

## **GENERAL SERVICE WORK THIS OFFICE PROVIDES**

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### **APPLYING FOR SERVICE RELATED VA CLAIMS AND BENEFITS**

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission employs a staff of Ohio Department of Veterans Services Certified/ Nationally Accredited Service Officers who work as advocates for the veterans of Butler County. It is with honor that these Service Officers work to assist the veterans of this county in filing for appropriate Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and answer Department of Defense (DOD) inquiries.

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is not the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Service Commission is a county agency funded by local tax dollars and was created by Ohio law to assist veterans in receiving all benefits possible.

Following is a general list of some of the benefits that our Service Officers can assist with applying. It is recommended that all veterans schedule an appointment with a Service Officer to discuss specific benefits and eligibility requirements.

### **REGISTER FOR VA MEDICAL BENEFITS**

We can help you register to receive VA Medical Assistance through VA Medical Centers. This includes choice of VAMC facilities located in Dayton or Cincinnati, as well as the Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in Middletown and Hamilton.

## **SERVICE CONNECTED COMPENSATION**

Disability Compensation is a monetary benefit paid to veterans who are disabled by injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service that you still suffer from now.

The service of the veteran must have been terminated through Separation or Discharge under conditions that were other than Dishonorable. Compensation may vary with percentage of disability awarded, dependent's status, etc. These benefits are not subject to federal, state or local income taxes.

## **NON-SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY PENSION**

Veterans with low incomes who are permanently and totally disabled may be eligible for monetary support if they have 90 days or more of active military service, at least one day of which was during a period of war. Veterans of a period of war who are aged 65 or older and meet service and income requirements are also eligible to receive a pension, regardless of current physical condition. Discharge from active duty must have been under conditions other than Dishonorable.

## **SURVIVOR'S PENSION**

The Department of Veterans Affairs provides a small pension to eligible survivors of deceased veterans. This program is similar to the non-service connected disability pension for veterans, as it is a program that is based on period of service, income and net worth.

## **DISCHARGE UPGRADES**

Each of the military services maintains a Discharge Review Board with authority to change, correct, or modify discharges. The veteran or, if the veteran is deceased or incompetent, the surviving spouse, next of kin, or legal representative may apply for a review of discharge. Our service officers are available to assist in the procedure.

## **INDIGENT BURIAL PROGRAM**

We also help provide burial funds for the indigent veteran and their spouse. Many local funeral homes will work with the families of the deceased and this agency to obtain the assistance for the burial expenses. Because of fund limitations, call our office for an appointment with a service officer for further details.

## **GRAVE MARKERS AND FLAG HOLDERS**

Upon request, VA furnishes headstones or markers at no charge for graves in cemeteries around the world for service members who die while on active duty and for eligible veterans. Also available through this agency and the Butler County Soldiers and Sailors Monument are flag holders representing your period of service in the Military.

## **SERVICE DOCUMENTATION AND MEDAL REQUESTS**

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission will assist veterans in obtaining copies of their discharges, as well as Service Records. We will also assist veterans with efforts to obtain the service medals earned.

## **ADDITIONAL SERVICES HOME LOAN GUARANTEES EDUCATION BENEFITS**

## ORIGIN

The Veterans Service Commission, formerly known as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission, originates in the states' statutes. The law, as written in 1886 was for the veterans of the Civil War. With each conflict fought by this nation's military members, amendments are made so as to include veterans up to the date of the amendment.

Additional Information Available

Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs **ODVS**  
<http://www.dvs.ohio.gov/>

## AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is an agency that provides veterans and their dependents reliable and professional service by providing advocacy and assistance in obtaining veterans benefits, temporary financial assistance, and transportation to VA medical appointments. The Butler County Veterans Service Commission works closely with our community partners to best meet the needs of the veteran families that we serve, thus helping to improve the lives of veterans and their families residing within Butler County.

*Veterans are our Nation's  
MOST PRECIOUS natural resource!*

## COMMISSIONERS

Charles (Chuck) Weber.....Member--at-Large  
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**(Closed for Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Daily)**

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Butler County Veterans Service Commission Service Officers are trained and available for filing any and all paperwork with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Butler County Veterans Service Commission is funded by Butler County, OH local property taxes as a County Agency.



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