

Coshocton County Veterans Service Office Newsletter

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Veterans Day services set for November 10

An invitation is being extended to the entire community as Coshocton plans its annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

The event is slated for 11 a.m. Friday, November 10 on the Court Square and is being held in conjunction with the Coshocton County Veterans Service Commission and County Veterans Council.

The featured speaker this year will be David H. Dilly, a local Air Force Veteran who is being inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame on Thursday, November 9.

He will become only the third Coshocton County veteran ever to enter the esteemed Hall of Fame.

Also sharing a few words will be

Lynn Leach, a member of the Blue Star Mothers Chapter OH59.

Patriotic music will be provided by the Walhonding Rube Band.

Samuel Scott, a sophomore at Kent State University, will sing a rendition of the Armed Forces Medley and TAPS will be performed by local musicians George Clark and Tim Vance, both whom are local veterans.

Members of the Coshocton County Honor Guard will also be performing a rifle salute and representatives from the various local service organizations will be recognized.

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Dave Dilly to be inducted into Ohio Veterans HOF at November 9 ceremony

Veterans throughout the State of Ohio have generally always been willing to be open to the idea of giving back to their local communities.

Few are willing to accept credit, even when they may have continually gone above and beyond, which is where Dave Dilly falls into the mix.

On November 9 the Fresno resident and Vietnam Veteran will be one of 20 Ohio veterans inducted into the Hall of Fame Class of 2017.

Dilly joined the United States Air Force following his graduation from Warsaw High School and soon found himself serving in Vietnam.

After his discharge he became immersed in helping his fellow veterans, co-workers and community and his efforts have not gone unnoticed, as he will become Coshocton County's newest inductee into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Having worked most of his life in the coal mines of Southeastern Ohio, he is

the third Coshocton Countian to have earned such high distinction and will be among those to be honored for their accomplishments and achieve-

ments at the 25th Anniversary Induction Ceremony.

The Class of 2017 was chosen from among 103 nominations. This year's class joins 834 Ohio veterans who have been inducted since 1992 and represent all eras, branches and walks of life.

He follows in the footsteps of 2009 inductee Lewis "Ed" Baker, best known for his chain of IGA grocery stores in the region that bear his name; and Sergeant James M. Elson, an American soldier who fought in the Civil War and earned the Medal of Honor.

When interviewed by the Coshocton County Beacon, Dilly was caught by surprise when the director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, Chip Tansill, called to inform him of his selection.

"I was like, 'wow what's going on,'" Dilly told reporter Josie Sellers. "At first it was kind of awkward then I thought this is awesome. I nominated (Lewis) Baker for this honor so I knew what the process was and knew people over there so just to be mentioned in this group of people is pretty awesome."



Dave Dilly (left) poses at the Korean War Memorial in Washington D.C. with West Lafayette resident and Korean War vet Dick Lorenz during the October 10, 2015 Honor Flight.

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Veterans Service Commission

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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

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Jack Lipps

Third Year Trustee

Jennifer Holz

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 eight Military Funerals during September and October 2017. Those honored for their service are listed below.

September			<u>Edward J. Hunter</u> <i>World War II</i>
	<u>David W. Bloom Sr.</u> <i>Vietnam</i>		
	October		
	<u>Donald E. Potts</u> <i>Korea</i>		
	<u>Dale Wayne Foster</u> <i>World War II</i>		
	<u>John Warren Lapp</u> <i>Korea</i>		
	<u>Merrill G. Dunfee Jr.</u> <i>World War II</i>		
	<u>Raymond S. Pew</u> <i>World War II</i>		

Guidelines for military funerals

The following is a list of criteria for deceased veterans being entitled to Military Funeral Honors conducted by the Coshocton County Veterans Council Honor Guard.

*Military members on active duty or in the Selected Reserve; former military members who served on active duty and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.

*Former military members who completed at least one term of enlistment or period of initial obligated service in the Selected Reserve and departed under conditions other than dishonorable.

*Former military members discharged from the Selected Reserve due to a disability incurred or aggravated in the line of duty.

More information can be obtained by contacting the Veterans Service Office.



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Pastor Bryan Kittner of the Coshoc-ton Emmanuel Lutheran Church will offer the invocation and benediction.

Veterans Day is an official United States federal holiday that is officially observed annually on November 11, honoring the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

It coincides with other holidays including Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which are celebrated in other parts of the world and also mark the anniversary of the end of World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the Armistice with Germany went into effect.

The United States also originally observed Armistice Day and evolved into the current Veterans Day holiday in 1954

More Veterans Day Events

In addition to the Coshoc-ton Veterans Day Services on the Court Square mentioned above, the following have announced the upcoming events:

*Walmart Supercenter, Saturday, November 11, 10 a.m., inside the grocery entrance.

*Isleta United Methodist Church, Sunday, November 12, 4 p.m.

Also, there are various events that are being planned by Coshoc-ton, Ridgewood and River View school districts.

For more information on what is scheduled at the high, middle and elementary schools, contact each specific location.

Annual Cost of Living increasing by 2 percent

The Social Security Administration recently announced that the annual Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will increase your Social Security benefits by 2 percent next year.

Although this year's COLA increase is the largest in five years, it is not keeping up with the increasing living costs seniors are facing. That's because the COLA is currently tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W), a measure of inflation that tracks the spending patterns of young, urban workers – not Social Security beneficiaries.

According to The Senior Citizen's

League's (TSCL) research, the CPI-W does not accurately measure the inflation older Americans experience. This year, most Social Security benefits probably only grew by \$3 or \$4, if at all.

Military retirees and those who receive disability checks and some other types of pay from the Department of Veterans Affairs will see a 2 percent pay raise in their monthly paychecks in 2018.

It is the biggest cost of living (COLA) increase since 2012, equaling as much as \$310 a month for those at the top of the retirement pay charts.

Thanks to the increase, the average military retirement check for an E-7 with 20 years of service will go up by \$46 a month,

while an O-5 with the same time in uniform will see an \$88 monthly increase.

Disabled veterans will also see a bump, with the average VA disability check going up about \$3 per month for those with a 10 percent rating, and \$58 for those rated at 100 percent.

For Social Security recipients, the monthly increase will mean an extra \$25 per month for the average beneficiary. Most government payments see a COLA increase every year.

The COLA affects benefits for more than 70 million U.S. residents, including Social Security recipients, disabled veterans, federal retirees, and retired military members.

Veterans Service Office Closings

Thursday, Nov. 9

(Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, 8 a.m.– 1 p.m.)

Friday, Nov. 10

(Veterans Day)

Thursday, Nov. 23

(Thanksgiving Day)

Friday, Nov. 24

(Thanksgiving Staff Holiday)

Monday, Dec. 25

(Christmas Day)

Tuesday, Dec. 26

(Christmas Staff Holiday)

Monday, Jan. 1

(New Years Day)

Meetings, Events & Observances

Wednesday, Nov. 8

(Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame banquet)

Thursday, Nov. 9

(Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame induction Ceremony)

Friday Nov. 10

(2017 Veterans Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., Court square)

Thursday, Nov. 16

(WTNS 50s Plus Expo, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Village Inn & Suites)

Thursday, Dec. 7

(Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day)

DILLY (Cont. from page 1)



"I don't really consider myself anything special, but I got to thinking this isn't about me as much as it is about the county I live in and how supportive people here are of veterans and veterans' issue," Dilly told Sellers during their interview. "This is more of a reflection of our community rather than me."

Among Dilly's efforts and contributions, many things were considered by the selection committee, including:

*He honorably served in the U.S. Air Force in the Vietnam War and was a weapons mechanic and loaded bombs, napalm, rockets and guns.

*Since 2012, he has accompanied 52 veterans and 18 guardians on Honor Flights to Washington D.C.

*From 2000 to 2006, he assisted veterans by serving as the Coshocton County Veterans Service Officer.

*He and fellow veterans Harold Howell and Bill Timmons spearheaded the county's KIA Bridge project during which 96 bridges were named for fallen veterans of the World War II, Korean, Vietnam War and OEF/OIF war eras.

*By serving on Coshocton's Honor Guard, which performs military funerals for veterans. As of mid-October, he has attended 706 veterans' services.

*Served as the Coshocton County Recorder from February 2006 to December 31, 2012.

*Has served on the Coshocton County Veterans Commission since 2013, representing the AMVETS.

*Was Commander of the local DAV Chapter during which he was instrumental in raising funds for a new van used for transporting County veterans to and from their VA medical appointments.

*Has traveled to St. Louis, MO and Washington D.C. to lobby and rally for the protection of United Mine Workers of America Veterans and their dependents' healthcare and pension plans.

*Has twice joined a group of United Mine Work Miners to wash down the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C.

*He continues to be an advocate for veterans and their dependents seeking benefits through the VA.

James M. Elson

Inducted in 1992, Elson received the Medal of Honor for bravery during combat for his action in the Battle of Vicksburg in Mississippi on May 22nd, 1863 for which he carried the colors in advance of his regiment. However, he was shot down while attempting to plant them on the enemy's works. He was honored with the award in 1891.

Lewis "Ed" Baker

Baker took adversity from being held captive by the Germans in World War II for 20 months and used it as a motivational tool to help his fellow veterans and Americans.

After leaving the service, he purchased a grocery store and grew that small business into four stores and also became the Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Associated Grocers.

2017 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>County</u>
*Edward Byers, Jr.	Navy	Wood
James Campbell	Air Force	Trumbull
Blanche Casey	Air Force	Greene
Richard DeChant Jr.	Coast Guard	Cuyahoga
William DeFries	Marines	Montgomery
David Dilly	Air Force	Coshocton
John Evans Sr.	Air Force/Army	Cuyahoga
**Carl Felger	Army	Carroll
Howard Friend	Army	Mahoning
Brook Harless	Army	Stark
Robert Hershey	Army	Wayne
Holly Koester	Army	Cuyahoga
Frona Liston	Navy	Stark
Francis Lucioti	Air Force	Licking
James McLaughlin	Air Force	Franklin
Cloyd McNaull	Air Force	Ashland
Warren Motts	Army/ARNG	Franklin
Richard Reynolds	Air Force	Greene
Donald Rospert	Marines	Sandusky
David Taylor	Army	Medina

****Posthumous**

***Medal of Honor Recipient (February 29, 2016)**

He also served as the treasurer for the ex-POW Wooster Chapter and has been an advocate for countless POWs and widows. His efforts have helped numerous veterans receive their benefits.

Baker was also well-known for authoring a book on his World War II experiences, titled "My War."

He passed way in September 2015 at the age of 95.

Other Area Notables

*John H. Glenn of New Concord, United States Marine Corps Vet who served during World War II and Korean War and became a renowned astronaut.

*David Longaberger (posthumous) of Dresden, a United States Army Veteran and entrepreneur.

*James "Denny" Ross of Newcomerstown (Tuscarawas County), a United States Army Veteran who served in the Vietnam War who continues to be a strong veterans' advocate.

*And, Vane S. Scott Jr. of Newcomerstown, a United States Navy Veteran during World War II, community leader and founder and co-owner of the Colonial Flag Company of Coshocton, a division of Annin & Company.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans.

Charter members of the Class of 1992 included the six Ohio veterans who were elected President of the United States as well as Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees of the past 24 years include astronauts, community volunteers, community leaders, safety officers, veteran advocates and former government officials.

VA Dental Insurance program is extended

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has selected Delta Dental of California and MetLife to once again offer private dental insurance plans as part of the VA Dental Insurance Program (VADIP).

The program was extended until December 31, 2021, by the VA Dental Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2016.

Veterans enrolled in the VA health-care system and beneficiaries of the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the VA (CHAMPVA) can enroll in the program beginning Nov. 15, 2017, for coverage to start Dec. 1, 2017.

VADIP offers eligible individuals the opportunity to purchase discounted

dental insurance coverage, including diagnostic services, preventive services, endodontic and other restorative services, surgical services and emergency services. Individuals who enroll in one of the dental insurance plans will pay the entire premium in addition to the full cost of any copayments.

Enrollment is voluntary and does not affect eligibility for VA outpatient dental services and treatment. The plans are available to eligible individuals in the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin

Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

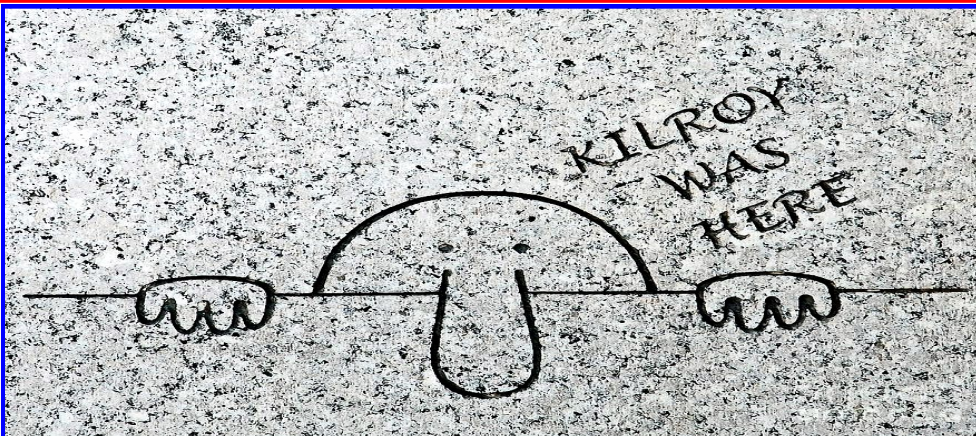
Delta Dental and MetLife previously offered insurance plans as part of the three-year VADIP pilot program.

Coverage under the VADIP pilot began Jan. 1, 2013, and more than 115,000 Veterans and CHAMPVA beneficiaries enrolled in the program before it expired in January 2017.

Individuals who enrolled in a plan during the pilot period must select and enroll in one of the new plans offered by Delta Dental or MetLife.

While the insurance providers will remain the same, plan options, fees and other factors may have changed from those offered during the pilot.

For more information on the VA Dental Insurance Program, visit www.va.gov/HEALTHBENEFITS/vadip or call 877-222-VETS (8387).



VA moving forward on telehealth plan

The Department of Veterans Affairs is moving forward with a plan to enable VA doctors to treat veterans through telehealth no matter where the doctor or patient are located, essentially overriding state laws.

The VA's Anywhere to Anywhere VA Health Care Initiative, aims to boost the number of veterans using telehealth and telemedicine to access needed healthcare services, especially mental health services.

It would give VA doctors the authority to use telehealth and telemedicine to treat veterans regardless of state guidelines on originating sites or licensing requirements.

A number of states have already enacted legislation or regulations that restrict the practice of interstate telehealth. As a result, VA officials say, many VA centers aren't expanding their telehealth and telemedicine programs to non-federal locations, such as the patient's home or the doctor's home. And VA doctors are reluctant to take on telehealth for fear of running into conflicts with state laws.

According to the VA, some 702,000 veterans, or 12 percent of the country's veteran population, used telehealth or telemedicine in FY 2016 with 45 percent living in rural communities.

TIPS FOR MAILING HOLIDAY PACKAGES

Halloween has barely passed, but it doesn't hurt to start planning for end-of-year holiday cards and packages going to or from military locations overseas.

Military postal officials and the U.S. Postal Service have released some suggested deadlines to make sure those goodies reach their destinations in time for Christmas.

To get them there in time for Hanukkah, which starts on December 12th this year, subtract 13 days from the deadlines.

The deadlines for various methods of shipping are the same for all the APO/FPO/DPO (diplomatic post office) ZIP codes, with the exception of some mail going to APO/FPO/DPO ZIP 093, which covers overseas contingency areas are as follows:

*USPS Retail Ground Mail (formerly known as Standard Post): Nov. 6, 2017.

*Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 27.

*Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Dec. 4.

*First Class and Priority Mail (letters, cards and packages): Dec. 11 except for contingency ZIP 093, which is Dec. 4.

*Priority Mail Express Military Service: Dec. 16 (note: not available for ZIP 093).

*Domestic mail (not APO/FPO) to sailors on ships in port or on shore duty in the U.S.: First Class by Dec. 19, Priority Mail by Dec. 20, Priority Express Mail by Dec. 22.

You can get information about shipping to military locations overseas, including information about free shipping supplies, at the U.S. Postal Service Military and Diplomatic Mail web page.

Suicide rate higher among women vets

According to newly released statistics from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA), a female veteran is 2.5 times more likely to commit suicide than a non-veteran American adult woman.

This U.S. veteran suicide statistics report analyzed suicide data for all 50 states, looking at the cross-sections of age and gender as well as the most common suicide methods. Among the top findings of the report:

- *The highest rate of veteran suicides occur in Western states—most happen in the heaviest populated areas in the country.

- *65 percent of all veterans who committed suicide were 50 years or older.

- *The female veteran suicide rate is 250 percent higher than that for non-veteran females.

Other key findings in the report:

- *In 2014, an average of 20 veterans died by suicide every day.

- *In 2014, about 67 percent of all veteran deaths by suicide were the result of firearm injuries.

- *Behind firearm injuries, poison is the second most common method.

- *From 2001 to 2014, the suicide rate among all veterans increased by 31.1 percent.

With the shocking statistics of female veteran deaths by suicide, the VA has made efforts to cater to female veterans by developing the Women Veterans Call Center, a free resource to call or chat anonymously with online.

The center receives on average 80 calls per day and makes 1,000 daily calls to women veterans. The call center is available Monday through Friday 8am-10pm ET and Saturdays 8am-6:30pm ET at **855-829-6636**.

Unemployment rate among veterans drops

Veteran unemployment hit a record low in September, according to federal data released in October.

Figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show a drop to 3 percent, compared to a 3.7 percent unemployment rate in August. This marks the lowest unemployment rate for the group since 2006, the earliest year for which data is publicly available.

Experts warn against putting too much stock in these numbers, however, as the veteran unemployment figures are drawn from a much smaller sample size than the overall population.

Unemployment among Iraq and Afghanistan-era veterans continued its downward trend to 3.9 percent — down from 4.2 percent in August. Non-veteran unemployment also decreased slightly.

While the national unemployment

dipped 0.2 percentage points in September to 4.2 percent, the U.S. actually lost jobs over the previous month for the first time in seven years, The New York Times reports.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics attributes the overall loss of 33,000 jobs

largely to Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. The natural disasters particularly affected employment in the food service and drink industries, which had added an average of 24,000 jobs each month over the last year.

Pentagon details guidance on transgender troop issue

The Pentagon released the details of its transgender policy recently, outlining how the department will navigate issues while it finalizes a decision on whether transgender military members will be allowed to continue to serve.

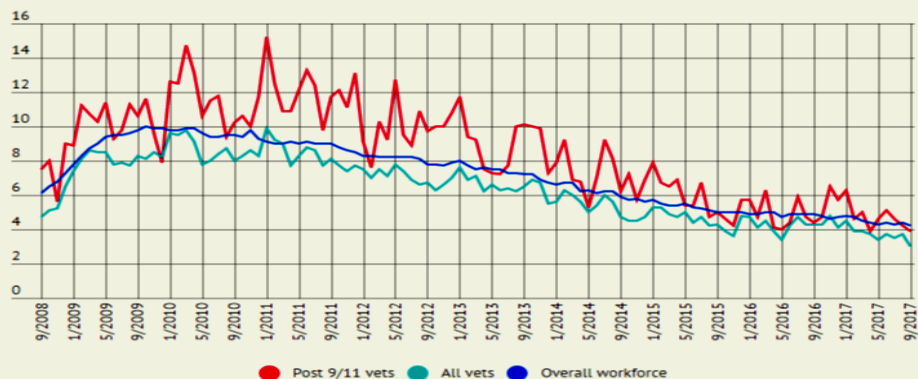
During the interim timeframe, the following policies will be in effect.

First, no new accessions into the military will be allowed for men or women who are currently being treated for gender dysphoria, which is a condition where a person identifies as the opposite of the biological gender they were born into; **Second**, current service members receiving treatment for gender dysphoria will be allowed to continue to serve and continue to receive treatment. However, no new sex reassignment surgeries will be allowed after March 22, 2018, “except to the extent necessary to protect the health of the individual; **Third**, service members who have completed their transitions will be able to continue to serve in their preferred gender while the Pentagon continues its study; **Last**, transgender service members may reenlist during the interim period and may not be involuntarily separated from service on the basis of a gender dysphoria diagnosis.

The interim guidance remains in effect until at least Feb. 21, 2018, when the Pentagon is due to provide its guidance on how to implement President Trump’s directed transgender ban.

Unemployment rate for post-9/11 veterans

The unemployment rate for Iraq- and Afghanistan-era veterans fell a bit from August to September, from 4.2 percent to 3.9 percent, according to Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Credit: Ken Chamberlain/staff

Vet organizations: All Rise!

Top veterans organizations jumped into the fray over National Football League players who have been sitting or kneeling during the national anthem in protest, in a debate taking on significance as it intensifies.

The leaders of Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion lashed out at the players for “disrespecting” the national anthem after about 250 athletes have refused to stand and pay respects when the anthem was being played.

“There is a time and place for civil debate, and wearing team jerseys and using sporting events to disrespect our country doesn’t wash with millions of military veterans who have and continue to wear real uniforms on real battlefields around the globe,” said Keith Harman, a Vietnam veteran who heads the 1.7 million-member Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U.S. “I stand for our flag and anthem, and I kneel for our fallen. That’s what patriots do.”

The issue made its way to the heart of patriotism and respect for U.S. forces fighting the longest wars in the country’s history. American Legion Cmdr. Denise Rohan called the players “misguided and ungrateful” for failing to show respect for the national anthem.

National Anthem conduct

As written in Title 36, Subtitle I, Part A section 301 United States Code – National Anthem

(a) Designation.— The composition consisting of the words and music known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

(b) Conduct During Playing.— During a rendition of the national anthem—

(1) when the flag is displayed—

(A) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the last note;

(B) members of the Armed Forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the military salute in the manner provided for individuals in uniform; and

(C) all other persons present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over the heart, and men not in uniform, if applicable, should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart; and

(2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed.

Volunteers being sought for 35th anniversary event of Vietnam Veterans Memorial

When the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. in 1982, a promise was made to never forget those who served and sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam War.

Etched in its black granite walls are the names of 58,318 service members who were killed or remain missing. The Wall honors their courage, sacrifice, and devotion to duty and country. Since its inception, The Wall has become a sacred place for loved ones and visitors to pay their respects.

This year marks the 35th Anniversary of The Wall. In commemoration of the Anniversary, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) is honored to host the 2017 Reading of the Names of the more than 58,000 service members inscribed on The Wall in Washington, D.C.

The Reading of the Names will take place at The Wall for 65 hours over a four-day period beginning with an opening ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers will read names for approximately eight hours from 4 p.m. on November 7 to 12 a.m. on Nov. 8. Participants will then read the names for 19 hours daily from 5 a.m. until 12 a.m. on November 8, 9, and 10.

Volunteer readers can sign up for a specific name on The Wall or for a timeslot in which they are available to read.

Registration is now open for 2017's reading times at <http://www.vvmf.org/ROTN>.

New process to speed up claims

VA has unveiled our new Decision Ready Claims (DRC) initiative – just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to delivering faster claims decisions for Veterans.

Veterans who submit their claim under DRC with accredited Veterans service organizations (VSO) can expect to receive a decision within 30 days from the time VA receives the claim.

VSOs will ensure that all supporting evidence (e.g. medical exam, military service records, etc.) is included with the claim submission.

This advance preparation by the VSOs allows claims to be immediately assigned to claims processors for a quick decision. Processing these claims faster makes a big difference across the entire inventory.

The Veterans Benefits Administration developed DRC as an extension of Fully Developed Claims. It is just one way VA and VSOs are collaborat-

ing to help Veterans receive faster decisions on disability claims.

VA works closely with participating VSOs to make sure their representatives are properly trained in the new process and given the tools they need to successfully participate in the DRC program on behalf of the Veterans they serve.

DRC was first implemented May 1, 2017, at the St. Paul Regional Office and is now available at all VA regional offices. While DRC is currently limited to claims for increased compensation (commonly known as claims for increase), VA’s goal is to expand the types of claims accepted under the initiative.

DRC is a promising step toward aggressively overhauling our benefits delivery to Veterans now that we’re in a fully digital operating environment. With electronic claims processing as our foundation, we have more innovation in store to continue to improve our service to Veterans, their families and survivors.

Coshocton County Veterans Organizations

VFW Post #1330

Commander: Linus Kilchenman
 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: Jim Bookless
 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 the AMVETS Career Center at 7:00 p.m.



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: Delbert Meddings
 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 the American Legion Post #65 at 9 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