On February 13, 1862, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio memorialized its decision to provide "for the relief of the necessities to . [veteran]..."



Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

### A history of supporting Veterans and their families



#### **10 Simple Questions**

1. Did you, or a family member serve in the military? Yes / No

2. How are you related? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What branch of service? \_\_\_\_\_ 4. When did you/they serve? \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Were you/they discharged under honorable conditions? Yes / No 6. Did you/they file a VA Claim for Service Connected Issues? Yes / No 7. Did you/they enroll in VA **Healthcare**? Yes / No 8. Have you/they reviewed or updated the VA claim? Yes / No 9. Do you have questions about VA eligibility? Yes / No 10. Do you have a need for financial assistance? Yes / No

Life Can Get Complicated We Want to Help

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Did you or a family member in the military?



### Yes?

You may qualify for Assistance from the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission

Advocating for Veterans and their families to live their American dream



## **Our Vision:**

Our Veteran community living their American dreams

## **Our Mission:**

Advocate for and empower Veterans and their families by providing guidance, resources, immediate financial assistance and access to benefits

### Who We Are

The Franklin County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency dedicated to helping veterans, active duty members of the Armed Forces of the United States, and their dependents.

### Our Goal

Provide *time and space* to enable the development of sustainable, long term solutions to issues impacting safety, security, and quality of life.

# Eligibility

The Veteran must meet one of the category definitions under section 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. Discharged or Released from Active Duty under honorable conditions

Currently serving on active duty
Have a recognized service-connected disability

4. Reserve and National Guard member called to active duty by a Presidential Order

## **Our Core Services**

#### **Financial Assistance**

Rent/Mortgage Utilities

# Veterans Benefits

Advice and assistance when applying for claims, benefits or entitlements from federal, state, or local agencies.

Food

Car Repair

### **Special Programs**

- Haircut Gift Cards
- Transportation to VA Appointments
- Eye Examinations
- Holiday Food Card
- Dental Services
- School Supplies
- Housing Modifications
- Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Emergency Response Systems
- Financial Coaching

### **Financial Assistance**

- 1. Minimum 90 day Franklin County residency
- 2. Meet program eligibility
- 3. Bona Fide Financial Need
- 4. Proof of Income and/or Revenue

### **Critical Steps for Assistance**

- 1. Verification of Eligibility (DD-214)
- 2. Timeliness of applicant to provide all requested documents
- 3. Applicant appearance before the Commission if their approval is needed for the application.

#### How to Get Assistance

#### **Service Hours**

Monday	7:30am —4:00pm
Tuesday	12:30pm—4:00pm
Wednesday	7:30am —4:00pm
Thursday	7:30am —4:00pm
Friday	7:30am —4:00pm

Our office provides service on a first come, first serve, basis.

Registration generally ends at 3:00pm but may end sooner based on number of requests.

We recommend you arrive when the doors open to register for service.