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Statehouse Happenings

This column is where we usually inform our readers about what happened to our veteran/military legislation in the committee hearings during the previous month. Because the general assembly is on summer break there will not be any hearings to report on until the December issue when we will be able to report on any November activities.

Until then we will do our best to find other happenings that we can report.

» The biggest news from July took place in June. The General Assembly passed House Bill 2 -the biennial capital appropriations bill on June 26th. Governor Mike DeWine signed it into law two days later. "This capital budget is all about creating jobs, growing our economy, and directly impacting the people of Ohio where they live and work," said Governor DeWine. "The investments we're making today impact our schools and universities, our hospitals, our parks and recreational spaces, and our communities. We know these needed investments will continue to make Ohio the best place to live, work, and raise a family for years to come."

The State of Ohio's biennial Capital Budget, enacted in each even-numbered year, provides appropriations for the repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets of state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts. This year, in addition to the traditional capital budget, \$717 million was added for the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF) as another source of funding which allowed communities and organizations to apply for help with projects that might not have qualified as part of the state's traditional Capital Budget.

The lawmakers granted \$15 million of the \$717 million for about 36 different veteran related projects. The projects were anything from building repairs and expansions to improvements of veteran memorials and parks.

» Governor DeWine's office issued a written statement on July 12th about

Veteran related projects from the One-Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF)

Lima Veterans Memorial Hall Improvements	\$10,000,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Geneva Post 6846	\$99,037.
Village of Waynesfield Veteran's Park Enhancement	\$352,950.
VFW Roof Repairs Powhatan Point Post 5565	\$24,900.
VFW Roof Repairs West Chester Post 7696	\$15,560.
Felicity Veterans Village Housing Project	\$1,000,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Loveland Post 5354	\$28,505.
VFW Roof Repairs New Richmond Post 6770	\$20,894.
VFW Roof Repairs Solon Post 1863	\$88,787.
VFW Roof Repairs Parma Post 1974	\$28,633.
VFW Roof Repairs Cleveland Post 2533	\$17,208.
Veterans Memorial Park at Latty's Grove Rehabilitation	\$200,000.
Stockhands Horses for Healing, Capital Improvement Project	\$908,000.
Ohio Fallen Heroes Memorial	\$70,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Sunbury Post 8736	\$58,440.
American Legion Post 283 Improvements	\$20,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Reynoldsburg Post 9473	\$32,695.
Ohio Veterans' Children's Home Expansion & Upgrade	\$150,000.
Ada War Memorial Park	\$500,000.
Hardin County Veterans Memorial Park District	\$50,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Mentor Post 9295	\$35,478.
Lorain Hispanic Veterans Memorial	\$300,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Wellington Post 6941	\$12,276.
War Vet Museum Facility and Program Improvement Project	\$60,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Ellsworth Post 9571	\$14,480.
Marion Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Chapel	\$450,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Medina Post 5137	\$60,898.
VFW Roof Repairs Sardin Post 9930	\$19,836.
Thornville AMVETS 51	\$80,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Mansfield Post 3494	\$27,964.
VFW Roof Repairs Louisville Post 7490	\$42,970.
G.A.R. Hall Rehabilitation	\$150,000.
VFW Roof Repairs Van Wert Post 5803	\$41,754.
VFW Roof Repairs Mason Post 9622	\$9,969.
VFW Roof Repairs New Matamoros Post 6387	\$13,740.
VFW Roof Repairs Carey Post 3759	\$20,712.

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the new Military Recruit Award program that would offer a hiring bonus for military members and spouses to work in Ohio schools. DeWine, Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW) Director Stephen Dackin, and Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) Director Maj. Gen. (U.S. Army, retired) Deborah Ashenhurst introduced the initiative to encourage military members to continue their call to service by working in Ohio schools according to the statement.

The Military Recruit Award is designed to support public school districts, community schools, independent STEM schools, and joint vocational school districts in their efforts to recruit Ohioans involved in the military. This includes eligible service members, veterans, and their spouses.

According to the DEW website, DEW will offer financial reimbursements for districts or schools that provide a hiring bonus to military individuals who remain employed with the school for at least one year. DEW will also offer a bonus to the district or school for hiring and recruiting an eligible military individual.

"I am grateful for the Military Recruit Award, which is yet another example of how Ohio values military service and the unique skill sets of veterans and those currently serving," Director Ashenhurst said in the statement. "A strong sense of values, discipline, and teamwork make veterans and military members ideal for influencing the development and education of Ohio's children. This program will be a path to a successful career transition for many Ohio veterans."

Award applications are now being accepted. For more information, visit education.ohio.gov and in the search bar type 'Ohio Military Veteran Educators Program Recruiting Initiative'.

» On Monday, July 22nd Governor DeWine held a bill signing ceremony in front of the of the Charles Young Buffalo Soldiers National Monument in Wilberforce, Ohio. He signed into law House Bill 253 that designates portions of United States Routes 42, 68, and 62 as the "Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor." The corridor US Route 42 from Wilberforce University to US Route 68 in Xenia, then south on US 68 to US 62 in Brown County. From there it is US Route 62 to the Simon Kenton Bridge in Aberdeen,

Ohio. The bill was sponsored by Representatives **Terrence Upchurch** (District 20) and **Adam Holmes** (District 97). They introduced it in August of 2023.

Young helped pave the way for African Americans in the United States military He was the third African American to graduate from West Point, served with the famed Buffalo Soldiers as a second lieutenant in the Ninth Cavalry. He later served as a distinguished professor at Wilberforce University and was the first African American superintendent of a national park. At the time of his death on January 8, 1922, he was the



Governor DeWine (seated) signed Senate Bill 225 surrounded by veterans representing many Ohio veterans organizations and bill sponsor Senator Kristina D. Roegner (standing behind Gov.)

highest-ranking African American officer in the Army. He was posthumously promoted to Brigadier General in April.

» Governor DeWine held a ceremonial bill signing at the Ohio State Fair on July 24th prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the fair. The governor signed 21 bills that the general assembly had passed just prior to going on summer break.

Two of the bills were veteran related -House Bill 202 and Senate Bill 225. The legislators passed both bills on June 26th and they will go into effect on October 24th.

HB 202 was introduced by Representative **Jim Thomas** (District 49) in June of last year. It will designate a portion of United States Route 62 in Canton as the "Specialist Dennis Alan Combs Memorial Highway." Specialist Combs died in South Vietnam on June 16, 1967, while serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

SB 225 was introduced by Senator **Kristina D. Roegner** (District 27) in February of this year. The bill designates September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day. Previously in Ohio, the first Saturday of May was designated as 'Veterans Suicide Awareness Day'. SB 225 instead designates September 22 as 'Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day'.

OPINIONS

READERS LETTERS

Gold Star Spouse Wants Ohio To Recognize Special Flag

Now is the time to pass HB 123 to officially recognize the Honor and Remember Flag across Ohio. As an OEF Veteran (USA) and the Gold Star Surviving Spouse of CW2 Brian D. Hazelgrove, killed in Iraq, it is time for Ohio to honor all service members and families left behind with the raising of the Honor and Remember Flag beneath the beloved American Flag they died to protect.

HB 123 is a chance for Ohio to show empathy to the pain, suffering and sacrifice that has been born by military surviving families across the state who have lost their loved ones and serves as a visible reminder that their loved ones are not forgotten. This no cost bill would provide opportunities for public awareness, education and outreach in communities for military surviving families to help them recover from such tragic loss.

The Honor and Remember flag is unique to serve a very specific purpose when flown or displayed, giving immediate recognition and honor to all those we have lost in service.

As a nationally recognized symbol of the ultimate sacrifice to our country, the Honor and Remember flag is presented to families, bearing the embroidered name of their loved one, to fly with dignity at their homes in remembrance. Businesses across the country and 28 states fly the Honor and

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OUR OPINION

Bill Would Provide Funds For Ohio's 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Two years ago, the country's National Suicide Prevention Lifeline downsized from ten digits to three and became known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. Users of the 988 Lifeline who are suicidal or experiencing a behavioral health emergency are connected to a crisis counselor where they may receive crisis counseling, resources and referrals.

Since the launch of the 988 Lifeline in July 2022, it has received almost 5 million contacts, of which nearly 1 million are from the Veterans Crisis Line (part of 988) with the rest consisting of 2.6 million calls, over 740,000 chats, and more than 600,000 texts. In Ohio the state's 19 call centers – the most of any state in the nation – have responded to nearly 340,000 calls, texts, and chats during the same time period: an average of more than 14,000 contacts each month according to an email from Governor Mike DeWine.

According to an article published in the Dayton Daily News (Nov. 2, 2023) the state received approximately \$20 million in federal funding for the start-up costs of Ohio's 988 launch and year one of the implementation through July 2023.

Ohio's state budget set \$20.7 million in fiscal year 2024 and \$25.8 million in fiscal year 2025 for the 988 program.

On June 26th Representatives **Gail K. Pavliga** (District 72) and **Adam C. Miller** (District 6) introduced House Bill 231. The purpose of the bill is to create

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Remember flag to demonstrate support to their military surviving families and to honor the sacrifice of the few, a debt that can never be repaid.

This is a deeply personal issue for me and my family, and I want to let the legislature know that I fully support HB 123 and would be grateful for the support. I thank Representative Joe Miller and Representative Adam Miller for sponsoring this bill and I encourage fellow Ohioans to join me in lifting HB 123 to ensure swift passage.

Kimberly Hazelgrove
Amherst, OH

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ELECTION DAY **Tuesday, November 5th**

Oct. 07: Deadline for voter registration for Nov. 5 general election (30 days before general election)

Oct. 08: Early in-person absentee voting begins (first day after close of voter registration)

Oct. 29: Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed for Nov. 5 general election must be received by boards of elections by the close of business (7 days before general election)

Nov. 05: General Election Day. -Polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Absentee ballots, returned in person or via a method other than U.S. Mail, must be received by the boards of elections by close of polls

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November 5th, you can
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funding for the 988 Lifeline, establish a 988 Administrator within the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and it lists requirements and duties of the Administrator and the Department in the operation of the 988 system.

The bill would add ten cents to all phone bills to fund the Lifeline. It would be similar to the surcharge now being charged for the funding of 911 service. The bill also would forbid using 911 funds for the 988 Lifeline or using 988 funds for 911 service.

There are currently only 10 states that have identified permanent funding for their state's 988 Lifeline. In Minnesota the fee will start at \$.12 per line per month and with a cap at \$.25. In Washington State the fee started at \$.24 per line per month in 2021 and increased to \$.40 last year. Virginia charges \$.12 per line per month and Delaware's fee is \$.60.

Ohio has more call centers than any other state. The number of contacts per month is predicted to rise. Everything points to a lack of funds for the Ohio 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline very soon if the fee is set at \$.10 per line per month. Luke Russell, executive director of the Ohio division of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) does not believe that HB 231 will completely fund the 988 system. Ohio Legislative Report agrees. It will not.

Without proper funding the phone lines will go dead and the help they provide will cease. Ohio cannot afford that to happen. Russell believes a study group should be formed to look at the actual cost to run 988. OLR feels they should look at the projected usage and expenses for the 988 system as well.

If House Bill 231 passes with its current language members of the next General Assembly should be prepared and willing amend the fees to reflect the actual cost of protecting Ohio citizens with a fully funded Ohio 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

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Find answers are at the Secretary of State website:

www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters

BILLS & RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED IN JULY

HB 6241:

Introduced by Representatives **Josh Williams** (District 41) and **Elgin Rogers, Jr.** (District 44) on July 15th.
It has not been referred to a committee yet.

The bill would enact section 5534.617 of the Revised Code to designate a portion of I-280 in Lucas County as the "SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway."

Legislation In The 135th Ohio General Assembly

Pertaining to Ohio Veterans, Active Duty, Reserve & National Guard, and Their Families

- HB 2 Direct state funds for economic growth and community development
- HB 18 Allow military license plate applicant present county veterans ID
- HB 33 Establishes operating appropriations for fiscal years 2024-2025
- HB 53 Authorize refundable tax credits for hiring certain veterans
- HB 57 Index the homestead exemption to inflation
- HB 60 Increase amount of and expand the homestead exemption
- HB 69 Revise membership of county veterans service commissions
- HB 90 Authorize property tax exemption for disabled veterans, spouses
- HB 123 Designate Honor and Remember flag to honor fallen service members
- HB 126 Expand municipal income tax exemption for military pay
- HB 131 Designate Army SSgt. Charles V. Kettler Memorial Highway
- HB 132 Designate Army Sgt. Herbert C. Linville Memorial Highway
- HB 133 Designate Army Sgt. Ronnie Blair Memorial Highway
- HB 150 Prohibit rental discrimination based on lawful source of income
- HB 202 Designate Specialist Dennis Alan Combs Memorial Highway
- HB 212 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
- HB 231 Establish 9-8-8 suicide prevention, mental health telephone line
- HB 232 Create Historical and Patriotic Education license plate
- HB 242 Establish the Armed Forces Reserve Component Scholarship Program and related funds
- HB 250 Revise the Military Enlistment diploma seal
- HB 252 Designate SM1 Cornelius Anthony McCafferty, Jr. Memorial Highway
- HB 253 Designate Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor
- HB 254 Expand and enhance the homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans
- HB 269 Designate Sgt Bradley J. Harper USMC Memorial Highway
- HB 286 Designate Vienna Township Veterans Bridge
- HB 294 Designate Delaware County Veteran's Memorial Highway
- HB 299 Designate Specialist Five Frederick Wayne Taylor Memorial Highway
- HB 310 Regards STRS member purchase of military service credit
- HB 317 Designate Sgt. Cory M. Endlich Corridor
- HB 335 Designate Ottawa County Veterans Memorial Highway
- HB 350 Designate Lance Corporal Austin B. Schwenk Memorial Highway
- HB 355 Designate Licking County Veterans Memorial Highway
- HB 365 Designate multiple memorial highways
- HB 378 Permit homestead exemption-surviving spouses of service members
- HB 409 Create the Ohio Cold War Victory Medal

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- HB 423 Create "Blue Star Banner" license plate
- HB 431 Designate Staff Sgt. Zachary Wobler Memorial Highway
- HB 447 Regards property tax exemptions, restrictions and land value
- HB 453 Designate Staff Sergeant George P. Mizik (USMC) Memorial Highway
- HB 458 To designate "Gold and Blue Star Family Memorial Bridge" and "POW/MIA Memorial Viaduct."
- HB 483 Create "Save a Warrior" license plate
- HB 487 Designate TSgt. Grover Lee Swearingen Memorial Highway
- HB 493 Designate Lance Corporal Gerald Subler Memorial Highway
- HB 494 Designate SSGT Gene F. Morrison Memorial Bridge
- HB 510 Designate Army Lt. Col. Robert R. Melnick Memorial Highway
- HB 517 Allow military to participate in homeownership savings program
- HB 523 Regards info poster on benefits and services for veterans
- HB 611 Designate U.S. Army Private First Class Jerry Bockbrader Mem Hwy
- HB 620 Designate Paulding County Purple Heart Memorial Highway
- HB 621 Designate Van Wert County Veteran's Memorial Highway
- HB 625 Regards American Legion Auxiliary, American Legion license plates
- HB 628 Designate SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway
- HB 629 Make capital appropriations and reappropriations
- HB 631 Designate Major David McGue Memorial Highway
- HB 641 Designate the SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway
- HR 95 Urge Congress to extend GI Bill benefits
- HR 189 Honoring Thomas Mihalis Memorial Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1079 on its Centennial
- HR 221 Honoring Dan Shroyer as a 2023 National Veterans Golden Age Games Champion
- HR 222 Honoring Dr. John Eichelberger as a 2023 National Veterans Golden Age Games Champion
- HR 258 Honoring American Legion DeWitt McConnell Post 235 on its Centennial
- HR 302 Honoring Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1090 on its Centennial
- HR 316 Honoring Jay Wilson American Legion Post 112 on its Centennial
- HR 431 Observing April 2024 as the Month of the Military Child in Ohio
- HR 434 Honoring American Legion Toledo Post 335 on its Centennial
- HCR 8 To urge the federal government to select Ohio for the permanent headquarters of the U.S. Space Command
- HCR 9 Adopt Restoration of America's Readiness (ROAR) Resolution
- SB 12 Regards veteran-owned business enterprise certification program
- SB 14 Expand veteran eligibility to teach without license
- SB 15 Authorize Military License Plate Program permanent registration
- SB 43 Modify homestead exemption-surviving spouse of a disabled veteran
- SB 45 Designate Veterans Memorial Bridge in Trumbull County
- SB 63 Require plaintiff in asbestos claim to file specified disclosures
- SB 64 Expand Ohio National Guard Scholarship Program
- SB 110 Designate Sgt. Anthony Kress Vinnedge Memorial Highway
- SB 113 Regards failure to comply with Military Selective Service System
- SB 114 Designate Lance Corporal James F. Kimple Memorial Highway
- SB 134 Modifies homestead property tax exemption for disabled veterans
- SB 140 Designate Sgt. Todd M. Bates Memorial Highway
- SB 141 Designate American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. Memorial Highway
- SB 145 Designate Cpl. David A. Johnston Memorial Highway
- SB 152 Designate Cpl. Jack O. McClure Memorial Highway
- SB 154 Include Space Force in armed forces, armed and uniformed service
- SB 167 Designate Marine Corporal Tim W. Russell Highway

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- SB 169 Designate Cortland Veterans Memorial Bridge
- SB 183 Designate Lance Corporal James Patrick Rizzo Memorial Highway
- SB 191 Designate PFC Richard 'Rick' Wesley McFarland Memorial Highway
- SB 208 To require a military exception in an open enrollment policy
- SB 225 To designate September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day
- SB 226 Enact the Ohio Property Protection Act
- SB 257 Allow military to participate in homeownership savings program
- SB 260 Designate SPC Connor Wilson-Reichert Memorial Highway
- SB 281 Regards info poster on benefits and services for veterans
- SB 285 Designate Pharmacist's Mate Third Class Willard L. Shupe Mem Hwy
- SB 288 Make supplemental operating appropriations
- SB 292 Make capital appropriations and reappropriations

- SR 171 Honoring Thomas Mihalís Memorial VFW Post 1079 as it commemorates its One Hundredth Anniversary
- SR 262 In memory of Senior Airman Brian "Kody" Johnson
- SR 315 Recognizing the Month of the Military Child in Ohio, April 2024

- SCR 8 Urge federal govt reduce processing time-veteran disability claim
- SCR 9 Urge Congress support military, veteran mental health treatment

Ohio Veterans Bonus Program

From: Redbook -LBO Analysis of Executive Budget Proposal (March 2023)

The Veterans Bonus Program was approved by Ohio voters in November 2009. The program is designed to provide a bonus to the estimated 200,000 qualifying Ohio veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq conflicts. The program is established in the Ohio Constitution (Section 2r of Article VIII) and

authorizes the issuance of \$200 million in bonds to pay for the bonuses as well as the administrative costs of the program. The program launched in August 2010.

An initial \$50 million in cash was generated by a bond sale in August 2010 and deposited in the Persian Gulf, Afghanistan, and Iraq Conflicts Compensation Fund (Fund 7041). Since then, an additional \$34 million has been

generated in bond sales. The program's authority to issue bonds ended December 31, 2013.

For the most recent fiscal year, FY 2022, the program paid out \$428,838 in bonuses to 741 qualifying veterans. Currently, the program is averaging roughly 64 applications per month. The Department expects the number of applications to increase due to the withdrawal from Afghanistan.

December 31, 2013 was the deadline for Ohio veterans to apply for a bonus for active duty service during the Persian Gulf War and December 31, 2014 was the application deadline for veterans who served in Iraq. The end of the conflict in Afghanistan was declared August 30, 2021, providing applicants three years to apply for the bonus, ending August 30, 2024.

The deadline for Ohio veterans to apply for the Ohio Veterans Bonus program is August 29, 2024.

This program offers a bonus for Ohioans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between October 7, 2001 and August 30, 2021. Once a veteran has received \$500 for service anywhere in the world or \$1,000 for service in a designated country, or the maximum \$1,500 bonus, the veteran is not eligible for additional funds, even if they served in multiple conflicts. Those service members who completed their deployments in Afghanistan and have not yet applied for the Ohio Veterans Bonus can do so up until Aug. 30, 2024.

Learn more about the bonus and apply today at: www.ohiovets.gov/veteransbonus

Reflections

"When we blindly adopt a religion, a political system, a literary dogma, we become automatons. We cease to grow."

-Anaís Nin

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All district citizens are invited to have a face to face visit with Representative Holmes. This is a fantastic opportunity to discuss current topics impacting Ohio and to ensure your opinions and concerns are clearly heard in the Ohio Statehouse. Help our office serve you better by learning more about what matters to you!

August 16th at the New Concord Library from 11am-2pm.

August 23rd at the John McIntire Library from 1-4pm.

August 30th at the Duncan Falls Library from 11am-2pm.



Representative Adam Miller (I) receiving the Ohio VFW Legislator of the Year Award from Ohio VFW Legislative Chairman David Root.



July 24, 2024

Governor DeWine Signs Bills Into Law

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine signed the following bills into law:

Senate Bill 225, sponsored by State Senator Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson), designates September 22 as Veterans Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.

House Bill 202, sponsored by State Representative Jim Thomas (R-Jackson Twp.), designates a portion of United States Route 62 in Canton as the "Specialist Dennis Alan Combs Memorial Highway."

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OHIO CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I, BILL OF RIGHTS

SECTION # 11 ~ FREEDOM OF SPEECH; OF THE PRESS; OF LIBELS

Effective: 1851

Every citizen may freely speak, write, and publish his sentiments on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of the right; and no law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech, or of the press. In all criminal prosecutions for libel, the truth may be given in evidence to the jury, and if it shall appear to the jury, that the matter charged as libelous is true, and was published with good motives, and for justifiable ends, the party shall be acquitted.

SECTION # 12 ~ TRANSPORTATION, ETC. FOR CRIME

Effective: 1851

No person shall be transported out of the state, for any offense committed within the same; and no conviction shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture of estate.

SECTION # 13 ~ QUARTERING TROOPS

Effective: 1851

No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner; nor, in time of war, except in the manner prescribed by law.