

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 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 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 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



OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Directions to the office:

Rt.2 to Painesville/Fairport Hbr, 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 Admin. Building, 2nd floor

APPOINTMENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

www.lakecountyohio.gov/veterans/

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LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Veterans Serving Veterans

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



A Lake County Agency

105 Main Street
Painesville, OH 44077

Located in the Lake County Admin. Bldg.

Phone (440) 350-2904

(800) 899-5253 Ext. 2904

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COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

Our staff of experienced and fully accredited County Veteran Service Officers (CVSO) can assist in filing for the following and many other benefits for veterans, dependents, or survivors:

VA Benefits:

- Compensation for disabilities associated with military service
- Pension and Aid and Attendance
- Burial benefits
- Health care (primary care, prescriptions, mental health/counseling, etc.)
- Survivor benefits

State of Ohio benefits:

- Ohio Veterans Homes
- Military Injury Relief Fund
- Ohio War Orphan Scholarship

Local Benefits:

- Transportation to VA and necessary medical appointments
- Financial Assistance Program
- Grave markers and flags
- Obtaining DD 214s and military records

The CVSO will assist by helping to determine eligibility for benefits, completing necessary forms, and acting as an advocate throughout the claims process.

All of our services are provided free of charge.

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS

The Veteran Service Commission (VSC) is a county agency which provides services to veterans, dependents, and survivors. Created by the Soldier's Relief Act in 1886, it is funded by county property taxes. The VSC is comprised of five Commissioners, appointed by the County Common Pleas Judge for five year terms. These Commissioners represent the Veterans Service Organizations throughout Lake County. All members of our staff are veterans.

TRANSPORTATION

The VSC, in cooperation with the Lake County Commissioners and Laketrans, provides **FREE Dial-a-Ride** transportation for Lake County's veterans to any medical appointment, adult day care, or VA location including, but not limited to: VA Outpatient Clinics in Painesville, VA Medical Center (Wade Park), University Circle Medical Facilities, and our office.

ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL ARE MADE THROUGH LAKETRAN.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call Laketrans at: (440) 354-6100 or (888) 525-3872 or visit www.laketrans.com

PLEASE REPORT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES TO THE VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION BY CALLING (440) 350-2904 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Veterans Service Commission provides **emergency** financial assistance on a **temporary** basis to eligible veterans and their dependents, for **basic** living expenses, such as rent or mortgage, utility bills, and food. Other needs may be considered.

ELIGIBILITY:

- The veteran is required to have active federal service for other than training purposes **and** must have been discharged under **honorable** conditions. Ohio law requires proof of service (DD 214/Discharge papers).
- 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 Formal Rules, policies and procedures as established by the Veterans Service Commission.

If you are a veteran, widow/widower or dependent of a veteran and wish to discuss your eligibility for benefits, please call (440) 350-2904/2567 for more information and an appointment.