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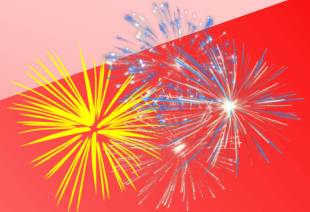
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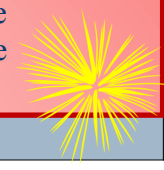
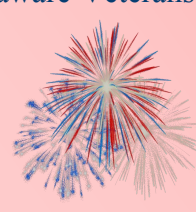
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## Executive Director's Corner



We held our annual Freedom 5K event on Saturday, July 2nd at Dover's Silver Lake Park. It was a beautiful sunny day made brighter by the participants and their reason for being there. Aside from completing the scenic course and participating in fellowship, the event secured donations for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. These donations will graciously assist our Delaware Veterans in need of emergency financial assistance. It will help Veterans overcome issues without having to place themselves in further financial distress. It will remind them that people actually care about "them." The people that care come from different organizations, agencies, ethnicities, and backgrounds. The people that care not only participated in the event but they provided donations (big and small) because they care about others. When I observed the participants in the park and remembered the donations I thought of how meaningful their gestures of kindness were considering today's social climate. Throughout our nation is an air of division and of hatred but gathered at Silver Lake Park was a group of people who just wanted peace and wanted to help others through a worthy cause. The Commission is very proud of its work with Veterans and the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund continues to make an impact on Veterans lives. I am very proud of the group of people, whether through attendance and/or donations, who supported our 5K event because their efforts showed that people still care about others, regardless of a volatile national climate. Thank you!



## FLAG DAY CEREMONY



The Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Millsboro, DE) celebrated its annual Flag Day Ceremony this year on Tuesday June 14, 2016 beginning at ten in the morning. The ceremonies were presented by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and Hosted by Waves National, in memory of Y3 Ruth B. Harden U.S. Navy 1944-1945, she was the Past Commissioner for Waves National.

There were fifty visitors present at this year's ceremony, plus the Master of ceremonies Commissioner Robert Corsa, Invocation and Benediction provided by Pastor Rowland Scott, guest speaker Fulton Loppatto Past Commander VFW Post 7234, and current Adjutant. The singer at this year's event was Judy Mangini who is the lead singer of Judy sings the blues.

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## DOVER DE MOAA 2016 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Kent County JROTC Senior Cadets who were each awarded a \$1500 College Scholarship at the 21 May 2016 Dover DE Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Dinner Meeting. From left to right in the photo are: Chapter President Col (Ret) Ron Sarg; Cadet Peninah Kimani from Dover High School who will be attending Delaware State University; Cadet Lucas Zlock from Smyrna High School who will be attending the University of Delaware; Cadet Taijay Blagrove from Dover High School who will be attending York College in Pennsylvania; and Cadet Griffin Ott from Polytech High School who will be attending the University of Virginia. Hearty congratulations to all four graduating cadets for successfully completing your school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Program and continuing on to college. Many thanks also to all MOAA Chapter Members, friends, and community businesses who donated so generously to help make this part of their American Dream a reality. They are the best investment we can make for a strong America.



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## VICTORY VILLAGE COUNTRY FAIR

Homeless Veterans have a place to go! Victory Village in Middletown will be holding a fundraiser event on Saturday, July 30th starting at 1 pm (gates will open at noon) There will be great food, live music (Tongues of Fire, Ray Ballou Seemans, Cory Shelly and Judy Sings the Blues!), games, face painting, raffles, prizes etc. to raise the awareness; to raise morale for our veterans and to honor them for their service. This event is being hosted and facilitated by Troubadour Ministry (a ministry of Grace Christian Fellowship of SJ) to raise funds for the many-needs of our veterans aspiring to transition back into civilian life. All net proceeds will go directly to the immediate needs of our veterans!

Victory Village is located at:  
 554 Port Penn Rd. Middletown, DE 19709.  
 Tickets must be purchased in advance. Online:  
[www.troubadourministry.org](http://www.troubadourministry.org)  
 email [troubadour13@comcast.net](mailto:troubadour13@comcast.net)  
 or call (302) 290-6573

## CARPER, COONS, CARNEY JOIN VA UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AT WILMINGTON VAMC

On Monday, May 18, 2016, U.S. Senator Tom Carper, a 23-year veteran of the Navy, met with Dr. David Shulkin, the Under Secretary of Health for the VA, along with U.S. Rep. John Carney and U.S. Sen. Chris Coons to discuss access to health care within the VA health care system. Following the meeting, leaders from the Wilmington VAMC signed a declaration that outlined the VA's principals for improving access to health care. The framework included providing timely or same-day services in primary care and mental health, offering extended clinic hours and virtual care options, responding to clinical inquiries within 2 days, providing necessary care from another VA Medical Center if the veteran is away from their primary facility, integrating community partners as appropriate to enhance access, and following up with veterans.

"Our nation's veterans made sacrifices to protect and defend our country, and it's up to us to make sure they're getting the benefits they deserve," said U.S. Sen. Tom Carper. "My motto is, 'everything I do, I know I can do better,' and it's no different when it comes to addressing the needs of the men and women who have served our country in the military. Today's meeting highlighted progress that's already underway in places like Sussex County, and it provided some important insight on how we can continue to improve health care and other benefits to veterans throughout the First State."



For veterans seeking help with benefits, Sen. Carper's office can help. Call (302) 856-7690 or go to [www.carper.senate.gov/veterans](http://www.carper.senate.gov/veterans)

## SEAFORD MEMORIAL DAY SPEAKER SUGGESTS WAYS TO HONOR THOSE KILLED IN BATTLE

The guest speaker at Monday's Memorial Day ceremony in Seaford had three suggestions for ways citizens can honor serviceman and servicewomen who were killed in battle. The first, said Major William C. Farley, USMC (ret.), is to ask their families to tell stories about them.

"We should give them the opportunity to talk about their loved ones," he said. "We should ask, what do their memories mean to them, and what should they mean to us? It is of some comfort to them to know that the lives and spirits of their loved ones live on."

Farley told the audience in the auditorium at Seaford High School that he had taken his own advice recently and talked with Carol James, Seaford, about her son Rick, a Marine who was killed in Iraq in 2006. "She was kind enough to tell me a little bit about him," he said. Her son's "personality filled the house," she told Farley. Rick loved practical jokes and always had to have a task at hand. He was killed during his second tour in Iraq.

"But his story doesn't end there," Farley said. "His memory lives on. There may be an empty chair at the dinner table, but his spirit still lives and fills the family circle." The second thing that people can do to honor the dead is to take care of their families, Farley said. And third, "work to make your families strong," he said. "Work to make your communities better places to live and work to keep your nation free. Those are the differences that we can make to honor their memories."

The service, scheduled to be held in Kiwanis Park in front of the city's war memorial, was moved indoors because of rain. State Rep. Daniel Short told the audience that for the families of those killed in action, the fact that it was raining was significant.

"I really think that the rain is tears from above," said Short, a Vietnam War-era Army veteran and son of a World War II Navy veteran. "I feel this deep regret every day, this solemnity, that we aren't doing enough to support our veterans."

(Cont.)

State Sen. Bryant Richardson spoke about the fact that the 60th anniversary of Congress' adoption of "In God We Trust" as the nation's motto will be in July. He said that he and Short are working on a joint resolution recognizing the day. We must not forget to honor God and to put our trust in him."

Seaford Mayor David Genshaw praised veterans for sacrifice beyond his understanding. "Memorial Day is about freedom, sacrifice and what people have given to this nation," he said. "To those who are serving today on behalf of our country, we just can't thank you enough."

Robert Atkinson, mayor of Blades, said that 10 generations of his family have served in the U.S. armed forces. He said that the sacrifice of the war dead was best described by President Abraham Lincoln, who in his Gettysburg Address called it their "last full measure of devotion."

Master of ceremonies was Lt. Pete Bohn, a Seaford police officer and retired U.S. Army helicopter pilot. He said that Memorial Day is a "time of quiet prayer and remembrance" and he urged people, "by word or deed," to express their patriotism.

Opening and closing prayers were offered by the Rev. Carlton Cannon, minister at the Clarence Street Church of God, Seaford, and a Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam who earned three Purple Hearts. "Without those who are willing to serve, there would be no freedom," he said. "There would be no America." Cannon chastised the nation for insufficiently honoring its veterans. "It seems as though we have forgotten those who were willing to die for this nation," he prayed. He asked God to "bring them to our memories, so that we always remember and so that every day is Memorial Day." (May 2016, Lynn R. Parks)

## FIRST STATE MILITARY WOMEN WARRIORS HONOR FOUNDING MEMBERS

The First State Military Women Warriors (Formerly First State WAVES) was chartered in 1984. As Delaware's only Military Women's Organization it is open to all women who are serving in or have ever served in the military. As one member pointed out, those who served in the military, especially women who served, have a bond not shared by others.

There is a special sense of camaraderie and understanding amongst "Sisters in Arms."

Some of the founding members, who now live out of state, came back to join in the Annual Meeting. Former President Polly Wilson, who lives in Mississippi, and Elinor Halliday, who now lives in Massachusetts, both came to Delaware to see some old friends and meet some new ones. Along with Polly and Elinor, three other WWII women were honored. The group has women from WWII up through those currently serving.

New President and Vice President, Sharon Walker and Paula Witcher were introduced and welcomed. The next meeting of the FSMWW is Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Ches Del Restaurant on Rt. 13 in Middletown. Socializing begins at 11:30. For more info or to RSVP call Janice Squibb at 302-731-0075.

In addition to meeting for lunch four times a year, members volunteer to help veterans and others throughout the year. -Pat Cerchio(-Vieira) CDR, USN, (Ret), Former President, First State Military Women Warriors)



Pictured: Left to Right: Front row: Helen Knapp, Elinor Halliday, Polly Wilson, Jane Steele, Marie Marvel (All WWII Vets) Back row: Sherri Leslie (Treasurer), Mary Trice, Sharon Walker (New President), Pat Cerchio-Vieira (outgoing President), Astrid Outlaw, Debra May, Janice Squibb (outgoing Vice President), Paula Witcher (New Vice President), Marita Santin-O'Dell.

## HONORING OUR SERVICE MEMBERS ON MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day we honored those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. Social Security respects the heroism and courage of our military service members, and we remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom.

It's also important to recognize service members who are still with us, especially those who have been wounded. Just as they served us, we have the obligation to serve them. Social Security benefits protect veterans when injury prevents them from returning to active duty.

Wounded military service members may receive expedited processing of their disability claims. Social Security will provide expedited processing of disability claims filed by veterans who have a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Compensation rating of 100 % Permanent & Total (P&T).

Family members of military personnel, including dependent children and spouses, may be eligible to receive additional benefits. Find answers to commonly asked questions and information about the application process at [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors).

Service members can also receive Social Security in addition to military retirement benefits. The good news is that your military retirement benefit does not reduce your Social Security retirement benefit. Learn more about Social Security retirement benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retirement). You may also want to visit the Military Service page of our Retirement Planner, available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/veterans.htm).

Service members are also eligible for Medicare at age 65. If you have health insurance from the VA or under the TRICARE or CHAMPVA programs, your health benefits may change, or end, when you become eligible for Medicare. Learn more about Medicare benefits at [www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare).

In acknowledgment of those who died for our country, those who served, and those who serve today, we at Social Security honor and thank you. (June 10, 2016, Sherita Deal, Social Security District Manager in Dover, DE)

*Please review page 16 for more information.*

## “CAN'T TAKE ‘NO’ FOR AN ANSWER”

“Sometimes you just can't take 'no' for an answer,” says Dan Ramirez to a class of active duty USAF personnel at Dover Air Force Base. He faced just such a situation in 2010 when he was retiring from the U.S. Air Force. Ramirez reflects, “I was a teenager working at a fast food restaurant in Miami. One morning, the owner came to inspect and make suggestions to the manager. He also took time to speak briefly with employees. I asked the gentleman how he had gotten into business. Though 'on a tight schedule,' the man spent over an hour telling his story of business ownership.”

Dan was impressed, not only by his financial success, but more so by the man's character. “I was hooked, and knew that I too would someday own my own business.” More than twenty four years later, approaching the end of a career in the USAF, Dan began looking into business opportunities. The search led to Papa John's Pizza. Initially, Ramirez was informed he would not be awarded a franchise. It was thought that he did not have the background and experience needed to be successful. Ramirez was stunned.

He decided that he could not take no for an answer. He wrote a letter stating the reasons why he should be allowed to open a Papa John's. His plea was persuasive, and led to an in-person interview with the Regional Vice President (RVP). Ramirez made his case, stressing his years of experience in the USAF, his mission focus, and his determination to be a success. He convinced the RVP, and was granted the franchise in Camden, Delaware.

Ramirez opened his first Papa John's in October 2011 with the assistance of an SBA guaranteed loan through WSFS bank. “I was very lucky to have success early in the process, producing at a higher rate than predicted.” Ramirez worked extremely long hours until he felt comfortable enough to delegate responsibilities to his staff.

Today, he owns 5 Papa John's: Camden, Rehoboth Beach, Millsboro, Smyrna and Cambridge, Maryland. The business is a family affair, with USAF retiree and wife Marann as co-owner, and both children working at the Camden location. (Cont.)

“Business ownership is the best job in the world,” Ramirez tells the class. One way he ‘pays it forward’ is to talk to young personnel leaving the USAF who desire to open a business. It is good for them to see another veteran who has been successful. They begin to realize that “Sometimes you just can’t take ‘no’ for an answer,” to become a successful business owner.

Dan and Marryann were honored as the 2016 SBA Veteran Owned Business of the Year for Delaware. *(June 13, 2016, Jim Provo)*

### DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES NIGHT AT THE BLUE ROCKS

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 83's Gold Star Program hosted a "Delaware Gold Star Families Night" at the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Saturday, July 2nd for "All-American Military Night".

Upon entrance to the stadium each guest was given a special card deck. Pictures of military personnel were included in the deck, which afforded the public the opportunity to honor our military personnel. For the FIRST time the picture of our Gold Star Families loved one was included in this card deck.

This was a first-ever all **Delaware Gold Star Families night at the Blue Rocks**. The Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Fathers, Gold Star Wives and Gold Star Siblings in attendance were taken out onto the field and introduced to a packed house. The Gold Star ladies held their yellow presentation rose and the Gold Star men wore their yellow boutonniere's as the stadium guests applauded them.



The Gold Star Families were treated to an all-you-can-eat buffet in the exclusive Diamond Club Suite. They had the best view of the game!

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83's Gold Star Program continues to honor and remember our Gold Star Families and educate the public on the meaning of Gold Star. (July 2, 2016, Judy C. Campbell, Gold Star Representative)



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### KOREAN WAR VETS HOST DE NATIONAL GUARD SPEAKER

The Bill Carr Chapter 1 in Sussex County recently hosted Sgt. Major Ken Hardy of the Delaware National Guard at a recent meeting. KWVA members listened to Sgt. Major Hardy as he described the mission of the Guard, recent deployments and training exercises carried out by his units. Members of the KWVA could relate to Hardy's 32 years in the military especially about the Signal Corp's contribution to the mission of the U.S. Army and the Guard in particular. His talk was timely and well received by members of the KWVA. *—Jack McGinley Apr. 20, 2016*



Sgt. Major Hardy & Jack McGinley, President of the Bill Carr Chapter of the KWVA.

**Anyone having served in the Korean War is eligible to join the Association.**  
Contact Jack McGinley  
at 302-945-0698 (jomcginl@aol.com)

## HOME OF THE BRAVE & AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 28 BBQ

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, Miss Mid-Atlantic States Teen, Jeanne Haverhill, who is also an American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 (DE) Junior member, and her pageant sisters hosted a BBQ at Home of the Brave in Milford, DE, for male and female veterans residing at the location. Other girls helping were Rayne Lawrence, Seaford, Miss Delmarva Teenager, Abigail Aleman, Milford, International Junior Miss Princess and Kaylee Gillespie, Milford, Delaware Princess.

Joined by other Unit 28 Junior members (and SAL 28 Andrew) they made Pocket Flags before the BBQ for deployed soldiers. The completed Pocket Flags will be shipped in the monthly packages to the troops in Afghanistan that are assembled by the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 28 in Millsboro, DE.

Jeanne's parents procured donations of food from WaWa, Hatfield Meats and local farmers (Mr. Jimmy Enfield of C&M Farms) for the event. The veterans, staff and guests enjoyed the corn on the cob, sausages, chicken, beans and potato chips along with water and iced tea served by Jeanne and the girls.

After touring and learning about Home of the Brave male facility, the girls, their parents and Unit 28 Junior members also had a peek at the new female facility at Home of the Brave which is almost completed and ready for occupancy. As Miss Mid-Atlantic States Teen, Jeanne's platform is "Joining Forces", which was an initiative started by First Lady Michelle Obama and Dr. Jill Biden.

Joining Forces encourages teens and all Americans to volunteer with veterans and military service organizations that assist our military, veterans and their families. Jeanne and other Unit 28 Junior members have volunteered at many events held at American Legion Post 28 such as the successful "Promise Purses" for homeless and needy females held in January on MLK Day of Service. *(June 11, 2016, Beth McGinn, Board Chair Home of the Brave Foundation/American Legion Auxiliary, National AEF Chairman/2015-2016)*



## KWVA DONATES \$30K TO THE WOMEN'S HOME OF THE BRAVE II

The Bill Carr Chapter 1, #013, Korean War Veterans Association, recently donated \$30,000 to the Women's Home of the Brave II (HOB II) now under construction on Sharps road in Milford DE. The Chapter is very pleased to be able to help with the many costs associated with the new facility which is expected to be completed during the month of June. When open it will accommodate up to eight women vets and their children. Admission is determined based on needs and can extend for six to eight months and even up to two years depending on circumstances.

John Weidenhof, Chairman of the Wounded Warrior Fund from which the funds came, said that "we are accomplishing our chapter mission of helping all veterans whenever we can. We have always been a firm supporter of the men's and now the women's Home of the Brave. Funds have been donated to us from both local and national sources and we are taking great pride in helping the women's HOB II get off to a good start. We have been told that the new dining room at the HOB II will have a placard indicating the sponsorship of the Bill Carr Chapter of the KWVA".



Pictured with the check are members of both the KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund committee and the HOB II Foundation members. They are (l to r), John Weidenhof, Chairman, Jack McGinley, President of the chapter, Ed Feeley, HOB II board member, Dave Miller (seated), Treasurer of the committee, Jim Wolfe and Walt Koopman, KWVA committee members, Jessica Finan, Exec. Director of the Foundation, Gregory Fuller, board member, Beth McGinn, Board Chair of the foundation and Ed Johnson, KWVA committee member. (May 22, 2016, Jack McGinley) [jomcginl@aol.com](mailto:jomcginl@aol.com)

### DELAWARE TECH RECEIVES WARRIOR FRIENDLY BUSINESS AWARD

Delaware Tech received the 2016 Delaware Warrior Friendly Business Award. This award is presented to a Delaware business that supports service members, veterans and their family members through workplace initiatives.

The College received the award for their efforts in supporting, promoting and hiring military service members, veterans and their families including:

- Employing over 70 veterans as instructors, training specialists, constables, public safety officers and IT specialists.
- Attending and sponsoring job fairs and military functions to promote employment, including the Delaware Joining Forces network.
- Preparing over 1,400 students who are military service members, veterans and family members for the workforce with 75% employed in their field of study after graduation.
- Providing academic support through priority of service (allowing early registration to ensure course availability), Veterans Inspiring Progress (VIP) (a student veteran organization) and dedicated academic counselors.
- Promoting the hiring of service members and veterans at Delaware Tech and other organizations.

The Joint Military (Delaware State Commerce, New Castle Commerce) and the Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee award to recognize (50+ employees) employer (less than 50 employees) in Delaware. Delaware award in the large



The award was presented at the Delaware ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) Annual Awards Banquet on June 15. (June 28, 2016, Tammy Watkins, Assistant VP for Marketing and Public Relations, DTCC)

### KWVA CHAPTER 1 HOSTS BEEBE HEALTHCARE OFFICIAL

The Bill Carr Chapter of the Korean War And Korean Service Veterans recently hosted Neal Kubala, Manager of Diagnostic Imaging at Beebe Health Care at a recent meeting at Post 28 American Legion, Millsboro, DE.



Neil addressed various issues relating to customer service and growth at all the Beebe Campuses as well as costs of maintaining top-notch healthcare for all residents. He answered questions

relating to his line of expertise and then distributed Beebe literature assuring the audience he was always available for KWVA member questions. His presentation was well received and quite timely for this audience. (Jack McGinley, Pres.)

Pictured above: Neal Kubala on the left, receiving the Chapter Wounded Warrior Medal & Charles Giangeruso, Honor Guard Commander and Sgt. at Arms of the chapter.

Affairs Committee Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee established the one large employer and one small employer category. Delaware Tech received the employer category.



## MOPH CHAPTER 1787 DONATES TO USO FOR FAMILIES OF THE FALLEN

Delaware Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) Chapter 1787 has donated \$1000 to USO Delaware. USO Delaware has a unique mission no other USO has. They support and assist all the Families of the Fallen as they travel to and from Dover AFB. This family support, includes providing all supplies and consumables used in the Fisher House located on Dover AFB, DE.

In addition to this solemn mission, USO Delaware also supports every current military and family member in the state of Delaware through a great number of Programs- Always by their Side. *(June 21, 2016, John Jackson)*



Chapter 1787 is a non-profit, 501(c) (19) veterans' service organization serving combat wounded veterans in both Kent and Sussex counties. The chapter meets Oct-May at the Pizza King, 358 East DuPont Hwy (RT South 113), Millsboro, DE. All combat wounded are invited to come and meet fellow combat wounded veterans. For more information, contact John Jackson at 302 228-9577 or by email at [MOPH1787@gmail.com](mailto:MOPH1787@gmail.com). Visit the chapter's Facebook page at <https://facebook.com/moph1787> for current information on veteran health care, benefits, and employment.

*L-R Bruce Kmiec: Director, USO Delaware, Yolanda Bottorf: Program Manager USO Delaware, John Jackson: Commander Chapter 1787, Brandon Mejia: Member Chapter 1787 - Photo by Bill Flanders: USO Delaware.*

## MILITARY HERITAGE DAY



This year's Military Heritage Day is scheduled for Saturday, 24 September. This is a free event. It will be conducted on the parade field of Fort DuPont, aka as Governor Bacon Health Center, Delaware City.

The theme is the Civil War. Re-enactors from the region will conduct period battle formations and camp in the style of the period. The event opens at 0915 with the program beginning at 1000 hours. The day will be full of activities such as a pass in review, a civil war battle, Victorian music and evening dance, a two person play about soldiers stationed at Pea Patch Island, a car cruise and a military book sale and flea market.

This event is sponsored by the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation (DMHEF). **Please promote this to your membership** and if you would like to have an organizational table represented at the event or participate in the pass in review, please contact Terry Wiley [TWILEYBG@AOL.COM](mailto:TWILEYBG@AOL.COM) (302) 373-2434 or Ruth Irwin [RuthirwinA@comcast.net](mailto:RuthirwinA@comcast.net) (302) 836-9414.

## LOCAL RESTAURATEUR DONATES \$5K TO DELAWARE



*L-R Mashoor Awad, Dave Skocik and Paul Davis.*

Local entrepreneur Mashoor Awad donated \$5,000 to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund to support Delaware's veterans who find themselves in dire straits. Mr. Awad, a Jordanian-American Muslim said he wanted to not only use his donation to support area veterans in need but to shine a light on the contributions Muslim Americans make to society. "Muslims are part of the fabric of America," Mr. Awad said at his Dover IHOP mid-way through his 16-hour Ramadan fast. *(Continue next page for full story.)*

**“I don’t think Muslims are often portrayed as people who can and do make a positive impact on our nation.” -Mashoor Awad**

Mr. Awad moved from Jordan to North Carolina in 1986 at the age of 17 to attend a technical college. “It’s every kid’s dream — to go to school in America,” he said. “So I came here, knowing the basic English I had learned in school to pursue an education.” But he soon found interest outside the tech field while working at Subway and attending school. “I realized I liked being in customer service and dealing with people,” Mr. Awad said. “I can talk to anyone about anything.” In the early 1990s, Mr. Awad went into business with a partner to buy a Subway franchise of their own outside Raleigh, North Carolina. “Subways were cheap back then, I only had to put down \$7,000 to get started,” he said. But in 1995 an opportunity opened in Dover to start his own Subway franchise so Mr. Awad moved his wife and infant son north to open his first location at the intersection of Del. 8 and Saulsbury Road. “I borrowed money from just about every family member I have to get started and things were tight at first,” he said. “We were living in an apartment, I was at the restaurant from open until close and we only had one car so my wife drove me to and from work, stopping by between lunch and dinner so I could have some time with my son.”

In the years since, Mr. Awad has expanded his business ventures, now operating six IHOPs and one Pie Five. He now has more than 350 employees and became a board member of the Delaware Restaurant Association three years ago. “I know what it’s like to be in the position of some of these veterans — doing everything you can just to make ends meet,” Mr. Awad said. He first learned about veterans issues soon after his move from North Carolina because his landlord of the Del. 8 property was Paul Davis, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 850 and vice president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans — the primary fundraising organization for the Trust Fund. “When Paul told me about the fund I wanted to help. In my opinion, our veterans don’t get the treatment they deserve,” Mr. Awad said. “You always hear on the news the lack of services available to them, troubles with the (Veterans Affairs) and we really don’t show enough appreciation for these people who risk their lives for us.” “I was happy he decided to make this donation,” Mr. Davis said. “Mr. Awad is the perfect example of someone coming to America and working hard to become successful. It’s always good to see anyone, especially immigrants, show their support for our veterans.”

The Veterans Trust Fund is available to help vets in emergency situations where it’s impossible to make ends meet. “We are able to help people who are in a bind and about to be evicted, have their utilities shut off or have their car repossessed,” said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans. “It’s a one-time deal and it has to be a true emergency.” The veteran in need is required to bring in copy of his or her bank statement, the bills owed and proper documentation to prove military service. Mr. Skocik said that although the fund is available, many veterans feel alone in their circumstances and are ashamed to ask for help so the Friends of Delaware Veterans are working on public awareness, especially through local veterans organizations. “Every donation we get is a godsend. And we operate with zero overhead so those who donate can be assured that 100 percent of what they donate goes into the fund, not toward paying employees or anything like that,” Mr. Skocik said. “All donations are tax deductible and go straight to the veterans.” *Staff writer Ashton Brown can be reached at [abrown@newszap.com](mailto:abrown@newszap.com) or 741-8272. Follow AshtonReports on Twitter.*

**The Veterans Trust Fund is looking for more individuals or businesses to donate not only to the fund, but to allow it to host a fundraiser this fall. The third annual fundraiser is scheduled for November 4, 2016 at Dover Downs Hotel & Casino.**

To donate or learn more about the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, please contact the DCVA office at (302) 739-2792 or visit

<http://delawareveteranstrustfund.com/>



Thank you to all the participants and volunteers that started their 4th of July weekend with us! Here's to another successful Freedom 5K! We could not have done it without each and every-one's support! Thank you to all our sponsors, Citibank for the generous donation and to Redner's Markets at the Dover Greentree location for their water donation. Awesome job to Ray Parker and his crew at TriSports Charitable Events. Let's not forget our Dover Police Officers that kept us safe during the race. This event is getting bigger and bigger each year. All the money collected will be much appreciated by our Delaware Veterans through the DE Veterans Trust Fund. We'll see you next year!



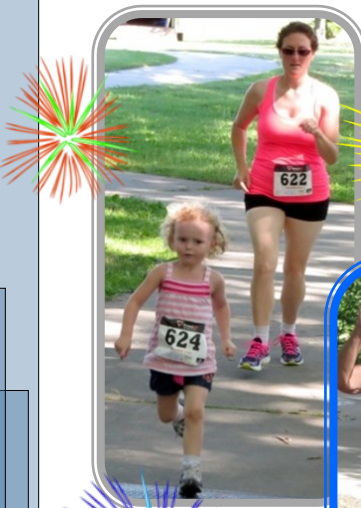
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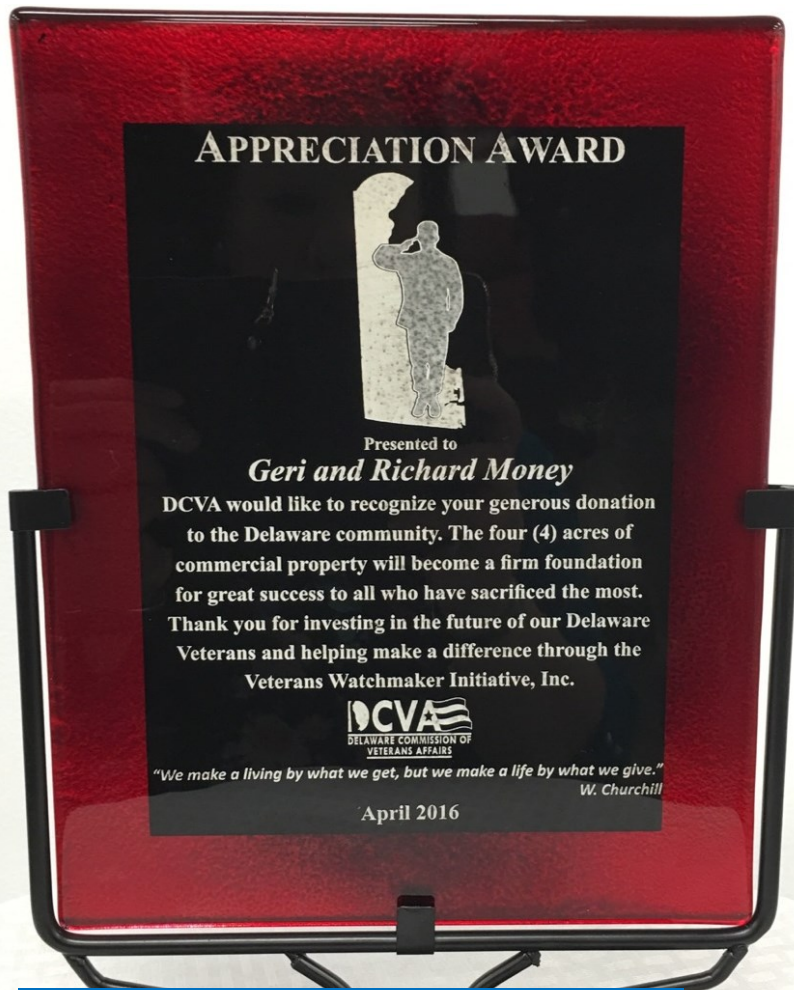
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**Congrats winners!**



The Veterans Watchmaker Initiative provides watchmaking training, support and referral services for combat wounded and disabled veterans enabling financial independence through gainful employment in the field of horology. Our programs are not easy, but the rewards are immeasurable. We do it all at no cost to the veteran whether they have benefits or not.

The Veterans Watchmaker Initiative can provide the one thing that a disability check can't: dignity of purpose.

This diverse industry of horology offers opportunities in a variety of work environments including, jewelry store service centers, watch service centers, department stores, manufacturing and assembly plants or even work at home opportunities.

The Paralyzed Veterans of America reported that the unemployment rate for disabled veterans is a staggering 82%. This is a national tragedy. As citizens, we have a duty to help those heroic warriors who became disabled defending freedom and our way of life. Providing skills, support and employment referrals to these heroes is our way of alleviating the situation.

For more information please visit:  
<http://www.veteranswatchmakerinitiative.org>  
 Or Contact Sam Cannon, Chairman of the Board and Co-Founder of VWI. 1-888-838- 8380 Ext. 1



Sam Cannon, Dir. Kirby, Richard Money, Geri Money and Doc Sarg (Chairman)



The Money couple also received Tributes at Legislative Hall from the House & Senate to include one from the Governor.

Senator Ennis, the Money & Cannon couple with Governor Markell.



*Welcome  
to the  
Dedication Ceremony.*



*We are here to honor all Delawareans  
who were lost in past wars, who were prisoners of war  
or missing in action.*

*May 17, 2016 at 12:30pm*



Dover AFB Honor Guard



State Representatives and Director Kirby.



Representative Earl Jaques,  
Chairman Ron Sarg and  
Vice Chairman Bill Farley.



Commissioners: Angela Showell (At-Large),  
Paul Lardizzone (DAV), Dr. Dan Coons (KWVA),  
Earl Seppala (MOWW) and Bill McMullen (AFSA).

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**Please welcome and congratulate our new DCVA-Dover office employee, Josh Matticks!**



Retired Staff Sargent Joshua Matticks served the United States Air Force as an aircraft mechanic for 10 years. In 2012, during a training exercise overseas, Joshua suffered a traumatic brain injury. Due to the extent of damage and nature of the injury, brain surgery was the only option. Unfortunately, Josh was no longer able to perform his duties. Determined to overcome the challenges set before him, he looked for ways to recover. After moving through multiple administrative positions, Josh was given the opportunity as the Assistant NCOIC of Dover AFB Honor Guard where he finished his career. In 2015, Air Force Wounded Warrior Program recruited him for recovery through sports. He trained throughout the year in preparation for the Paralympic inspired games. Recently, Josh competed in cycling and was awarded Bronze medals for the 10 meter Air Pistol competition and Wheelchair Basketball tournament in the 2016 DoD Warrior Games.



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Dave Strawbridge, Director Veteran Services, Delaware Tech and Director Kirby hold the new Bronze Star Medal license plate. Governor Markell signed the bill on 15 June authorizing the plate for additional Bronze Star Medal recipients (i.e. Meritorious Service). Mr. Strawbridge was instrumental in introducing the bill to legislation and received the medal for actions in Afghanistan.

DCVA Members with Congressman Carney during his Office Hours gathering. The Office Hours gathered Veteran oriented agencies and organizations focused on assisting Veterans gain benefits. The Events were held in all three counties throughout the month of May.



Delaware League of Local Government Meeting, June 21, 2016 at the Duncan Center.

Commissioner Bill Farley (Vice Chairman) spoke on resolving veteran homelessness in Dover and the entire state of Delaware.

## "GIVE A VET A SMILE PROGRAM"

The Delaware Veterans Awareness Center Foundation located in Greenwood, Delaware (a nonprofit foundation) provides a great resource for Veterans' to find solutions. The Awareness Center Foundation provides a comprehensive and compassionate program that is individualized to create a positive outcome for our Veterans that have served.

The Foundation hosts the Delaware Veterans' Stand Down which is an annual event held in Dover. The 2016 (eighth) event will be held at the American Legion Post 2 at 835 Bay Road on Friday 23 September 2016 and is open to all Veterans and active duty members.

During the Stand Down event services offered include: Housing, Behavior Health, Hair Cuts, Legal Service, warm and "Dress for Success" clothing, Medical and Dental service and so much more. During the 2015 event the President of the Delaware State Dental Society, Dr. Kacmarcik, Jr. supported the Stand Down and provided routine dental care for our veterans. Over fifty Veterans were seen by volunteering Dentists. At the conclusion of the Stand Down, Dental members realized the value that they bring to the Stand Down and the veterans that attend. Members of the State Dental Society have reached out to do more for our veterans' and suggested a partnership with the Veterans' Awareness Center Foundation. Dentists agreed that this program is a wonderful way for Delaware dentists to use their skills and talents to help those who have served our great Country. " This is a way that we may show our appreciation, so let's put a smile on our veteran's" ... stated Dr. Kacmarcik, Jr. The "Give a Vet a Smile" Program was initiated. It is known that without good dental hygiene, veterans are limited to employment and in many cases suffer from unneeded pain, which could lead to alcohol or un-prescribed drug usage. Statistics show that in a twenty-four hour period, 24 people die of oral cancer. Most likely some of this statistic could be prevented with proper dental care.

Dr. Kacmarcik, Jr. solicited help from dentists throughout Delaware. Many dentists have signed up to offer their dental services. This is a WIN-WIN for many veterans that cannot get dental care. "The Dental Offices that I have sent veterans to have been wonderful... from the Staff to the Dentist" ....stated Liz Byers-Jiron, Executive Director for the Veterans' Awareness Center Foundation.

Delaware offers the best to our Veterans. Thanks to Dr. Kacmarcik, Jr. for his vision and his partnership to assist our Delaware Veterans, in such a large way!

**DELAWARE VETERANS  
AWARENESS CENTER FOUNDATION**

12385 Sussex Highway  
Greenwood, Delaware 19950  
302-349-4898





The effect of military service can be profound and lasting. There are a number of financial, social and health issues that result from military service. Some Wounded Warriors and Veterans who have a compensation rating of 100% P&T are unaware that Social Security may expedite the processing of their disability claims.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application. The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Starting March 17, 2014, veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits.

**What do I need to know about the VA & Social Security programs?**

Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes and criteria for receiving benefits are very different. A VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." To be found disabled:

- You must be unable to do substantial work because of your medical condition (s); and
- Your medical condition (s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

**For more information please visit:**

<https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/>

**Call or visit your local Social Security Office:**

**1-800-772-1213**

*You can also find your local SS Office through the website.*

**VETERANS TBI SUPPORT GROUP**



The Veterans TBI Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday, 12:00 PM, at the American Legion Post #8, 673 North Bedford St., Georgetown, DE 19947. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Veterans TBI Support Group, please contact Robert Corsa at (302) 933-0119 or [kco326@aol.com](mailto:kco326@aol.com).



The **Veterans United Outreach of Delaware** was started in May 2001, under Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America. The VVA motto is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." This motto has been taken to heart by those who started the outreach program. The purpose of this program is to reach out to all military/veteran brothers and sisters on educational, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels, so as to guide them to freedom and comfort in their own lives. They work with all who are willing to help accomplish their goals.

The Outreach networks with federal, state and local agencies and coordinates with all organizations in Delaware. Through it all, they are constantly changing and growing.

They are a veterans committee with a foundation in God, Country, and Freedom, to which they credit the sacrifices of our active duty military, our veterans, and their families. (Mike Snyder, 302-678-1285)



**DCVA: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS**



**New Castle County:** Ms. Natasha Scott-Knight  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE  
Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
*Please call for appointment: (302) 365-8231*

**Kent County:** Mr. Charles Murrell Jr.  
DCVA office in Dover, DE  
Monday–Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
*Please call for an appointment: (302) 257-3119*

**Sussex County:** Ms. Laurie Corsa  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
*Please call for an appointment: (302) 648-3068*

**American Legion**



Joseph T. Houghton  
Dept. Service Officer:  
(302) 993-7255

**Scheduled Post Visits:**

**JUL 15:**

Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**AUG 05:**

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

**AUG 12:**

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**AUG 19:**

Seaford, DE/ Post #6  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 629-9915

**SEP 02:**

Walter L. Fox/ Post #2—Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**SEP 09:**

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

*\*Times/dates are subject to change.*

**Disabled American Veterans:**

DAV Dept. Service Officers: (302) 697-9061  
Paul Lardizzone: (302) 382-3448  
H. Mark Wischman: (302) 382-3449

**Kent County Schedule:**

DAV Headquarters Building  
183 South Street  
Camden, DE 19934

Monday thru Thursday 8:00-11:00 AM (*Walk-ins*)  
1:00-3:00 PM (*Appt. only*)

**Sussex County Schedule:**

Department of Labor - Div. of Employment & Tng.  
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

(302) 856-5230: Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (*Walk-ins*)



**Paralyzed Veterans of America (DE/MD PVA)**

Darrell Johnson, Sr., National Service Officer  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 26  
Wilmington, DE 19805 (302) 993-7252/7253

2114 S DuPont Hwy, Suite 2, Dover DE  
Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 12 PM

Dover CBOC: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC : 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 1PM – 4PM

**Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)**

Cheryl Yard, National Service Officer  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
M-F 8:30 to 4:00: (302) 993-7263  
*Walk-ins welcome.*



**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

David Hilliard, VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21,  
Wilmington, DE 19805



**(302) 993-7260 \*Please call for appointments.**

1st – 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL	(302) 993-7260
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483	(302) 422-4412
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961	(302) 629-3092
3rd Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Rehoboth VFW	(302) 227-3469

**Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)**

Terry Baker: National Service Officer  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 993-7250/7251 or (302) 540-8772 (c)



**DELAWARE VETERANS HOME**

100 Delaware Veterans Blvd  
Milford, DE 19963  
(302) 424-6000: Bill Peterson



**HOME OF THE BRAVE**

Main Office: (302) 424-1681  
Jessica Finan (Executive Director)  
Denise Dudley (Case Manager)



**DCVA's  
DELAWARE JOINING FORCES**

Christine F. Kubik  
DE Nat'l Guard  
Community Relations  
(302) 326-7582  
[christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil)

*Please visit our website  
[www.delaware.gov/djf/](http://www.delaware.gov/djf/)*



**DE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES**

**Bear Cemetery**

2465 Chesapeake City Road  
Bear, DE 19701

**(302) 834-8046: Barbara A. Cooke**

**Millsboro Cemetery**

26669 Patriots Way  
Millsboro, DE 19966

**(302) 934-5653: Gregory A. Bee**



**Employment Services:**

Cleopatra Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8077  
Allen Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8141  
Lisa Smith (Newark): (302) 451-3457  
  
Cliff Rumph (Dover): (302) 857-5866  
Kevin Gunning (Dover) : (302) 857-5870  
  
Gail Gartner (Georgetown): (302) 858-5232  
Division of Vocational Rehab. : (302) 761-8275



**Wilmington Regional Benefit Office**

1601 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(800) 827-1000

<http://www.wilmington.va.gov/>

**Patient Advocate: (302) 633-5556**

**\*For all medical facilities**

**VA Medical Center**

1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(800) 461-8262 or (302) 994-2511



**Dover VA -CBOC**

1198 S. Governors Ave  
Dover, DE 19904  
(800) 461-8262 x 2400

**Georgetown VA –CBOC**

15 Georgetown Plaza  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(800) 461-8262 x 2300

**Veterans Outreach Programs:**

**People’s Place:** Listening Post Lower Delaware  
Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

**SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families Connections:**

(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co: – Eulita Smith  
(302) 518-5338 Kent Co. - Mindy Bacchus  
(302) 332-0913 Sussex Co. - Gary Boas

**VMC: Veterans Multi-Service Center**  
Paula Witcher: (302) 505-0849

**Vet. Centers (Readjustment Counseling):**  
Vet Center/New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434  
Vet Center/Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430  
Vet Center/Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110

**Retired Activities Office**  
Bldg. 520, Room 105  
Dover AFB, DE 19902  
MSgt (R) Bill Oldham: (302) 677- 4610  
([William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil](mailto:William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil))

**Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office**  
Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Ctr.  
(302) 998-5194  
3920 Kirkwood Hwy.  
Wilmington, DE 19808



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**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC:**

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Bill McMullen.....(302) 697-9750

**American Legion**  
Richard “Ric” Santos..... (302) 628-5221

**AMVETS**  
Eugene Bradley..... (302) 629-4141

**Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America**  
Ron Hoskins..... (302) 861-6671

**Delaware Veterans Coalition**  
Dave Skocik..... (302) 736-8500  
E-mail: [delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com)

**Disabled American Veterans**  
Paul Lardizzone..... (302) 697-9061

**Fleet Reserve Association**  
James M. Jackson..... (302) 834-1719

**Gold Star Mothers – Delaware Chapter**  
Judith Faunce..... (302) 475-8272  
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Eugene “Chip” Rosan..... (302) 678-8077

**Jewish War Veterans**  
Len Markovitz..... (302) 234-4785

**Korean War Veterans Association**  
Dan Coons..... (302) 697-3079

**Marine Corps League**  
William C. Farley..... (302) 242-7926

**Military Officers Association of America**  
Tom Kelly (New Castle Co.)..... (302) 834-9659  
Ron Sarg (Kent Co.)..... (302) 678-1603  
Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)..... (302) 519-0611

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**  
Cornelius “Bill” Carroll..... (302) 655-3820

**Military Order of the World Wars**  
Earl Seppala..... (302) 239-0641  
E-mail: [eseppala@aol.com](mailto:eseppala@aol.com)

**Nat’l Association of Black Veterans**  
Nolan S. Lewis..... (302) 345-6911

**The Reserve Officers Association**  
LTC Richard Chappell (Ret)..... (302) 234-1418  
E-mail: [rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net](mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net)

**Veterans of Foreign Wars**  
Paul Phillips Jr..... (302) 656-5022

**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
Paul Davis..... (302) 697-8384



**2016**  
**DJF COMMUNITY NETWORK**  
**QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

THURSDAYS  
 JANUARY 21, 2016  
 APRIL 21, 2016  
 JULY 21, 2016  
 OCTOBER 20, 2016

All DJF Community Network Meetings are 8:30am-10:00am

All meetings will be held at:  
 Delaware National Guard, Smyrna Readiness Center, Auditorium  
 103 Artisan Drive, Smyrna, DE 19977  
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*No single organization can meet all the needs of our Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF), but a community of partners can provide an array of essential services.*



Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve Component members, and their families. Information includes, but is not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationship, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood, and much more.

Military OneSource has policy and programmatic information, helpful resources, products, articles and tips on numerous topics related to military life. Confidential services are available 24 hours a day by telephone and online. In addition to the website support, Military OneSource offers confidential call center and online support for consultations on a number of issues such as spouse education and career opportunities, issues specific to families with a member with special needs, health coaching, financial support, and resources.

Military OneSource also offers confidential non-medical counseling services online, via telephone, or face to face. Eligible individuals may receive confidential non-medical counseling addressing issues requiring short-term attention, including everyday stressors, deployment and reintegration concerns, parenting, grief and loss, and marital problems as well as assistance with financial management, taxes, career services, health and wellness, and much more. This personalized support is available 24/7 no matter where you live or serve.

# Delaware Housing Workshops

Need to know your foreclosure prevention options?

Worried about missing a mortgage payment?

Facing or suspecting a foreclosure scam?

## Monday, July 18, 2016

**Loan servicers available:** 1:00 – 7:00 pm

**Educational Session:** 2:00 and 5:00 pm

**Modern Maturity Center**

1121 Forrest Avenue  
Dover, DE 19904

## Tuesday, July 19, 2016

**Loan servicers available:** 3:00 - 7:00 pm

**Educational Session:** 5:00 pm

**Chase Center on the Riverfront**

815 Justison Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Meet with:

- Mortgage lenders and servicers on-site (bring loan information and budget)
- Certified housing counselors
- Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and other agencies

Learn about:

- Avoiding foreclosure scams
- Delaware Foreclosure Timeline
- National Mortgage Settlement
- Current federal programs

**No appointments necessary**

For more information visit:

**[www.delawarehomeownerrelief.com](http://www.delawarehomeownerrelief.com) or**

**[www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov)**

**e-mail [Consumer.protection@state.de.us](mailto:Consumer.protection@state.de.us),**

**or call the Delaware Homeowner Relief Hotline: 1-800-220-5424 or**

**Attorney General Matt Denn's Foreclosure Prevention office:**

**302-577-8393/8378**



**A Partnership of the Delaware Attorney General's Office and the Delaware State Housing Authority**

# **DELAWARE 2016 VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

**Friday  
23 September 2016  
9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Walter L Fox Post #2  
American Legion  
835 Bay Road  
Dover, DE 19901**



## **VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

**Community & VA Services for ALL Veterans**  
Housing • Medical • Dental • Flu Shots • Behavioral Health • VA Eligibility & Benefits  
Hair Cuts • Legal Service • Hot Lunch • Warm Clothing  
Transportation Provided at key pick up locations.

**Donations may be sent to the "Delaware Veterans' Stand Down" at  
12385 Sussex Highway • Greenwood, DE 19950**

**For more information contact:  
302-349-4898 or [lbjnavcret@hotmail.com](mailto:lbjnavcret@hotmail.com)**



## HOUSE A VETERAN

*You are a key part of ending Veteran homelessness in the state of Delaware!* By partnering with the VA and non-profit organizations serving veterans, you not only honor men and women who have served our country but you also have the opportunity to provide safe, affordable housing to those who have experienced homelessness. Consider the following advantages:

- **Guaranteed income**  
Receive reliable monthly rental payments\*
- **Security deposits:**  
Veterans can often afford the monthly rent, but have difficulty saving enough money for their security deposit. As a result of their enrollment in HUD-VASH or SSVF, veterans may be eligible to receive this one-time payment.
- **Eliminate advertising costs**  
Working with these programs gives you access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants
- **Case management**  
Veterans have access to a case manager to train them on such topics as personal budgeting, understanding rental agreements, housekeeping and general apartment maintenance, being a good neighbor, etc. resulting in less turnover.
- **Satisfaction from helping others**  
Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live. Housing Delaware Veterans plays an integral role in helping Veterans and their families take charge of their lives, as well as making Delaware a better place to live.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact:

- Homeless Planning Council of Delaware  
Juanita Bailey  
302-654-0126x114 or [jbailey@hpcdelaware.org](mailto:jbailey@hpcdelaware.org)

*\*Based upon Veterans eligibility, needs and fund availability.*



## **DELAWARE CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS BEGINS DEVELOPMENT ON “THE PEARL CENTER”**

The Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) was recently awarded Delaware’s HUD VASH project based grant, creating the opportunity for DCHV to development the state’s first Veteran specific permanent and affordable apartment building, The Pearl Center. Formerly a nursing home, the building has been vacant for several years but will soon be home to the area’s most innovative design in affordable housing, comprehensive services and community integration. The Pearl Center is a 4-Story, 48,612 square foot building, being renovated into 51 apartments that will offer income based housing for Veterans and their families. This mixed use development project will incorporate:

- 18 Studio/Efficiency Units
- 25 One Bedroom Units
- 8 Two Bedroom Units
- 3 Conference Rooms for training & supportive services
- 10 Professional Offices that will host services including VA Case Manager & Mental Health Social Worker, the Dept of Labor, Financial Services, and DCHV Outreach and Support Svcs

Beyond the benefit of offering residents specialized services within the building, The Pearl Center is centrally located in the heart of Wilmington’s Central Business District. Local businesses range from small corner markets and barber shops to large customer service, banking, retail and recreational businesses. This immediate area is also home to some of Delaware’s most reputable employment & training opportunities such as Elwyn Delaware, Delaware Technical & Community College, and the DE Skills Center, as well as excellent transit options, multiple worship sites, community parks, and recreation including workout facilities, a cinema and the Wilmington Riverfront.

For more information on The Pearl Center, or any of DCHV housing locations, please contact:

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DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
*Certificate of Appreciation Application*

Veterans Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Achieved \_\_\_\_\_  
(Only required if requesting rank on certificate)

Is Veteran Deceased? Yes or No (please circle one)

*ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A current resident of the State of Delaware or resident when he or she entered the Armed Forces of the United States and honorably discharged.*

**Please submit this application with a copy of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, (DD-214) to:**

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs  
Robbins Building  
802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100  
Dover, DE 19904  
Phone: (302) 739-2792 or 1-800-344-9900 (in State only)

Signature of Veteran/spouse or next of kin \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and Relationship if not veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Provide alternate address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks in receiving your Certificate**

TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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