates will donate \$10 to one of the military & veteran friendly non-profit organizations, Heroes In Action or Vets, Inc. To take part in the *Military Appreciation Drive*, qualified service personnel, their spouse or family member may call Bill Huckaby at 734-854-2926 or email at WmFHuckaby@aol.com for more information.

	Operation: CPA	Military One Source	Collins & Assoc.
Currently Deployed	Free	Free	Free
Active Duty – Not Deployed	Free	Free	Free
National Guard or Reserves – Not Deployed		Free	Free
Veteran			\$60 off regular preparation fees.

Brunswick Tax Service (BTS) and the Vietnam Veterans of Medina County continue their tradition of offering free tax preparation to military personnel and the immediate family of military personnel that are residents of Medina County and who have served in a combat zone during the tax year in question or have orders to serve in a combat zone between Jan 1st and April 15th, 2009. This offer is only good at Brunswick Tax Service (BTS), 3698 Center Rd. Call them at 330-225-8200 for more details.



A Message From the County Veterans Service Officer

As the Holiday Season comes to a close and we turn to a new year that undoubtedly will be an uphill battle for many Veterans and their families. I would like to thank the various veterans organizations throughout the county that have responded to the needs of our Veterans. Whether it has been inviting a Veteran down to your local post or delivering a meal to their home you always seem to be there when you're needed. It never ceases to amaze me that even the largest mountains can be moved by Veterans when they are called upon.

I look forward to your continued support and if there is anything our office can do to help your organization please do not hesitate to ask me.

I would also like to personally thank American Legion Post 202 for inviting the Staff of the Medina County Veterans Service Office out to share their lovely Christmas dinner with us. We all enjoyed the comradeship and time spent together.

Benefits:

VA Benefits are continually changing and I try to report the most important changes to our Vets in a timely manner. We have a new handbook that will be out this month and is dated 2009. Our assistance program continues to grow as our economy is rebounding from the current economic conditions. Our office is dedicated to helping those veterans that need help the most.

Sincerely,
Veterans Service Officer
Medina County

SENIOR SECTION



“PARADE REST”

Veterans and Their Benefits

Edward Zackery

Copied from the Helping Hands Dec/Jan Issue.

Once 16 million strong, U.S. Veterans of World War II are dying at a rate of more than 1,000 a day. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) estimates there are approximately 2.5 million still living. Together with their widows this number exceeds 5 million still living that may be entitled to veteran's benefits. The reality of this is that WW II Veterans are a target market for companies to sell their products and services to. Assisted Living, Nursing Home and even Funeral Directors have a large majority of veterans and their widows interested in their products. These businesses aggressively try to earn the veterans business along with other organizations. We must ensure that the Veteran and their widow's best interests are being looked after.

There are several businesses which claim to be advocates for our veterans, but be warned many will try the old “Bait and Switch” tactic only hoping to lure them in with benefits they may deserve and then charging them exorbitant fees for their services. These companies claim to be certified in veteran's services which attract many of our veterans and their families. I encourage you to research these certifications and how they earned them. Several organizations have tried to attract veterans and their spouse by promising the VA pension known as “Aid and Attendance”. Most of the people that brief this entitlement are financial planners or insurance agents hoping to find a client that needs

to buy one of their annuities in order to reduce their income to be eligible for the pension. They are not accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs and have no formal training in the claims process.

Another organization which is working with funeral directors claims it can provide you free burial service through one of the National Cemeteries, then asks the veteran to register for this service in advance by providing personal information. Gravesites in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national cemeteries **cannot be reserved** in advance; however, reservations made prior to 1962 will be honored. Families are encouraged to prepare in advance by discussing cemetery options, collecting the veteran's military information including discharge papers, and by contacting a funeral director that you trust to let them know your wishes. You need not pre-pay for your funeral in order to do this.

I personally ask those that are responsible for taking care of our aging veteran's population, to think before you let these predators gain access to America's Greatest Generation. Assisted living, nursing home and funeral directors check into the backgrounds of those people that your marketing agents have scheduled to come in and talk to your residents. Several of these so called advocates have been reported to the Ohio Attorney Generals Office and the Inspector General's Office for Veterans Affairs. The Governor's Office for Veterans Services here in Ohio has received many complaints about claims being filed with incomplete information and later the veteran or widow is made to

pay back exorbitant amounts of money to the Federal Government.



The Medina County Veterans Service Office (MCVSO) is a state mandated agency dedicated to aiding county veterans during times of need. We are recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs and accredited to help you with all claims. The County Veterans Service Office has the mission to provide temporary aid and assistance to veterans, dependants and widows in time of need.

All of our services are **FREE** of charge. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions, as a veteran or family member of a veteran you've earned our service. The Medina County Veterans Service Office is located at 210 Northland Drive in Medina, Ohio and serves the entire County of Medina. You can call us at (330) 722-9368 or e-mail us at

veterans@zoominternet.net.

Homestead Reduction Program; Helps Reduce Property Taxes



Sign-ups for the Homestead Reduction Program for individuals over the age of 65 begin January 1st. If you turn 65 in 2009 or are over the age of 65 now, you may sign up for this program to reduce your property taxes. If you have previously signed up for the program, there is no requirement to sign up again. Call Auditor Kovack's office at 330.725.9754 for more information.

What You Need to Know About In-Home Health Care and the VA

Aside from the popular pension programs that the VA has such as Aid & Attendance which helps cover some costs for in-home health care and assisted living. Veterans are also eligible for in-home health care provided by a contracted service provider from authorized by the VA. There are two levels of home health care that the VA provides, the first one is: Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)

which provides longitudinal, comprehensive, interdisciplinary care to veterans with complex chronic disease.

The second is: Home Health Aid (HHA). Both benefits have some mandatory stipulations for eligibility.

1. Must be enrolled in the VA medical system.
2. Must have and be under the care of a VA primary care manager or mental health doctor.
3. Must be recommended by the VA

for either program.

Once recommended a social worker and home health care nurse will be assigned the case to determine if the Veteran meets the criteria for either program. Once approved an accredited VA home health care provider will be assigned the case and administer care to the veteran. Certain restrictions apply. For more information and eligibility criteria on this benefit call 800-827-1000 or go to <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/>.

Veterans Organizations, Membership Costs More than a Few Bucks! It Takes Blood, Sweat, and Lots of Guts!

It may only cost a few dollars to become a member at one of the local Veterans Organizations, but don't think membership comes cheap. The requirements to belong to some of the different organizations takes commitment and a sense of patriotic duty. For others it is having to face fears and making split second decisions, and for others it even takes being wounded.

It almost sounds like you're back in the military. But don't worry, these are not things you have to do they are things that most certainly all veterans have already accomplished in their lives. Eligibility requirements are as follows:



To be eligible for membership in AMVETS, you must have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, anytime after Sept. 15, 1940. Additionally, unless still serving, your discharge must have been under honorable conditions. If you served as an American citizen in the armed forces of an allied nation, under honorable conditions, between Sept. 15, 1940 and May 8, 1975, you are also eligible, as are wartime members of the Merchant Marine.



To become a member, of the American Legion, a man or woman must have served at least one day of active duty in one of the armed forces of the United States during one of the following eligibility eras. **They are:**

- **World War I** - April 6, 1917 to November 11, 1918
- **World War II** - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946

● **SPECIAL NOTE** - Merchant Marines - December 7, 1941 to August 15, 1945

● **Korea** - June 25, 1950 to January 31, 1955

● **Vietnam** - February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975

● **Lebanon & Grenada** - August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984

● **Panama** - December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990

● **Persian Gulf** - August 2, 1990 until cessation of hostilities as determined by the United States Government (**NOTE: this means that all military personnel now on active duty are eligible for membership in The American Legion**).

Current and past members of the National Guard and Reserve may also be eligible for membership and should check with the Adjutant of the Post in their local community. Annual summer camps and weekend drills do not constitute eligible periods of service. **Active duty is the key to Legion membership.** A person need not have served overseas to be eligible, but must possess an Honorable Discharge



There are three primary requisites for membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States:

- (1) Citizenship
- (2) Honorable service in the armed forces of the United States
- (3) Service entitling the applicant to the award of a recognized campaign medal or as set forth in the Congressional Charter and By-Laws and Manual of Procedure and Ritual. For a complete list of applicable medals go to the website at:

http://www.jointheelite.org/TMP_Jan_2

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Eligibility for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is open to any man or woman, who:

- served in the armed forces during a period of war or under conditions simulating war, **and**
- were wounded, disabled to any degree, or left with long-term illness as a result of military service, **and**
- were discharged or retired from military service under honorable conditions.



Membership in the Vietnam veterans of America (VVA) is open to U.S. armed force veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.



You are eligible for membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) if you have been awarded the Purple Heart

Medal by the Government of the United States of America.

These are only a few Veterans Organizations that are throughout our county. They provide not only leadership and support throughout our communities but also have a much larger mission.

They are part of a national Organization which fights for benefits in Washington DC for our Veterans and their families. They are the voice of the Veteran in front of our



elected officials. Numbers are important so if you fit into one of the criteria listed above become a member. Whether or not you have time to help out at the local post during a cookout right now doesn't really matter. You will one day and your fellow Veterans know this, but what is important is that your voice is heard when it needs to be.

The American Legion Department of Ohio Scholarship Deadline



The American Legion Department of Ohio has announced the deadline for all scholarship applications is April 15, 2009. you can download more information at <http://www.ohiolegion.com/scholarships/application.htm#> or contact them at: Phone: (740) 362-7478—E-mail: legion@ohiolegion.com
The American Legion Department of Ohio
P.O. Box 8007
Delaware, OH 43015
ATTN: Scholarship Committee

Medina County Veterans Organizations Meeting Times and Places



Organization	Post #	Address	City, State	Meeting Times
American Legion	Post #234	Skyview Lodge Pearl Rd.	Brunswick	7:00 PM - First Thursday of each month
American Legion	Post #523	120 Bank Street, Lodi	Lodi, OH	7:00 PM - Second Thursdays of each month
American Legion	Post #202	620 N. Broadway St.	Medina, OH	8:00 PM - Fourth Monday of each month
American Legion	Post #608	North Main St	Spencer, OH	8:00 PM - First Monday of each month
American Legion		125 Main Street	Wadsworth, Ohio	8:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
AMVETS	Post #1990	620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:30 PM - Third Wednesday of each month
Disabled American Veterans		620 N. Broadway Street	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Forty et Eight	Voiture #601			
MARINE Corps League	DET #569	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:30 PM - Third Tuesday of each month
Medina County Women of the Military				
Military Order of Purple Heart	#557	620 N BROADWAY ST	MEDINA, OH	Meet quarterly - Call for times
Rolling Thunder	Chapter #8	3916 Pearl Rd.	Medina, OH	2-4 PM - Second Sunday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #9520	1439 S. Carpenter Road	Brunswick	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
		6299 Avon Lake Rd.,		
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #6892	Chatham Twp.	Spencer, OH,	8:00 PM - Second Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5137	3916 Pearl Rd	Medina, OH	7:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #8753	39 F Main St.	Seville, OH	8:30 PM - Third Thursday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Post #5563	6731 Center Rd.	Valley City	7:00 PM - Second Monday of each month
Veterans of Foreign Wars		121 Main Street	Wadsworth, Ohio	8:00 PM - First Tuesday of each month
Vietnam Veterans of America	Chapter #385	620 N. Broadway	Medina, Ohio	7:00 PM - First Wednesday of each month (no meeting in July)

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feb 2—Groundhog Day Feb 16—Presidents Day Feb 14—Valintines Day Feb 21—5-7 PM Swiss Steak Dinner (Wadsworth VFW Post) Feb 24—Fat Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mar 8—Day Light Savings Time Starts Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day Mar 20—First Day of Spring Mar 21—5-7 PM Swiss Steak Dinner (Wadsworth VFW Post) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apr 1—April Fools Day Apr 22—Earth day & Administrative Professional Day
  		 
<p>Veterans Service Office Closed on Feb 16 for Presidents Day</p>		<p>Fish Fry's End this Month</p>

IT'S FISH FRY TIME AGAIN



Many of our organizations throughout the county have started up there Friday Fish Fry.

- Brunswick VFW's is the 1st & 3rd Friday of the month.
- Lodi American Legion is every Friday

Ohio National Guard Welcome Home



Give your local Post a call and see what's on there plate....



“That Ragged Old Flag”

I walked through a County Court House Square On a park bench an old man was sitting there. I said, "Your old Court House is kinda run down." He said, "No, it will do for our little town." I said, "Your old flag pole is leaning a little bit. And that's a ragged old Flag you've got hanging on it." He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down. "Is this the first time you've been to our little town?" I said, "I think it is." "Well," he said, "I don't like to brag. But we're kinda proud of that ragged old Flag

You see, we got a little hole in that Flag there, When Washington took it across the Delaware. And, it got powder burns, the night Francis Scott Key sat watching it, writing "Oh, Say Can You See." And, it got a bad rip at New Orleans When Packingham and Jackson took it on the scene. And, it almost fell at the Alamo beside the Texas Flag;

But she waved on through, until

She got cut with a sword at Chancerville, And she got cut again at Shiloh

Hill.

There was Robert E. Lee, Bouregard and



Bragg, The south wind blew hard on that ragged old Flag. On Flanders Field in World War One She got a big hole from a Bertha gun. She turned blood red in World War Two, And she hung limp and low a time or two. She was in Korea and Vietnam, She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam. She waved from our ships upon the briny foam, Now they've about quit waving her back here at home. In our good land here she's been abused; She's been burned, dishonored, denied, refused.

And the government for which she stands

Is scandalized throughout the land. She's getting threadbare and she's wearing thin,



But, she's in good shape for the shape he's in. Because she's been through the fire before, I believe she can take a whole lot more. So we raise her up every morning, and we take her down every night,

We don't let her touch the ground, and we fold her up right. On second thought, I do like to brag Because I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

**Medina County
Veterans Service Office
Out-Reach Program for Wadsworth, OH**

The Medina County Veterans Service Office provides an outreach center at the Center for Older Adults on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM



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News Release

VA Assisting Veterans with Health Care Costs

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January 6, 2009

VA Assisting Veterans with Health Care Costs

WASHINGTON -- For veterans struggling financially due to a job loss or decreased income, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers an assortment of programs that can relieve the costs of health care or provide care at no cost.

"With the downturn in the economy, VA recognizes that many veterans will

feel the effects," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "Therefore, it is important that eligible veterans learn of the many ways VA has to help them afford the health care they have earned."

Veterans whose previous income was ruled too high for VA health care may be able to enter the VA system based upon a hardship if their current year's income is projected to fall below federal income thresholds due to a job loss, separation from service or some other financial setback. Veterans determined eligible due to hardship can avoid copays applied to higher-income veterans. Qualifying veterans may be eligible for enrollment and receive health care at no cost.

Also eligible for no-cost VA care are most veterans who recently returned from a

combat zone. They are entitled to five years of free VA care. The five-year "clock" begins with their discharge from the military, not their departure from the combat zone.

Each VA medical center across the country has an enrollment coordinator available to provide veterans information about these programs. Veterans may also contact VA's Health Benefits Service Center at 1-877-222 VETS (8387) or visit the VA health eligibility website at www.va.gov/healtheligibility.

**Contact the Medina County Veterans
Service Office at**

Call: Medina: 330-722-9368
Brunswick/Hinckley: 330-225-7100 Ext. 9368 -
Wadsworth: 330-336-6657 Ext. 9368
Fax: 330-722-9378

E-mail: veterans@zoominternet.net

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Medina County Veterans Service Office Our Mission



Our Mission

The Mission of the Medina County Veterans Service Office is to provide temporary aid and assistance to veterans, dependants and widows in time of need. The Medina County Veterans Service Office is a state mandated agency dedicated to aiding Medina County Veterans during times of need.

We provide two basic services:

1. Temporary emergency financial aid and assis-

tance to eligible veterans and family members who have demonstrated a need as set fourth by the commission.

2. Assist veterans, family members and survivors when applying to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for benefits.

Our assistance includes but is not limited to:

Financial Assistance:

- a. Rent and mortgage payments
- b. Utilities: Gas, Electric and Water
- c. Food and personal Hygiene items
- d. Medical
- e. Transportation to and from VA Hospitals in Brecksville and Cleveland, Ohio
- f. Grave markers and flags

Service Assistance:

- a. Preparations of forms and paperwork
- b. Documentation of claims and pertinent data
- c. Proper submission of claims to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs thru a service organization
- d. Submission for awards decorations and medals
- e. Notary Public & DD 214 Certification

Our services are **FREE** of charge!

Contact the Medina County Veterans Service Office at

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Medina, Ohio 44256

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E-mail: veterans@zoominternet.net

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