



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5901.03 Organization and duties of commission.

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The veterans service commission shall select one of its members as president, one as vice-president, and one as secretary. The commission shall meet at least once each month. A judge of the court of common pleas may remove, for cause, any member of the commission appointed under section 5901.02 of the Revised Code, and shall fill vacancies occurring among memberships appointed under that section for the unexpired terms in the manner provided for the original appointments.

The commission's duties shall include but are not limited to the following:

- (A) Employing such staff as are necessary to carry out the commission's duties, and fixing their compensation;
- (B) Establishing policies and procedures for the administration of the commission and the veterans service office;
- (C) Establishing policies and procedures for the administration of assistance as provided under this chapter;
- (D) Causing the budgets of the veterans service commission and veterans service office to be presented to the board of county commissioners for approval;
- (E) Establishing programs of outreach and coordination with other agencies to enhance available services to veterans within the county, which may include any of the following:
 - (1) Providing financial assistance to a veterans treatment court to establish and fulfill an outreach program under this section;
 - (2) Hiring and compensating a person who will work at a veterans treatment court and provide assistance to the court as specified by the terms of an outreach program established under this section;
 - (3) Providing financial assistance to incarcerating institutions, under section 341.43 of the Revised Code, to purchase the necessary computer hardware and software, and to compensate for the cost of training and use of VRSS, if such purchase or compensation is not provided by the United States department of veteran affairs. This assistance is to aid in identifying veterans who are incarcerated or charged with criminal conduct, so that these veterans can be assessed and, if they qualify, placed in outreach programs, such as veterans



treatment courts, or other outreach programs provided by other agencies. As used in this division, "VRSS" has the same meaning as in section 341.43 of the Revised Code.

(F) Promoting, monitoring, and providing funding for ongoing education and training for veterans service commissioners and staff;

(G) Making reports to the organizations represented on the commission, as provided in section 5901.02 of the Revised Code, and to others, upon request;

(H) Establishing regularly scheduled transportation for veterans to and from veterans administration medical centers whose districts the county is within, through contractual agreements or through other arrangements determined by the commission to be most cost-effective;

(I) Participating in appropriate memorial and commemorative activities to help promote patriotism and veterans services;

(J) Taking any other actions required by this chapter.
