

# Coshocton County Veterans Service Office

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## Newsletter

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Jack E. Lipps (second from left) poses with County Commissioners Dane Shryock (left), Gary Fischer and Curtis Lee during a commendation ceremony held Wednesday, February 22nd.

### Military Order of the Purple Heart hails Black History month

During the month of February each year, The Military Order of the Purple Heart proudly joins all Americans in observance of Black History Month.

For most veterans, serving in the military meant pushing past one's own physical and mental limits in order to defend America's interests and defeat its enemies. While fighting for these same objectives, African American servicemembers also had to contend with and break through the limits placed upon them by society.

Whether they fought stateside or overseas, in integrated or segregated units, or during World War II, Korea, Vietnam, or the Persian Gulf, African American veterans persisted past prejudice to serve with honor, despite an official policy in earlier years of racial segregation in the Armed Forces.

The military heritage of black Americans is as long as the history of African American presence in  
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### Jack Lipps receives commendation from Commissioners

The Coshocton County Commissioners once again recognized one of the Coshocton County Honor Guard members who has gone above and beyond the call of duty.

On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jack E. Lipps was the recipient of a Commendation recognizing him for surpassing the 1,000 mark in military funerals attended during the Commissioner's regular meeting.

The ceremony was conducted in front of a standing room-only crowd consisting mainly of fellow Honor Guard members.

A veteran of the Korean War, Lipps became the third Honor Guard member to reach the milestone and proclaimed

himself the "first Marine" to become a member of the elite organization.

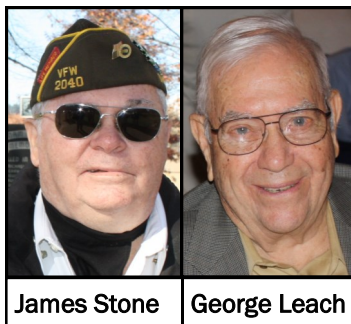
He had been recruited into the ranks by the late Dick Jones.

After the commendation was read by Commissioner Gary Fischer and words of appreciation were given by Commissioners Curtis Lee and Dane Shryock, everyone in attendance was invited to the Veterans Service Office for refreshments.

Two other Honor Guard members have also eclipsed the 1,000 mark and have received special commendations by the County Commissioners.

World War II veteran George Leach has surpassed the 1,400 mark and Korean War veteran James C. Stone has attended over 1,100.

Other area veterans wishing to become an Honor Guard member may contact the Veterans Service Office for details.



James Stone

George Leach

### John Wright appointed to Veterans Commission

There is a new member on the Coshocton County Veterans Commission as John H. Wright II assumed the role in January.

A veteran of the Vietnam War era, Wright replaced Jerry Green who retired after his five-year term expired. He was appointed Secretary  
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John Wright

**Veterans Service Commission**

President

Jack Patterson—VFW

Vice President

David Dilly—AMVETS

Secretary

John Wright—DAV

Member

Gary Kilpatrick—American Legion

Member

John Dotson—KWVA

Service Officer

Jim Barstow

Executive Assistant

Patty Dilly

Assistant Service Officer

Zac Miller

Assistant Service Officer

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*The Coshocton County Veterans Service Commission meetings are at 4 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month.*

**County Veterans Council Officers**

Commander

Jack Patterson

Adjutant

Jerry Green

Quartermaster

Jim Shivers

First Vice Commander

Jim Barstow

Second Vice Commander

Tom Apple

First Year Trustee

Herb Tidrick

Second Year Trustee

Jim Groves

Third Year Trustee

Jack Lipps

Chaplain

Gary Kilpatrick

*Meetings are at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at AMVETS Post #36. All county veterans are welcome to attend.*



**The Coshocton County Honor Guard members conducted Military Funerals during January and February, 2017. Veterans receiving honors included:**

<b>January</b>	 <b>Charles W. Duncan</b> <i>Peacetime</i>
 <b>James G. Thomas</b> <i>Korea</i>	<b>February</b>
 <b>Harlan E. Phillips</b> <i>World War II</i>	 <b>Roy A. L. Emslie</b> <i>World War II</i>
 <b>David L. Jennings</b> <i>Korea</i>	 <b>Richard V. Tatten</b> <i>World War II</i>
 <b>James E. Hunt</b> <i>Korea</i>	 <b>Glenn E. Ashley</b> <i>Vietnam</i>
 <b>James W. Shample</b> <i>Vietnam</i>	 <b>Rev. Paul A. Cameron</b> <i>Vietnam</i>
 <b>Lorin J. Grewell</b> <i>Peacetime</i>	 <b>Ralph N. Montgomery</b> <i>Korea</i>
 <b>Guy D. Jackson</b> <i>World War II</i>	 <b>Enos L. Stockum</b> <i>Vietnam</i>
 <b>Kenneth R. Levengood</b> <i>World War II</i>	 <b>Francis Vaughn McGrady</b> <i>Korea</i>

**(Black History from Page 1)**

North America. They have a long tradition of honorable and distinguished service in America's armed forces, going back 241 years to the Nation's birth - and even before.

From the first recorded visit of a black person to what is now the United States in 1528, African American Soldiers have honorably answered the call to duty, serving with valor, distinction, and pride in military or quasi-military actions throughout our Nation's history, from the Battle of Lexington to the Battle for Mosul.

In fact, there has been no war or conflict fought at home or abroad in which African Americans did not serve or shed their blood in our Nation's defense.

Military history is replete with the stories of bravery, valor and sacrifice of individual black soldiers, and complete units.

In 1770, Crispus Attucks was among a group of outraged colonists protesting English rule who died from British soldiers' bullets during the Boston Massacre.

Five years later, Peter Salem was among many African-Americans who fought beside other American colonists against the British in one of the first military engagements of the Revolution, the "Battle of Bunker Hill."

During the American Revolutionary War that spanned from 1775 to 1783, it's estimated that 5,000 African-Americans fought on the side of the Patriots.

At the beginning of the Civil War, many blacks were allowed to "unofficially" enlist in the Union Army. However, after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on Janu-

ary 1, 1863, approximately 186,000 black soldiers, including 94,000 former slaves, were allowed to officially enlist.

Although relegated to primarily support roles early in the war, manpower shortages soon necessitated the enlistment of thousands of African-American troops for front-line duty where their bravery soon became legend.

During the Civil War, 25 African Americans received the Medal of Honor, 14 of whom as the result of their service at the Battle for Chaffin's Farm,

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

and more than 38,000 were killed in action while fighting for the Union.

During WWI and again in WWII, despite racism, segregation and second class treatment at home, thousands of black soldiers still fought valiantly to combat fascism and defend freedom.

More than one million African Americans answered the Nation's call to duty during World War II, despite the continuance of segregated units and discrimination. It was not until the Korean War that segregated units were all disbanded, and black soldiers were fully integrated into all combat service units.

Finally, with the passing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965, equality between all races, especially for those serving in the military, became a reality.

During the Vietnam War, African

American men and women continued the tradition of serving with distinction, and were finally permitted to fill any and every specialty in the Armed Forces.

Vietnam also witnessed the highest proportion of blacks ever to serve in an American war. The number of black combat fatalities in that war was 5,711, a staggering 14.9 percent of all casualties.

The bravery, loyalty, service, and sacrifice of African American Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, and Airmen throughout America's military history is indelibly written in their blood on the battlefield.

For their valor, they have received all of the Armed Forces' highest decorations, including 90 Congressional Medals of Honor. Robert Augustus Sweeney, an African American, is one of only nineteen men to have received two awards of the Medals of Honor.

Each Patriot member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is proud to wear the Purple Heart Medal as a badge of honor, and symbol of service and sacrifice.

On the battlefield, we each bled the same color, cried together for the loss of our brothers and sisters, and suffered the extreme stresses of war while living in the same miserable conditions.

We will never forget all those who fought beside us in combat, regardless of race, creed or color; nor can we ever forget those who fell silent defending the freedoms that all Americans enjoy.

**Contributed by  
The Honorable Hershel Gober  
National Commander**

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and is a representative of the Disabled American Veterans.

Wright said his new appointment will allow him to more closely work with veterans who are seeking assistance in obtaining the benefits to which they are entitled.

"To actually be able to sit down with veterans and help them obtain everything they've earned is very gratifying," Wright said. "A lot of it comes from me being a Vietnam veteran and experiencing the reception we got, I wanted to help reverse that trend in the eyes of the current veterans by doing what we do here."

Wright joined the United States Marine Corps in February

1969 and served on active duty until May 1973. During his time in service, he was stationed in-country Vietnam. After the service, he was employed at AK Steel before retiring.

In 2015 he joined the Coshocton County Honor Guard and continues to attend military funerals on a regular basis.

"What really got me going was after the death of a local veteran" Wright said. "That was first time I actually saw the full military honors performed and it left an impression on me. That and I retired. I had worked 60 hours a week so it was hard to fit anything else in to my schedule. I felt it was a good way to give back to the community and recognize fellow veterans."



## New VA Secretary Proposes changes to Choice program

Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin on Sunday proposed eliminating a controversial policy that limits veterans from receiving private-sector health care.

Speaking to hundreds of people at the Disabled American Veterans annual conference in Arlington, Va., Shulkin laid out his top 10 priorities for the Department of Veterans Affairs. It was his first public address since becoming VA secretary.

High on Shulkin's list was redesigning the Veterans Choice Program into what he called "Choice 2.0."

His plan would include removing the rule that allows veterans to go outside the VA for health care if they had to wait more than 30 days for an appointment or live more than 40 miles driving distance from a VA facility.

Some veterans and lawmakers have criticized the 40-mile, 30-day rule for limiting veterans' health care choices, and Shulkin called the program "extremely complex and bureaucratic."

President Donald Trump said during his campaign that he would ensure every veteran could choose between the VA or private-sector care. Shulkin said Sunday that he wanted a system with less "red tape."

"We want to be thoughtful about how we propose what the new choice program will look like, and do that in conjunction with Congress, and to make sure we are fulfilling the President's promise and commitment that he has made to the country's veterans," Shulkin said.

Before he can propose Choice 2.0, Congress first must eliminate the expiration date for the original Veterans Choice Program, Shulkin said.

"We want to make sure we continue the current program so veterans don't experience any gap in care," he said.

The program was created as a temporary measure in 2014 after it was discovered veterans were suffering long waits for health care at some VA facilities. It was funded with \$10 billion and given an expiration date of Aug. 7, 2017.

## Liberation of Kuwait books available to Gulf War veterans

The Ohio Department of Veterans Services issued a 25th anniversary edition of "The Liberation of Kuwait: Honoring the Veterans of Desert Storm" this week and the Coshocton County Veterans Service Office has copies in stock.

The coffee table-style books are for anyone awarded the Southeast Asia Service Medal and those who are interested in obtaining one is encouraged to contact the Veterans Office.

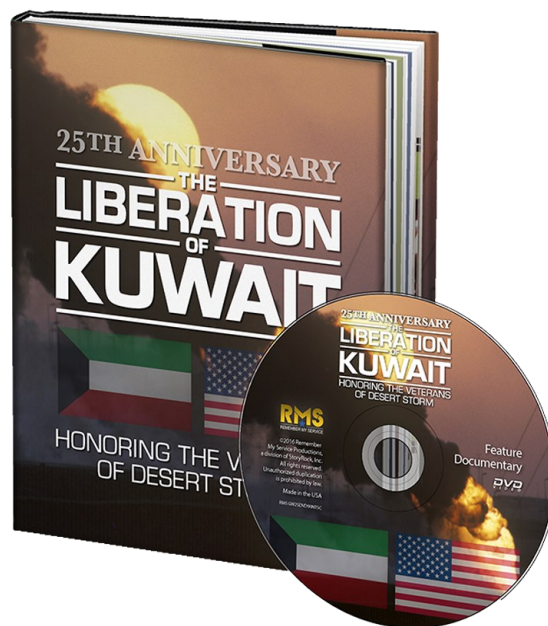
Gulf War veterans can receive a copy of the book at no cost but there is a limited quantity.

This one of a kind commemorative includes a landmark first-edition book and companion feature-length documentary created to honor those veterans that served during Operation Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

The book *The Liberation of Kuwait: Honoring the Veterans of Desert Storm* is a 160-page full-color, hard-bound, heirloom-quality publication.

Both the book and the companion feature-length documentary tell the story of Saddam Hussein's initial invasion, the Kuwaiti resistance, the American-led Coalition's victory, and the post-liberation progress of Kuwait and its people. Stories and pictures from U.S. Military Veterans give the reader a first-hand account of Desert Storm.

The commemorative was produced by Remember My Service and generously funded by the State of Kuwaiti and private Kuwaiti sponsors as part of the 25th anniversary of Desert Storm. Commemoratives are to be distributed in every state to thank Gulf War veterans for their service and their sacrifice.



### Veterans Service Office Closings

**Friday, March 3**

(Staff Training)

### Meetings, Events & Observances

**Saturday, March 18**

**Army-Navy #628 Veterans Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.**

(Free to all veterans, \$5.00 for guests, public)

**Sunday, March 12**

(Spring ahead—Daylight Saving Time)

**Thursday, April 13**

**Honor Guard Recognition Dinner, 6 p.m. (Coshocton Elks)**

**Saturday, April 15**

**Army-Navy #628 Veterans Breakfast, 8-10:30 a.m.**

(Free to all veterans, \$5.00 for guests, public)

**Tuesday, April 25**

**VA Mobile Health Unit, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Walmart)**

## ODVS offers resource to prospective veteran employers

One of Ohio's best-kept workforce secrets is our military veterans and their hard-working spouses.

That's why the Ohio Department of Veterans Services (DVS) is proud to announce three new regional workforce consultants who train Ohio employers on the many benefits of employing and retaining veterans and military spouses.



The three consultants – Ryan Blackburn, Daniel Semsel and Joseph Trevino – offer employers

free training in military culture, veteran recruitment and retention, and establishing veterans' resource groups. They also share best practices in workforce development.

"We are focused on strengthening Ohio's business climate by increasing economic opportunities for military families," said DVS Director Chip Tansill. "Our workforce consultants are the latest resource in Ohio's toolkit to connect employers with veteran talent."

Workforce consultants help employers access:

- The Veteran Business Support Centers
- Free online recruiting services through OhioMeansJobs.com
- Tax credits
- GI Bill Benefits for apprenticeships and on-the-job-training
- Registration for a Military-friendly business status

Veterans looking for work can access a military skills translator to build their civilian resume or to match their military occupation code (MOC) to Ohio's in-demand jobs and much more at OhioMeansVeteranJobs.com.

For in-person job search assistance, veterans can visit any OhioMeansJobs center where they will receive VIP service. Just make sure to tell the front desk that you are a veteran or current service member.

# Women veterans to speak at ODVS-sponsored event

A panel of women veterans who served during World War II to Operation Desert Storm and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will tell their stories in a panel discussion sponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services in honor of Women's History Month.

The panel will be held Friday, March 10, at noon in the auditorium, of the Ohio History Connection, 800 E. 17th Ave., Columbus.

Women today make up over 15 percent of America's military. More than 67,542 women veterans of all eras reside in Ohio.

They have served with distinction in every war in a variety of capacities, mainly support or medical roles, and became casualties or prisoners of war.

Seven distinguished women will serve on the panel:

- **Ruby Gilliam, a World War II veteran**, served in the WAVES during World War II in 1945 and served until 1946. She went to Boot Camp at Hunter College in New York. Ruby was stationed in Washington, D.C., and ran computers for the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery as a Seaman First Class.
- **Claudia Westover, a Korean War Era veteran**, served in the U.S. Air Force attended Boot Camp in Cheyenne, Wyo., for teletype. She was stationed in San Antonio, Texas, from June 1952 – December 1954 as an Airman Second Class.
- **Roberta Mershon, a Vietnam veteran**, attended Marian College and graduated from St. Vincent's School of Nursing in Indianapolis in 1968. After her graduation, Bobbi received a commission as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps. Her duty stations included the 93rd Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, Vietnam. During her tour there she worked in Ward 3, a surgical intensive care and burn unit.
- **Elva Ponders, a Vietnam Era veteran**, enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in May 1960 and attended boot camp at Parris Island (S.C.). Her first duty station was Camp Lejeune (N.C.) and she worked in supply. Ms. Ponders was with the first group of Women Marines to be station in Japan from 1967 to 1968 and made two trips into Vietnam to drop off supplies.
- **Angela Beltz, a Desert Shield/Desert Storm veteran**, enlisted in the North Dakota Army National Guard in 1986, attending basic training at Fort Dix, (N.J.) then went to Fort Lee (Va.) to be trained as a Petroleum Supply Specialist. She was deployed for Desert Shield/Desert Storm from September 1990 until March 1991.
- **KJ Russ, a veteran of the Global War on Terrorism**, served in the U.S. Navy from 2007-2009 and Navy Reserve from 2010-2011. She worked as an Aviation Maintenance Administrator. KJ was assigned to the Naval Helicopter Squadron, HS-2 Golden Falcons in NAS North Island of San Diego. She deployed with the WESPAC 2008 Strike Group onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier. She received honorable discharge from the Navy in 2009.
- **Tamara Gonzales** is the current Senior Master Sergeant with the 121st Air Refueling Wing and a veteran of the Global War on Terrorism. She served in the U.S. Army Reserve as a full-time technician as a Material Control and Accounting Specialist for five years.





# VA releases statistics as Secretary Shulkin assumes new role

As anticipated, President Donald Trump has confirmed Dr. David Shulkin as the next VA Secretary. In his new role, he will be taking on a broader profile than just the medical aspects of the department.

Here's a look at some key facts and figures on where the department stands today, based on current officials' own statistics and assessments of operations since current VA Secretary Bob McDonald took office in August 2014.

\*The VA budget totals \$176.9 billion for fiscal 2017, almost twice the budget total when Obama took office in fiscal 2009 (\$93.7 billion) and almost four times the total when the war in Afghanistan began in fiscal 2001 (\$48.7 billion). Of the 2017 total, roughly \$77.4 billion is set aside for discretionary programs, and the rest for disability, medical and education benefits, along with other mandatory spending.

\*VA employed about 365,000 workers in fiscal 2016, up about 88,000 people from when President Barack Obama took office in 2009. Employee bonuses and discipline has been a constant fight for department leaders in recent years, with critics saying they do too little to root out lazy or incompetent bureaucrats. In fiscal 2015, about one-third of all VA employees were veterans.

\*Roughly 9 million veterans were enrolled in VA health care at the end of fiscal 2016, about 42 percent of the nation's veterans population. That number was 7.8 million in fiscal 2009, roughly 33 percent of the total U.S. veterans population at the time. Part of the increase is due to troops returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, but the department has also seen increases in the usage rate from older generations.

\*About 58 million medical appointments were scheduled by VA in fiscal 2016, an increase of almost six percent in two years. Almost a third of those appointments were scheduled with doctors working outside the VA system, in private clinics.

\*More than 542,000 veterans were rated as 100 percent disabled at the end of fiscal 2016, giving them access to a wide range of payouts and benefits. In fiscal 2009, that number was 265,000. Again, part of that increase is attributable to the current wars, but a large part also reflects an aging veterans population with worsening service-injuries from decades ago.

\*About 93 percent of veterans medical appointments are being scheduled within 30 days, according to department data from December 2016. That's down about 1 percent from fall 2014, when department officials began tracking patient wait times in the wake of nationwide scandals about delayed appointments and cover ups. The average wait

time for mental health care appointments is 4.5 days, roughly the same as the wait over the previous two years. The wait for primary care is 5.7 days (down from 6.7 in fall 2014) and the wait for specialty care is 10.2 days (up from 7.5 days in fall 2014).

\*And 8,481 patients on VA lists have been waiting more than four months for appointment requests, a number that swelled to more than 10,000 in early 2016.

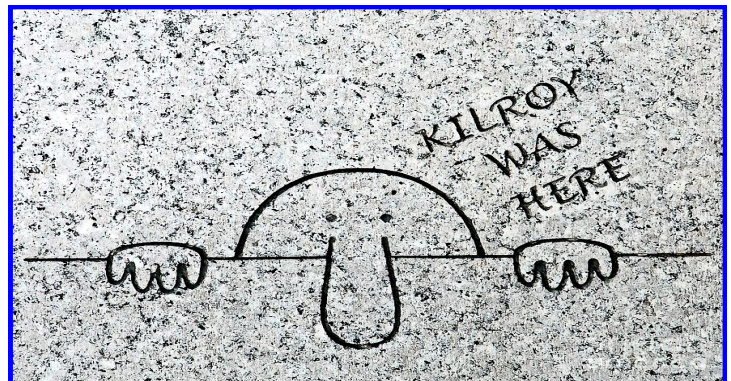
\*More than 960,000 veterans received some type of education benefits through VA in fiscal 2016, up from around 265,000 in fiscal 2009. The biggest contributor to that jump was passage of the Post-9/11 GI Bill in 2010, which offered a full four years tuition at state universities and a housing stipend to troops who served at least three years after 2001.

\*An average of 20 veterans a day committed suicide in fiscal 2014, the latest information available. Past research had pegged that number at 22, but those estimates were drawn from fewer states and contained problematic guesses. It's unclear whether recent mental health efforts by VA have driven down the suicide rate.

\*About 96,000 first-time benefits claims were "backlogged" as of Dec. 31, 2016. A claim is considered overdue if it isn't completed within 125 days. Obama promised to bring that number down to zero by the start of 2016. The backlog peaked at about 611,000 cases in March 2013 and was down as low as 70,000 cases in fall 2015, when VA officials announced that zeroing out the backlog completely was likely impossible and could unnecessarily rush some cases.

\*Another 303,673 benefit cases that are pending in the department's appeals system, as of Dec. 31, 2016. That's up from about 181,000 cases at the end of 2009. The cases typically take three or more years to fully complete. More than 2.6 million VA home loans were awarded in fiscal 2016, up about 500,000 eight years earlier.

\*Federal researchers estimate that 39,472 veterans were homeless as of January 2016. That's down from about 75,600 veterans on the streets in 2009, when Obama announced plans to house every veteran in America by the end of 2015. So far, 33 communities and three states have been certified as "effectively" ending veterans homelessness, meaning they have the resources to rapidly house all veterans in their community facing financial distress.



## Bill could restore Blue Water Navy veterans' benefits

The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2017 is a bill to restore the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange by veterans who served in the harbors, bays and territorial seas of Vietnam.

The bill was introduced on 5 JAN by Rep. David Valadao (R-CA) and co-sponsored by Rep. Tim Walz (D-MN) Joseph Courtney (D-CT) Elise Stefanik (R-NY), Dennis Ross (R-FL) and Joe Lobionio (R-NJ).

The bill picked up an additional 100 co-sponsors in less than a week. HR 299 would correct a policy by the Veteran's Affairs implemented in 2002 that stripped veterans of the presumption of exposure as stipulated in the Agent Orange Act of 1991.

The action was based on the interpretation of the phrase that service in the Republic of Vietnam applies only to those who served in the landmass of Vietnam. The opinion ignored that national sovereignty extended to the territorial seas.

Despite studies done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed a higher rate of inci-

dence of Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma among Navy Veterans who did not serve in-country, the VA bureaucracy had refused to reconsider its position.

An Institute Of Medicine special committee confirmed that dioxin infiltration into the bays, territorial seas and harbors of Vietnam led to possible exposure of the veterans. It was found that a ship's evaporation and distillation system that converts sea water into drinking water enriches dioxin instead of removing it from the water.

This resulted in increased level of dioxin being released into the ship's water tanks. The dioxin enriched water was used in showering, laundry, cleaning, cooking, food preparation and

drinking.

In 2015, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims ruled that the policy by the VA which excludes bays and harbors in the definition of inland waters and presumption of exposure was irrational, capricious and arbitrary. A reevaluation of the definition was ordered by the court.

The policy is currently under review by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. Veterans argue that as a result of river discharge plumes, dioxin was confirmed in major harbors.

VA's Agent Orange policy on blue water veterans, those Vietnam War veterans who served on open sea ships and did not set foot on Vietnam or served on ships that operated near inland waterways and who served anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 must show factual evidence that they were exposed to herbicides during the military service to receive disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure. The cases are decided on a case to case basis.

An evolving list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships associated with military service in Vietnam is being maintained by the VA. A full and latest list of ships that operated in the Vietnam War can be found on their web page.



## Book provides insight for couples dealing with PTSD

You never invited combat stress or post-traumatic stress disorder to be a part of your marriage. But there it is anyway, making everything harder.

Sometimes you want to give up. Why does everything have to be so, so hard? Other times, you wish someone would just give you a manual for dealing with the whole thing. Surely there's a way to know how to handle this disease?

If you're dealing with PTSD at home, you are not alone. Husband and wife team Marc and Sonja Raciti are working to help military couples work through how PTSD can impact their marriages.

Marc, a veteran, has written a book on the subject, "I Just Want To See Trees: A Journey Through PTSD", and says there are five things that a spouse dealing with PTSD in marriage should know.

1. It's normal for PTSD to impact the whole family -- If you feel like your life has changed since PTSD came to your home, you're probably right. The habits that might help your spouse get through the day, like avoiding crowd-

ed spaces, may become your habits too.

2. Get professional help -- The avoidance that comes with PTSD doesn't just mean avoiding certain activities -- it can also mean avoiding dealing with the trauma head on. But trying to handle PTSD alone is a mistake so finding a clinician who you meet with, and click with and really specializes in PTSD is important.

3. No, you're not the one with PTSD. But you may have symptoms anyway -- It is very common for the spouses of those dealing with PTSD to have trouble sleeping or battle depression, just like their service member. That's why it's important for everyone in the family to be on the same page tackling the disease -- because it impacts them too.

4. Be there -- As with so many issues in marriage, communication is key. But also important is being supportive and adapting to whatever life built around living with PTSD looks like for you.

5. Don't give up -- It can seem very tempting to just give up and walk away, they said. After all, the person you married may have changed dramatically. And while splitting may ultimately be the right answer, it doesn't have to be the only solution on the table.

The book is available at book stores and online at Amazon.com.



# Coshocton County Veterans Organizations

VFW Post #1330

Commander: Wayne Hilliard  
 133 S. Sixth St.  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
 740-622-6175

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at 11:00 a.m.

DAV Chapter #74

Commander: Ed Skerness  
 P.O. Box 116  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at the AMVETS Career Center at 6:00 p.m.

AMVETS Post #36

Commander: Stan Schmitt  
 986 Otsego Ave.  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
 740-623-0538

Meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Army/Navy Garrison #628

Commander: Jim Groves  
 628 Walnut St.  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
 740-622-9110

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

American Legion Post #466

Commander: Jack Patterson  
 116 E. Main St.  
 West Lafayette, Ohio 43845  
 740-545-9773

Meetings are held on an as needed basis

Coshocton County Veterans Council

Commander: Jack Patterson  
 Meetings are the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

AMVETS Post #36  
 986 Otsego Ave.,  
 Coshocton, OH 43812



American Legion Post #634

Commander: Gerald Fox  
 26811 SR 60  
 Warsaw, OH 43844

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at the Fire House in Warsaw at 7:00 p.m.

American Legion Post #65

Commander: Jennifer Holz  
 652 Main St.  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812  
 740-622-6106

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Korean War

Veterans Association

President: Bob Jones  
 52650 TR 166

West Lafayette, OH 43845  
 Meetings are on an as-needed basis

Coshocton County Vietnam Veterans

Commander: Dale Foster  
 P.O. Box 341  
 Coshocton, Ohio 43812

Meetings are the second Saturday of each month at Hardee's Restaurant, 325 S. Second St., Coshocton, at 9:00 a.m.

Blue Star Mothers OH59

President: Becky Bowden  
 P.O. Box 1655  
 Coshocton, OH 43812  
 740-327-2235

Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the AMC Nazarene Church, 1030 Orange St., Coshocton, OH 43812