

BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



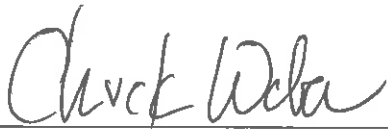
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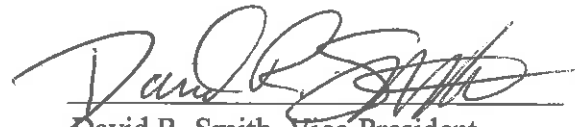
**FROM THE DESK OF THE BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is an agency that provides veterans and their dependents reliable and professional service in providing advocacy and assistance in obtaining veterans benefits, temporary financial assistance, and transportation to VA appointments. The Butler County Veterans Service Commission works closely with our community partners to best meet the needs of the veteran families that we service, thus helping to improve the lives of veterans and their families residing within Butler County.

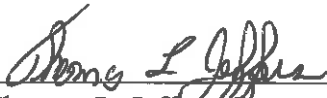
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Charles Weber, President



David R. Smith, Vice-President



Thomas L. Jeffers, Secretary



David L. Reed II, Member



H. Bruce Jones, Member

BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

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Hamilton, Ohio 45011

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COMMISSIONERS

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|---|---|
| Charles Weber, President (US Army 1970 – 1972) | Member at Large |
| David R. Smith, Vice President (US Army 1964 – 1972) | Representing Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) |
| Thomas L. Jeffers, Secretary (US Air Force 1969 – 1972) | Representing American Legion |
| Bruce Jones, Member (US Army 1971 – 1991) | Representing American Veterans (AMVETS) |
| David L. Reed II, Member (US Army 1989–1993/1995–1997) | Representing Disabled American Veterans (DAV) |

STAFF

| | |
|--|--|
| Caroline Bier (USMC 1993 - 2013) Joined Commission in 2014 | Executive Director |
| Anna O'Neill (USA 1984 - 1988) Joined Commission in 2006 | Executive Assistant |
| Matt Jones (USA 2000 – 2004 / 2006 – 2008) Joined Commission in 2009 | Chief County Veterans Service Officer |
| Willie Croxton (USMC 1975 - 1997) Joined Commission in 2013 | County Veterans Service Officer |
| Mike Farmer (USMC 2001 - 2005) Joined Commission in 2015 | County Veterans Service Officer |
| Casey James (USA 2005 - 2009) Joined Commission in 2015 | County Veterans Service Officer |
| Ed Snyder (USAF 1979 - 1999) Joined Commission in 2013 | County Veterans Service Officer |
| Karen Lovell (USA 1975 - 1978) Joined Commission in 2006 | Veteran Benefit Coordinator / Administrative Assistant |
| Jason Cook (USA 2006 - 2011) Joined Commission in 2014 | Veteran Benefit Coordinator |
| Loren Bernal (USMC 2011 - 2015) Joined Commission in 2016 | Veteran Benefit Coordinator |
| Erika Reynolds (USA 2001 - 2003) Joined Commission in 2017 | Receptionist |
| Rebecca Salandino (USA 2011 - 2012) Joined Commission in 2017 | Transportation Scheduler |

Board of Commissioners



BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS OF YEAR 2018

Marvin Sizemore



Jerry Nelson



2018 AGENCY HIGHLIGHTS

AGENCY OPERATIONS

Appointment of Commissioner to Board representing the American Veterans (AMVETS)

Continued mass media advertising campaign on Cumulus Radio (96Rock, NASH, Fox, and WARM 98) and iHeart Radio (550 WKRC and 700 WLW)

Continued to support and provide advocacy for veterans involved in the Hamilton and Municipal Veteran Court dockets and the Common Pleas Court Veteran Docket

OUTREACH EVENTS

Middletown, Hamilton, and Common Pleas Veterans Court Veterans Court

Heartland of Woodridge Veterans

Middletown CBOC Health & Info Fair

West Chester American Legion presentation

Mayor's Homeless Task Force

March for Meals Campaign Food Delivery

Lakota Military Recognition Ceremony

Nursing Home information luncheon

Butler Tech Military Recognition Ceremony

Miami Valley VetsLink breakfast

SELF meeting

Lakota East Graduation Color Guard

Memorial Day presentation at Hopewell Elementary Color Guard

Lakota West Graduation Color Guard

Cincinnati VA Women's Expo

Navy veteran's presentation

Butler County Bluegrass Association

Memorial Day parades

Liberty Twp 4th of July Parade
Ohio Balloon Challenge
Butler County Fair (Veterans Day/July 25)
Heroes Fund presentation
Purple Heart Ceremony w/Warren County VSC
Cincinnati VA Mental Health Summit
VA Information Day at Middletown VFW
Dayton VA Mental Health Summit
Color Guard at Lakota H.S. football games
Color Guard at Cory Hood memorial golf tournament
Premiere Shooting
County Homeless Outreach at Hamilton Plaza
Roundtable w/Candidate Renacci at Middletown Office
Central Connections Wellness Fair
Funeral Home Director Luncheon
Middletown Moose outreach for AK retirees w/Warren County
Schneider Electric Health Fair
Hospice Care of Middletown luncheon
Miami University Heroes Week/Hamilton Campus
Miami VOA Veterans Tribute
Agency Veterans Day event
Lindenwald Kiwanis of Hamilton & Fairfield, Richards Pizza
Heartland of Woodridge Veterans Luncheon
Chesterwood Village visit

COLLABORATED WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Military Veteran Resource Center (MVRC)

Disabled Veteran Outreach Program Specialist (DVOP), Ohio Means Jobs Butler County

Supports to Encourage Low-Income Families (SELF)

Homeless Veterans Reintegration Project (HVRP), Goodwill

Cincinnati VA Medical Center, Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists

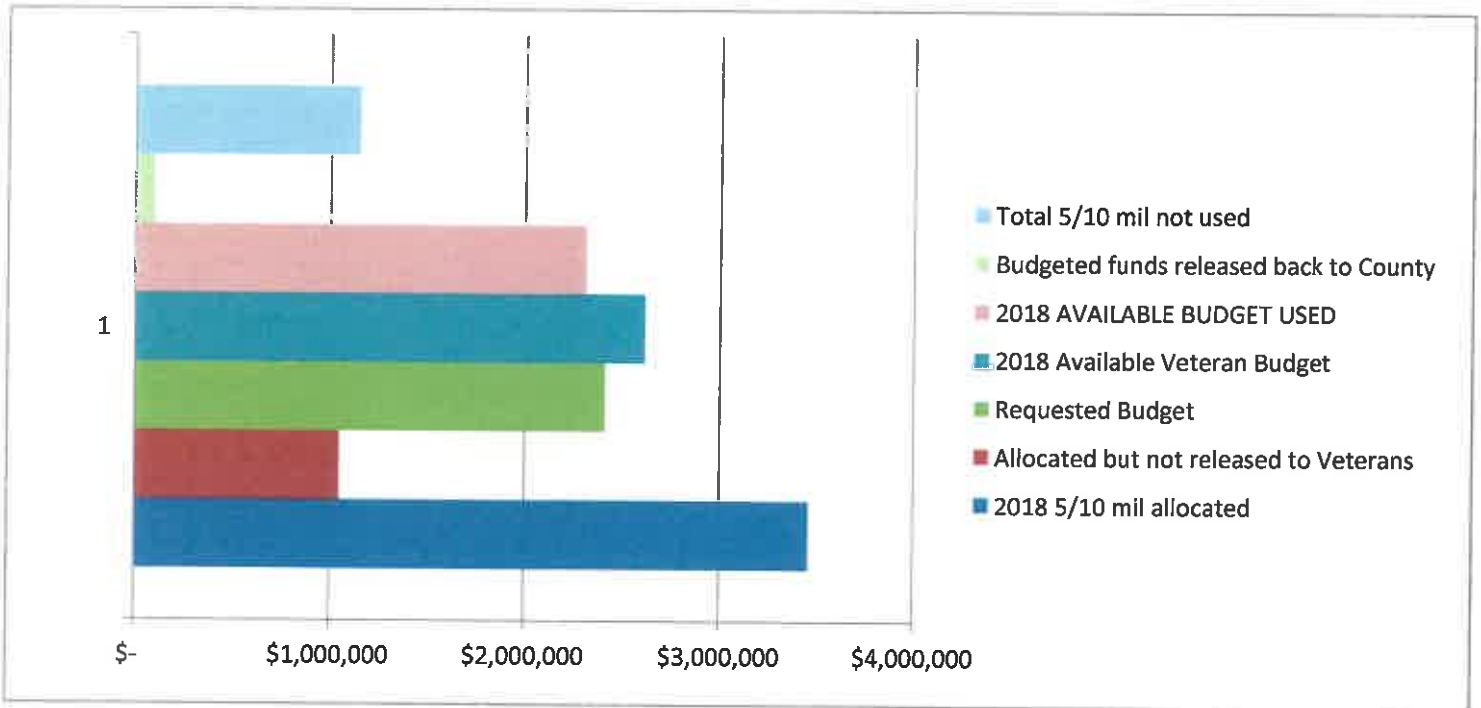
Cincinnati Vet Center

Dayton Vet Center

Partners in Prime

5-10 Mil Comparison

| Description | \$ | %age |
|---|--------------|------|
| 2018 5/10 mil allocated | \$ 3,458,858 | |
| Allocated but not released to Veterans | \$ 1,047,967 | 30% |
| Requested Budget | \$ 2,410,891 | 70% |
| 2018 Available Veteran Budget | \$ 2,612,796 | |
| 2018 AVAILABLE BUDGET USED | \$ 2,312,682 | 89% |
| Budgeted funds released back to County | \$ 98,209 | 4% |
| Total 5/10 mil not used | \$ 1,146,176 | 33% |



YTD
2018 Assisted Monthly

YTD 2018

| MONTH | Housing | | | Utilities | | Food / Hygiene | Personal Vehicle | | | Medical/ Dental | Misc/ Clothing | Weekly Application Awards | Indigent Burials Paid | |
|--------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | Mort / Rent/ Insurance | Repair/ Taxes/ Moving | Appliances / Furniture | Regular | Seasonal Exp | | Fuel | Pmts / Ins/ Reg | Repairs | | | | Amount | # of Veteran |
| JAN | \$ 21,002.72 | \$ 259.80 | \$ 1,957.99 | \$ 9,761.40 | \$ 1,175.74 | \$ 18,470.39 | \$ 1,674.00 | \$ 3,840.51 | \$ 1,960.79 | \$ 498.29 | \$ 900.00 | \$ 61,501.63 | \$ 2,000.00 | 2 |
| FEB | \$ 19,806.06 | \$ 5,330.54 | \$ 1,659.77 | \$ 13,029.38 | \$ - | \$ 17,466.50 | \$ 2,744.72 | \$ 2,047.60 | \$ 2,547.21 | \$ 449.70 | \$ - | \$ 65,081.48 | \$ 1,000.00 | 1 |
| MAR | \$ 22,644.65 | \$ 698.83 | \$ 1,245.00 | \$ 17,239.98 | \$ - | \$ 17,668.00 | \$ 1,212.00 | \$ 2,216.23 | \$ 2,559.98 | \$ 3,738.57 | \$ 500.00 | \$ 69,723.24 | \$ 1,000.00 | 1 |
| APR | \$ 13,352.79 | \$ - | \$ 1,318.00 | \$ 7,575.65 | \$ - | \$ 15,055.00 | \$ 1,627.00 | \$ 3,253.21 | \$ 2,227.32 | \$ 5,641.23 | \$ - | \$ 50,050.20 | \$ 3,000.00 | 3 |
| MAY | \$ 27,631.45 | \$ 699.99 | \$ 478.15 | \$ 13,359.10 | \$ - | \$ 18,007.00 | \$ 1,878.00 | \$ 3,537.92 | \$ 2,149.34 | \$ 1,556.59 | \$ 360.00 | \$ 69,657.54 | \$ 7,000.00 | 7 |
| JUN | \$ 26,041.48 | \$ 3,841.15 | \$ - | \$ 14,629.48 | \$ 100.79 | \$ 24,799.00 | \$ 2,349.00 | \$ 3,750.96 | \$ 6,375.53 | \$ 522.61 | \$ 490.00 | \$ 82,900.00 | \$ 2,000.00 | 2 |
| JUL | \$ 19,421.47 | \$ 2,049.53 | \$ 899.00 | \$ 8,396.91 | \$ - | \$ 13,885.00 | \$ 1,541.90 | \$ 1,929.20 | \$ 1,069.98 | \$ 3,131.22 | \$ - | \$ 52,324.21 | \$ 6,000.00 | 6 |
| AUG | \$ 26,940.27 | \$ 3,858.15 | \$ 377.00 | \$ 16,801.09 | \$ - | \$ 25,631.00 | \$ 2,833.00 | \$ 3,992.07 | \$ 147.25 | \$ 3,328.08 | \$ 490.41 | \$ 84,398.32 | \$ 2,000.00 | 2 |
| SEP | \$ 34,386.49 | \$ 4,535.22 | \$ 313.95 | \$ 19,402.09 | \$ - | \$ 17,927.00 | \$ 1,642.00 | \$ 2,629.97 | \$ 717.81 | \$ 1,313.21 | \$ 522.81 | \$ 83,390.55 | \$ 2,000.00 | 2 |
| OCT | \$ 29,017.64 | \$ 1,444.58 | \$ 1,432.82 | \$ 14,760.86 | \$ 1,875.51 | \$ 21,095.00 | \$ 2,100.00 | \$ 5,727.18 | \$ 2,879.89 | \$ 2,142.33 | \$ - | \$ 82,475.81 | \$ 4,950.15 | 5 |
| NOV | \$ 19,500.37 | \$ 3,140.00 | \$ 2,761.44 | \$ 13,839.42 | \$ 3,214.21 | \$ 23,644.00 | \$ 1,445.00 | \$ 3,271.62 | \$ 4,108.99 | \$ 334.88 | \$ 384.75 | \$ 75,644.68 | \$ 4,000.00 | 4 |
| DEC | \$ 13,950.18 | \$ 2,769.75 | \$ 1,450.12 | \$ 5,856.28 | \$ 1,115.32 | \$ 16,878.00 | \$ 1,565.00 | \$ 4,503.06 | \$ 3,570.68 | \$ 896.32 | \$ - | \$ 52,554.71 | \$ 1,000.00 | 1 |
| TOTALS | \$ 273,695.57 | \$ 28,627.54 | \$ 13,893.24 | \$ 154,651.64 | \$ 7,481.57 | \$ 230,525.89 | \$ 22,611.62 | \$ 40,699.53 | \$ 30,314.77 | \$ 23,553.03 | \$ 3,647.97 | \$ 829,702.37 | \$ 35,950.15 | 38 |

| Paid Contracted Transportation | |
|---|----------------------|
| Kostas Meal Tickets Paid | \$ 1,112.86 |
| Monthly Food/Hygiene Aids Issued as Voucher/Card | \$ (224,652.89) |
| Dollars Paid Kroger for Issued Vouchers/Cards | \$ 216,787.75 |
| Actual Dollars Paid Out for Food/Hygiene | \$ 223,773.61 |
| Total Dollars PAID for Contracted Transportation | |
| UTS | \$ 113,898.60 |
| BCRTA | \$ 115,606.11 |
| Total Dollars PAID for Contracted Transportation | \$ 229,504.71 |

No. of Emergency Kroger Cards Issued YTD 2018

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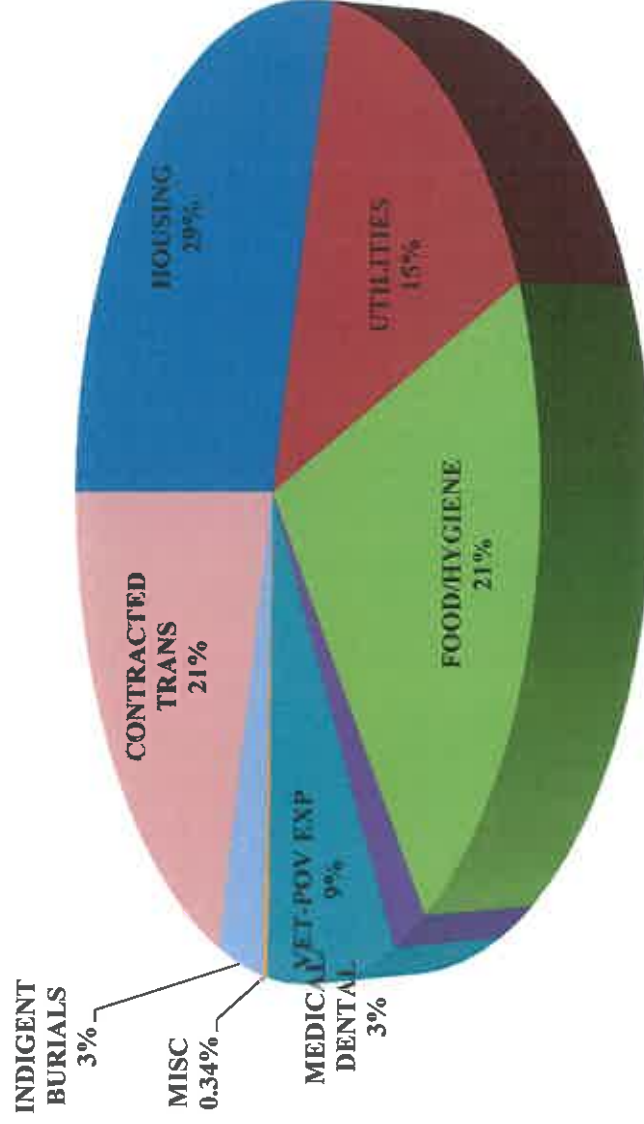
AS OF 06/12/2018 \$ 217,906.61

TOTAL ASSISTANCE YTD \$ 1,088,404.95 2018

2018 Expenditures on Veterans By Category

| Category | Amount: |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| HOUSING | \$ 316,216 |
| UTILITIES | \$ 162,133 |
| FOOD/HYGIENE | \$ 223,774 |
| MEDICAL/DENTAL | \$ 23,553 |
| VET-POV EXP | \$ 93,626 |
| MISC | \$ 3,648 |
| INDIGENT BURIALS | \$ 35,950 |
| CONTRACTED TRANS | \$ 229,505 |
| Total Veteran Expenditures | \$ 1,088,405 |

Amount:



As of 02/07/19



County Veterans Service Commission Personnel Report for 2018

I. General Information:

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|---|--|-------------------------------|--|
| County Name and VSC District: | BUTLER, DISTRICT 6 | Meeting Day, time, frequency: | 3 RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 930 AM |
| Mailing Address: | 315 HIGH ST. 1 ST FLOOR | Phone Number: | 513-887-3600 |
| Mailing Address Line 2: | | FAX Number | 513-887-3519 |
| City: | HAMILTON | ZIP Code: | 45011 |
| Email Address*: | BIERCA@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |
| Weekly Office Hours: | MON-FRI 8A-12P, 1P-4P | | |
| Report Prepared By: | Anna C. O'Neill/Reviewed Caroline Bier | | |
| <i>*Email address will be used for official correspondence.</i> | | | |

II. Commissioner Information (List ORC 5901.021 commissioners on Page 4):

| Veterans Service Commissioners | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Current Members | Representing | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY) | Term Expiration (MM/DD/YY) |
| President: | CHARLES (CHUCK) WEBER | MEMBER AT LARGE | 6/70-1/72 | 01/14/19 |
| Vice President: | DAVID R. (DAVE) SMITH | VFW | 9/64-3/66 3/66-4/72 | 01/14/21 |
| Secretary: | THOMAS (TOM) JEFFERS | AMERICAN LEGION | 3/69-5/72 | 01/14/20 |
| Member: | DAVID (DAVE) L. REED | DAV | 3/89-12/93 3/95-3/97 | 01/14/22 |
| Member: | HUNTER B. (BRUCE) JONES | AMVETS | 12/8/71-12/31/91 | 01/14/23 |

| VSC Contact Information | | |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| | *Email Address | Home or Cell Phone Number (Mandatory) |
| President: | CWEBER0147@AOL.COM | 513-777-9581 |
| Vice President: | SMITHDR44@OUTLOOK.COM | 513-518-1489 |
| Secretary: | THEJEFFERS2004@YAHOO.COM | 513-659-8947 |
| Member: | VETMAN_2003@HOTMAIL.COM | 513-393-5653 |
| Member: | HBJ71JONES@ICLOUD.COM | 513-904-7521 |

Appointing Judge: NOAH E. POWERS II

Address: 315 HIGH ST. 2ND FLOOR, HAMILTON OH 45011

Phone Number: 513-887-3590



County Veterans Service Commission Personnel Report for 2018

III. Staff Information

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|-----------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Title: | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | | |
| Full Name: | CAROLINE A. BIER | | |
| Date Hired: | 06/30/2014 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 3/93-7/13 |
| Email Address: | BIERCA@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Title: | EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | | |
| Full Name: | ANNA C. O'NEILL | | |
| Date Hired: | 11/06/06 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 12/84-11/88 |
| Email Address: | ONEILLAC@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|---|
| Title: | CHIEF SERVICE OFFICER | | |
| Full Name: | CHARLES M. (MATT) JONES | | |
| Date Hired: | 07/06/09 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 11/00-11/04 ACTIVE 08/06-08/08 ACT.RSV |
| Email Address: | JONESCM@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Title: | SERVICE OFFICER | | |
| Full Name: | WILLIE K. CROXTON | | |
| Date Hired: | 12/27/13 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 04/75-10/97 |
| Email Address: | CROXTONWK@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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| Title: | SERVICE OFFICER | | |
| Full Name: | EDWARD E. (ED) SNYDER | | |
| Date Hired: | 04/29/13 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 10/79-10/99 |
| Email Address: | SNYDEREE@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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| Title: | SERVICE OFFICER | | |
| Full Name: | CASEY E. JAMES | | |
| Date Hired: | 08/10/15 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 01/05-05/09 |
| Email Address: | JAMESCE@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |



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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Title: | SERVICE OFFICER | | |
| Full Name: | MICHAEL W. (MIKE) FARMER | | |
| Date Hired: | 08/10/15 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 02/01-02/05 |
| Email Address: | FARMERMW@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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| Title: | VETERANS BENEFIT COORDINATOR | | |
| Full Name: | KAREN M. LOVELL | | |
| Date Hired: | 11/06/06 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 12/75-11/78 |
| Email Address: | LOVELLKM@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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| Title: | VETERANS BENEFIT COORDINATOR | | |
| Full Name: | JASON A. COOK | | |
| Date Hired: | 06/23/14 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 06/06-08/11 |
| Email Address: | COOKJA2@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|------------|
| Title: | VETERANS BENEFIT COORDINATOR | | |
| Full Name: | LOREN BERNAL | | |
| Date Hired: | 10/17/16 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 5/11-11/15 |
| Email Address: | BERNALLM@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Title: | TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULER/RECEPTION/VBC ASSIST | | |
| Full Name: | REBECCA R. SALANDINO | | |
| Date Hired: | 02/21/17 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 08/11-03/12 |
| Email Address: | SALANDINORR@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

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|-----------------------|--|--|-------------|
| Title: | RECEPTIONIST | | |
| Full Name: | ERIKA R. REYNOLDS | | |
| Date Hired: | 10/31/17 | Military Svc Dates (MM/YY – MM/YY): | 02/01-12/03 |
| Email Address: | REYNOLDSER@BUTLERCOUNTYOHIO.ORG | | |

NOTHING FOLLOWS