



MORGAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPOINT COURTNEY KEMP AS NEW DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICE OFFICE

MARTINSVILLE, IND. – Courtney Kemp has been promoted by the Morgan County Commissioners to lead the Veterans' Services Office. Kemp has been with the office for four years, previously serving as office manager, then deputy director.

Kemp, who was on active duty in the US Navy for 12 years, brings a deep knowledge of issues important to veterans, including the benefits and resources available on the local, state and federal levels.

"Courtney serves a vital role in Morgan County, especially as many veterans' services have moved online," Commissioner Don Adams said, "We are thankful for her service in active duty and through her role locally. She is making a difference in the lives of our veterans."

As veterans' service officer, Kemp is responsible for:

- Overseeing department operations, budget and personnel
- Assisting veterans and/or their dependents in filing for benefits, including compensation, disability, pension and healthcare
- Disseminating current VA information, including maintaining up-to-date resource materials
- Preparing reports, forms and statistics to Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs and Morgan County Commissioners
- Handling claims following the death of a veteran, working with funeral homes getting discharge papers for military funeral and requesting grave marker for veterans
- Assisting local veterans organizations like the American Legion and VFW
- Attending yearly accreditation training
- Providing technical assistance to local government agencies
- Maintaining files and filing system on claimants and assistance provided

Prior to being appointed director, Kemp attained accreditations from the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Indiana Office of Veterans Affairs, American Legion and VFW.

"I knew I wanted to continue helping people after my active duty service ended in 2019," Kemp said. "This role allows me to work directly with my fellow veterans to ensure their transitions in all stages of their lives are smooth and comfortable."

A resident of Martinsville, Kemp and her husband share a daughter and are expecting a child next month.

Kemp officially began her role on February 2. Her office is currently on the third floor of the Judicial Campus.

