

## ORIGIN

The Veterans Service Commission, formerly known as the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission, originates in the states' statutes. The law, as written in 1886 was for the veterans of the Civil War. With each conflict fought by this nation's military members, amendments are made so as to include veterans up to the date of the amendment.

## MISSION STATEMENT

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.

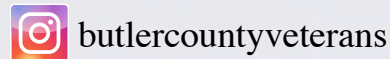
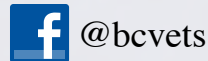
**Monday - Friday**  
**8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Excluding holidays**

## COMMISSIONERS

Chuck Weber                      Member-at-Large  
James Ericksen Jr.      Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)  
David L. Reed II      Disabled American Veterans (DAV)  
Tom Jeffers      The American Legion (AMLEG)  
Bruce Jones      American Veterans (AMVETS)

## STAFF LEADERSHIP

Mike Farmer      Executive Director / CVSO  
Matt Jones      Assistant Director / CVSO



Butler County Veterans Service Commission Service Officers are trained and available for filing any and all paperwork with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

Butler County Veterans Service Commission is funded by Butler County, OH local property taxes.

Agency staff are not (VA) federal employees.



Affiliated State of Ohio Agency:

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## BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION



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## SERVICE WORK

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission employs a staff of Ohio Department of Veterans Services Certified/Nationally Accredited Service Officers who work as advocates for the veterans of Butler County. It is with honor that these Service Officers work to assist the veterans of this county in filing for appropriate Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits and answer Department of Defense (DOD) inquiries.

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission is not the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Service Commission is a county agency funded by local tax dollars and was created by Ohio law to assist veterans in receiving all benefits possible.

Following is a general list of some of the benefits that our Service Officers can assist with. It is recommended that all veterans schedule an appointment with a Service Officer to discuss specific benefits and eligibility requirements.

- Register for VA Medical Benefits
- Service Connected Compensation
- Non-Service Connected Pension
- Survivors Pension
- Discharge Upgrades
- Indigent Burials
- Grave Markers and Flag Holders
- Service Documentation and Medal Requests
- Home Loan Guarantees
- Education Benefits
- And more!

For more information, please contact our office staff to schedule an appointment for Service Work.

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

The Butler County Veterans Service Commission (BCVSC) is committed to providing quality transportation to and from the VA medical facilities within our District for veterans who reside in Butler County. This transportation is free of charge to eligible veterans.

Budget constraints **limit transportation** assistance to **no more than two (2)** transports per week. Any exceptions are coordinated in advance between VA Provider and the Administration of this agency.

In order to qualify for transportation:

- You **must have** at least an **Under Honorable Conditions** Discharge and a copy of your discharge must be on file with this office prior to your first transport.
- Signed guidelines must be on file.
- You **must be a resident** of Butler County.

You are **not** eligible for VA Travel Pay when using our program.

For more information or to register, please contact our office staff.

**For Emergency Transportation -  
Call an Ambulance!**

**Dial 911**

**Advise hospital Emergency Room staff  
that the Department of Veterans Affairs  
(VA) is your Primary Provider!**

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We can assist with food, hygiene, transportation expenses, rent/mortgage, utilities, clothing, day care expenses and more.

The Veterans Service Commission exercises extreme care in determining those individuals who are to be helped and to make sure no one entitled to relief is overlooked. The law under which the Veterans Service Commission operates is under the Ohio Revised Code §5901.

In order to qualify for financial assistance:

- You **must have** at least an **Under Honorable Conditions** Discharge and a copy of your discharge must be on file with this office.
- Served at least one day of active duty outside of training.
- Show a financial need due to extenuating circumstances.
- You **must be a resident** of Butler County.

For a Financial Assistance appointment or to receive a checklist of required items, please contact our office staff.

**THANK YOU  
VETERANS**

