

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Lake County Veterans Service Commission is to provide eligible veterans and their families with those benefits to which they may be entitled under federal, state and local law, in accordance with established policies and procedures.

The Lake County Veterans Service Commission shall take those steps necessary to ensure a well-trained staff is available to advise and assist veterans, their dependents & the widows and orphans of those veterans who, by virtue of their honorable service in the military of the United States of America, may be entitled to benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs or any other benefit promulgated under federal, state or local law.

The Lake County Veterans Service Commission shall provide temporary financial assistance to those veterans or their dependents who have demonstrated a financial need due to illness, injury, lack of employment, or an unexpected hardship. Determination of financial need shall be made by the Veterans Service Commission in accordance with guidelines it alone shall establish and oversee, in accordance with Title 59 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The Lake County Veterans Service Commission shall promulgate programs as required by Title 59 of the Ohio Revised Code for services not covered above, such as outreach and transportation of veterans to medical facilities.

## COMMISSIONERS:

William F. Barrett, Sr., American Legion

Richard A. Bishop, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Neal Huelsman, Amvets

Chuck Law, Disabled American Veterans

Thomas J. Zmiecek, Marine Corps League

Jonathan R. Warmeling,  
Executive Director/ Veterans Service Officer



### Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday  
8:00 am to 12:00 pm  
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

### Visit our Website:

[www.lakecountyohio.org/veterans/index.htm](http://www.lakecountyohio.org/veterans/index.htm)

### Directions to our office:

Rt. 2 to Painesville/Fairport Harbor/ Richmond St. exit. South on Richmond St. to Rt. 20, turn left (east) to St. Clair St., turn right. We are located on the corner of St. Clair and Main Streets in the Lake County Administration Building, 2nd floor.



## LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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Administration Bldg.

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## VETERANS SERVING VETERANS

Providing assistance to the  
men and women who have  
honorably served their country

## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

The Veterans Service Officer is a link between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and veterans and their dependents who may be entitled to benefits. We can assist with a variety of services, such as:

- Filing for service-connected disabilities and non-service pensions
- Filing for widow's or children's benefits
- Obtaining admittance to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio
- Filling out Eligibility Verification Report Forms (EVR) for veterans and dependents
- Obtaining DD 214s and other military records
- Applying for burial benefits
- Providing a flag and flag holder for graves

A special service is provided to funeral directors in helping to identify the veteran as being an honorably discharged veteran.

If you are a veteran or the dependent of a veteran (living or deceased) and believe you have a claim for benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs, we encourage you to call the office at: (440) 350-2567.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Lake County Veterans Service Commission provides **emergency** financial assistance on a **temporary** basis to eligible veterans and their dependents, for **basic** living expenses, such as rent, utility bills, food, and prescriptions.

### ELIGIBILITY:

- The veteran is required to have active federal service **and** have been discharged under **honorable** conditions. Proof of service (DD 214) is required.
- The applicant must have **3 months** residency in Lake County immediately preceding the date of application. Proof of residency is required.
- A definite financial need must be demonstrated. The Veterans Service Commission considers many factors when determining financial need including income, living expenses, and liquid assets.

Each application shall be determined on its own merits in accordance with the intent of Chapter 5901 of the Ohio Revised Code and pursuant to the policies and procedures as established by the Veterans Service Commission.

If you are a veteran or the dependent of a veteran (living or deceased) and believe you may be eligible for this program, please call the office at (440) 350-2567 for more information and an **appointment (required)**.

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The Veterans Service Commission (formerly known as Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission) was established on May 19, 1886 for the purpose of assisting Honorably Discharged Veterans and their dependents, who have met with an unexpected hardship resulting from illness, injury, or have become destitute due to lack of employment.

The law under which the Veterans Service Commission operates is Section 5901.15 of the Ohio Revised Code. This law designates those persons who are entitled to assistance.

The Lake County Veterans Service Commission is a county agency. Ohio is a unique state that provides such comprehensive support and service to its veterans. Each of the 88 counties in Ohio has a board of five veterans, appointed as commissioners, who administer the program for their respective county.

