

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.

We require a minimum of 48 hours' notice for scheduling transportation (excludes weekends and holidays). You must speak with a transportation scheduler, we do not schedule from voicemails.

We require a minimum of 2 hours for cancellations of transportation.

We **do not provide** emergency transportation, same day transportation, or transportation to pick up prescriptions.

You must inform us if you use a Wheelchair/Scooter and/or if you have a companion going with you.

Due to insurance constraints our contracted provider is NOT allowed to help client in/out of home or vehicle. Therefore if assistance is needed please have someone present to help.

If you require oxygen therapy it must be strapped to your body in an authorized pack. No rolling tanks are permitted.

You will automatically lose transportation privileges for any verbal and/or physical abuse of the driver and/or other passengers.

Firearms are not permitted in our Transportation Provider's vehicles, even when in possession of a Concealed Carry Weapons Permit

COMMISSIONERS


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

STAFF LEADERSHIP

Caroline A. Bier.....Executive Director
Matt Jones.....Chief Service Officer

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

*Veterans are our Nation's
MOST PRECIOUS natural resource!*

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 Department of Veterans Affairs	 <small>Affiliated State of Ohio Agency:</small>
Butler County Veterans Service Commission Service Officers are trained and available for filing any and all paperwork with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).	Ohio Department of Veterans Affairs (ODVS)
Butler County Veterans Service Commission	77 South High Street 7th Floor Columbus, OH 43215
is funded by Butler County, OH local property taxes.	Telephone: 614-644-0898
Agency staff are not VA federal employees.	Toll Free: 888-DVS-OHIO (888-387-6446)
	http://www.dvs.ohio.gov/ Email: ohiovet@dvs.ohio.gov

Transportation to locations other than VA Medical facilities must be approved in advance and documentation provided showing appointment is a VA funded referral to an outside facility.

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.

You **must be a resident** of Butler County.

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

We require the Veteran to read and return a signed copy of our *Transportation Guidelines*. These are provided when you register for this service. These must be on file prior to scheduling transportation. Failure to comply with any of our *Transportation Guidelines* will result in loss of transportation services.

BUTLER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Medical Transportation



Scheduling Phone:
(513) 887-3600

www.bcvets.org

Email:

vsc@butlercountyohio.org

For Emergency Transportation - Call Ambulance!

Emergency 911

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

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. Call our offices for more information or to register.

The VA Facilities in our district include:

The Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) located in Middletown and Hamilton.

The VA Medical Centers (VAMCs) located in Dayton and Cincinnati.

The Cincinnati VAMC Eye Clinic located on Highland Avenue.