



Jay Kendall has been serving as Miami County's Veterans' Service Officer since January 1, 1999.

During his time serving the community, he has demonstrated his dedication to the veterans in his community. With 50% of the veterans of Miami County receiving VA benefits, he is responsible for the care of more than 5,200 area veterans (to include Grissom ARB, IN) resulting in an increase of benefits for \$3.1 Million in FY99 to almost \$30 Million in FY15.

In 2015, he was awarded Miami County Citizen of the Year for the second time (2002), the only person to be given the award twice. In 2011, he was named Community Services' "Employee of the Year". He has been credited with the funding/development/building of the local VA clinic in Peru, IN that serves more than 3,000 veterans. Mr. Kendall has had the high honor of being elected President of the Indiana Veteran's Officer Association in 2016 and selected by former Governor Mike Pence to be a State Commissioner.

Mr. Kendall has demonstrated further involvement in the community when he was the wrestling coach at the local Miami High School for 13 years and has served as deacon for a local church. He entered the US Air Force in 1974 and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1998. He has been married to his dedicated wife, Cindy, since 1980 and they have raised two children together.