



Veteran Organizations

THE HANCOCK COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE
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What Is The Veterans Service Commission?

In 1886, the Ohio Legislature passed an act establishing the Soldiers Relief Commission. Each of the 88 counties in Ohio has a board of five honorably discharged veterans appointed to administer veteran programs in their respective county. Operating expenses are provided through county real estate taxes. In 1986, the Soldiers Relief Commission was renamed the Veterans Service Commission. Our role is to oversee the operation of the veterans Service Office; to provide temporary financial assistance to indigent veterans, spouse, dependent children and surviving spouses; and to assist veterans in obtaining earned benefits from the Federal, state and local levels of government.

What Can My Veterans Service Office Do For Me?

Your Hancock County Veterans Service Office is primarily available to help you or your families to understand benefits which include:

1. Exit from Service
2. Soldier/Sailor Relief Fund
3. Nursing Home Benefits
4. Education Benefits
5. Survivor Benefits
6. Counseling
7. Disability Benefits
8. Transportation
9. VA Home Loans
10. Prescriptions

Eligibility for most benefits is determined by the Veterans Administration office in Cleveland. The Veterans service Officer can either help in the application process to receive veteran's benefits or refer you or your family members to other Hancock County agencies for assistance. To best determine the service available to you and your family, meet with the Hancock County Veterans Service Officer. The Officer can provide a detailed explanation of all service-related benefits, eligibility requirements, and assistance with the application process. The Veterans Service Commission organizes the Memorial Day Parade and the Veterans Day Parade and other projects/events to assist Veterans. They also do the planning for the wreath ceremony at the Bridge on Memorial Day.



Hancock County Korean War Veterans Association Club #172

Korean War Veterans Association #172 meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the basement of AMVETS Post 21, 423 Trenton Ave. Membership is open to anyone who was in any military service during the Korean War, regardless of where they were stationed; and anyone who served in Korea at anytime, up to the present. The purpose of the group is to promote the "Forgotten War" and friendship among veterans of the war. For more information, call Ronald D. Dutton at 419-348-3745

Veterans of Foreign Wars, Barry D. Lord Post 5645

The mission of the VFW is to honor and help veterans, both discharged and active military, through veterans and community service. The organization also helps active and discharged military families and donates to local charities. Membership is open to U.S. citizens who are veterans (regular members and governing body); currently serving in the U.S. military or have an honorable discharge; must have served overseas during a conflict and received an expeditionary medal, a campaign medal or ribbon, or imminent danger/hostile fire pay; and/or served 30 consecutive days duty in Korea or 60 days of non-consecutive duty in Korea; and/or be currently deployed in an area that qualifies for VFW membership. Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the VFW Post home, 315 Walnut St. For more information, call 419-423-0023. Men's and ladies' auxiliary groups are also available. The men's auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. For more information on the men's auxiliary, call Dick Stall, men's auxiliary president, at the above number. The ladies' auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the VFW post. For more information, call Jessie King, president of the ladies' auxiliary, at the above phone number.

American Legion Auxiliary (Ralph D. Cole Unit 0003) **

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Ralph D. Cole Unit 0003 exists to help veterans and their families and children and youth. The group also engages in community service work and veterans' rehabilitation, donates to various charities and sponsors Girls State delegates. Meetings are held at 8 p.m. on the first Monday of the month at the post home, 120 West Front Street. Membership eligibility comes through the military service of a veteran, living or deceased, and/or the veteran's mother, wife, sister, daughter, granddaughter, great-granddaughter, grandmother or self. Service includes World War I and II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada/Lebanon, Panama and the Persian Gulf War. To learn more about eligibility requirements, call 419-422-0552.

Organizations and Locations

- 1. American Legion Ralph D. Cole Post #3**
120 West Front Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-422-0552
- 2. American Legion #511**
301 South Todd Street
McComb, Ohio 45858
419-293-2266
- 3. Findlay Amvets Post #21 Robert R. Kelly**
(Charter Post-WWII Veterans)
423 Trenton Avenue
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-422-5190
- 4. Veterans of Foreign Wars #3003 (VFW)**
330 South Blanchard Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840
567-525-4453
- 5. Veterans of Foreign Wars #4510 (VFW)**
132 West Liberty Street
Arlington, Ohio 45814
419-365-7187
- 6. Veterans of Foreign Wars #5645 (VFW)**
315 Walnut Street
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-423-0023
- 7. Veterans of Foreign Wars #9142 (VFW)**
212 West 2nd Street
Ottawa, Ohio 45875
419-523-5870
- 8. Veterans of Foreign Wars #9142 (VFW)**
112 West Tiffin Street
Fostoria, Ohio
419-435-2282