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Director's Corner

As the weather changes, I'd like to acknowledge a change within our agency. Congratulations are in order for our newly elected Chairman, Bill Farley, and our new Vice Chair, Angela Showell. Both are active leaders and our agency looks forward to their guidance.

I had the honor of addressing the Veterans Mental Health Summit in September. I informed the audience about the mental health issues facing veterans and how they often manifest during active service. It is important for the Commission to help find additional mental health resources for veterans. I am working with state mental health agencies to find assistance for veterans, while working to find ways for veterans to access their care. The Federal Veterans Affairs Health System continues to work this issue but they are not the sole mental health resource.

The month of November features our Delaware Veterans Trust Fund Dinner and our Veterans Day Ceremony. Our trust fund has done an outstanding job of assisting veterans in financial need. By supporting the dinner we will gain additional funds to assist future veteran requests. The dinner is Friday, November 4th and additional information can be found in this newsletter. Our ceremony is one of our keystone events which pays tribute to those who have served. The ceremony is Friday, November 11th at 10:30 am. Same location, at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Monument. Come out and honor the service of our military heroes.





Captain USMC (Ret) James Lee Thompson of Felton, DE formerly of Rochester, NY, passed away Friday, September 9, 2016. He was 86. Captain Thompson was born in Montgomery, AL on March 30, 1930 and was the son of James Thomas Thompson and Jean Bacon; both deceased. He was a Corporal with "B" Company, 19th Infantry Battalion, USMCR, and was activated on June 28, 1950. He served with the 8th Regiment at Camp Lejeune, where he was meritoriously promoted to SSgt. In 1952, he served with the 11th Marine Regiment during the Korean War and in 1955 he served on the Parade Staff at the Marine Barracks in Washington, DC. In 1966, he was promoted to Warrant Officer and served with the 1st Marines in Vietnam. His final duty station was with Co. "D," Marine Security Guard Battalion in Panama City, Republic of Panama. Captain Thompson retired a July 1, 1973 after completing 23 years in his Corps. He earned 15 decorations including the Purple Heart, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "D", the Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Combat Action Ribbon during his service.

He selected Delaware as his retirement home, graduated college from Delaware State University, and began working for the Delaware State Auditor of Accounts first as an Auditor then as an Audit Supervisor. He retired again in 1995. He served with the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs as a Governor appointed volunteer from 1970 to 2013, serving six one year terms as its chairman. He was one of a number of veterans that worked successfully to obtain a veterans home in Delaware. Captain Thompson was a volunteer at the Dover Air Force terminal as a passenger advocate for 17 years; stopping in 2012. He was a member of the Marine Corps League and served in various state level and local positions over the years. He was also a member of: the Marine Corps Mustang Association; the American Legion in Harrington; the Military Order of the Purple Heart; the Second Division Association; the Vietnam Veterans of the 2d Battalion, 1st Marines; the AM Vets; and the Del Vets of Dover.

Captain Thompson believed in young people and their abilities and served with the Boy Scouts of America in various volunteer positions from 1967 to his death, serving in positions as Webelos Leader, Troop 13 Scoutmaster, Assistant District Commissioner on Okinawa, and troop and pack committees. He was very proud that he was able to encourage over 25 young men to earn the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. He worked for many years coordinating and volunteering for the Marines Toys for Tots program in Kent County Delaware. This program provided toys to children in need at Christmas time. He is a Master Mason and a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite.

Above all, Jim's love for his family, his Country, and his Marine Corps was central to his life. He is survived by his wife Jo of 58 years, daughter Barbara Quigley and Mark her husband of Tampa, Florida, son Robert Thompson and his fiancée Jodi of Phoenix, Arizona, daughter Dr. Jeanne Nichols-Willey and her husband Randy Willey of Felton, Delaware, and son LCDR Stephen Thompson USCG and his wife Amy of Pasadena, Maryland, and seven grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Kathryn Nichols, Conor and Alison Quigley, and Aiden, Liam and Natalie Thompson.

<http://www.torbertfuneral.com/obituaries/James-Lee-Thompson>



DELVETS HONORING 70 YEARS OF SERVING VETERANS

DELVETS Post #1 was established 70 years ago in 1946 and is one of the oldest veterans' organizations in the State of Delaware. This year we celebrate 70 years of serving veterans in the community.

On August 3, 2016 we honored John Clark Houck, a 97 year old WWII veteran who joined Post #1 in August 1946 and has been a member for 70 years. This is a unique occasion in the State of Delaware where one of the first and major veterans organization honors one of its outstanding members and a State's senior WWII veteran.

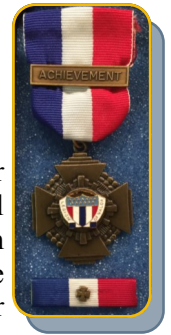
State Senator Harris McDowell, a Marine veteran, presented Mr. Houck with a Proclamation from the Delaware State Senate. Congratulations were also sent to Mr. Houck by U.S. Senator Tom Carper, a Vietnam veteran and New Castle County Register of Wills Ciro Poppiti, a member of the Delaware National Guard.

Post #1 was established by a group of Delaware WWII veterans. In the spring of 1946, returning veterans of WWII including charter members – Henry W. Bryan, Eugene A. Delle Donne, Robert K. Emmons, John E. Healy II, George F. Kelly Jr., James C. Stewart, William W. Swayze, James F. Toner, Jr., and Robert P. Vandergrift formed the Veterans Organization. The Post continues to provide services to more than 700 members.

(John Pastor, Secretary - jpastor9@verizon.net)



THE BRONZE CROSS PRESENTATION TO CADET ERIKA WHITE



The members of the Legion of Valor (LOV) are recipients of either the Medal of Honor, the highest award our nation issues for valor, while serving in the Armed Services of the United States, or The Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross or Air Force Cross, our Nations second highest award for extraordinary heroism. Members of the LOV are truly the best our Nation has to offer.

The Bronze Cross Achievement Program was ordained as a National Program in 1957. The criteria for the Award has been developed by the LOV in conjunction with officials of the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In general, the standards of achievement for the award are similar to those required of the Army's Superior Cadet Award and has been adopted by the Navy, Marine Corp and Air Force. Because of the rigid standards, the LOV Bronze Cross for Achievement is issued in limited quantities to cadets and midshipman who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, extraordinary leadership and community service. On average 60-65 annually, 77 will be issued this year.



In reading and hearing about Cadet White, her credentials embody dedication, a "can-do" attitude, an insatiable appetite for learning an ability to make a difference in her community, all by leading by example; **hallmarks of a great leader.**

It is my distinct honor and privilege, as an associate member of the LOV, to present the LOV Bronze Cross Achievement Award to Cadet Erika White.

(Judy C. Campbell, DE Gold Star Representative)



In Delaware, Stolen Valor Now Comes at a Heavy Price

Stolen valor is now against the law in Delaware and comes with a \$1,000 fine. As of Aug. 9, those seeking to benefit from impersonating a veteran or active duty military personnel in Delaware are likely to pay a steep fine instead. Submitted on April 1, 2015, House Bill 80 was unanimously approved by the General Assembly and signed into law by Gov. Jack Markell earlier this month, according to the Cape Gazette.

The law takes effect immediately and expands upon previous legislation regarding criminal impersonation. Colloquially called stolen valor, the new law defines it as follows: anyone impersonating or claiming to be a service member or veteran as a means to obtain money, property, or any other tangible benefit.

Related: This Is What It’s Like To Be Falsely Accused Of Stolen Valor »

The law also applies to military veterans who attempt to benefit from embellishing the rank they received while in the service.

The crime is now a Class A misdemeanor and results in a \$1,000 fine that cannot be reduced or suspended.

“I think veterans deserve all the respect we can possibly give them. This law will serve to help protect the legacy they worked so hard to create,” said Rich Collins of Delaware’s House of Representatives and one of the law’s sponsors, in an interview with the Cape Gazette. *(James Clark /August 23, 2016)*



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DELAWARE CHARTER SIGNING

Pictured signing the charter, from left to right are Co-chairs, Larence Kirby and Christine Kubik; Chairman, Bill Farley; and Secretary, David Strawbridge.

On August 8, 2016, officers of the MyVA Community Delaware Board signed the charter officially bringing the organization to life. MyVA Community Delaware is a cooperative effort between Delaware State and private volunteer agencies and all elements of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Delaware. The organization will conduct outreach, develop community partnerships, and strengthen relationships across the state with agencies, non-profits, businesses, and faith-based institutions who will commit to supporting Delaware veterans. *(Bill Farley)*

TFCC Veterans Ministry

Trinity Faith Christian Center (TFCC) Veteran's Ministry, established in 2010, provides helpful information to veterans and their families about benefits and resources available to veterans. In addition to looking for outreach opportunities in the community, their goal is to "get the veteran to the right place" so as to get the veteran the help that they need.

Trinity Faith Christian Center has several veterans within its congregation; seeing that there was a need for a more focused outreach within the congregation, Bishop Arthur D. Jones established the TFCC Veteran's Ministry and appointed Mr. James Hooper (US Army) to head up the endeavor.

Recently the TFCC Veterans Ministry celebrated Independence Day, July 4th Celebration, with family and friends. The event saw over 200 attendees who participated in games for children and grown-ups, ate delicious BBQ and cheered on participants in the much anticipated 4th July car show. During the event, the TFCC Veteran's Ministry handed out veteran related information and giveaways. Pictured below, Mr. Hooper (LHS) along with Mr. Samuel Hart (US Navy).

For more information about the TFCC Veterans Ministry, you may call Mr. Hooper at (302) 393-9475 or reach the ministry at Trinity Faith Christian Center, 15516 New Road, Lewes, Delaware 19958, (302) 645-5446.

(Submitted – 9/13/2016, James Hooper)



KWVA HOSTS COMMISSION SPEAKER

The Bill Carr Chapter of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) of Sussex County, #013, recently hosted Larence Kirby, Executive Director of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs as the featured speaker. Mr. Kirby, a 30 year veteran of the US Air Force, spoke about the mission of his organization, the Commission Trust Fund and the future plans and goals to help our Delaware veterans. His message was very well presented to an audience wanting to learn more about the Commission and its operations. A question and answer period followed his presentation.



Pictured is Dir. Kirby on the left with Lt. Col. (Ret.) David Miller, Treasurer of the KWVA and a Korean War veteran. (Sept. 15, 2016, Jack McGinley jomcginl@aol.com)

ROSE OF SHARON FUNDRAISER FOR KWVA

The Bill Carr Chapter, #013, Korean War Veterans Association of Sussex County recently conducted a Rose of Sharon fundraiser at the Rehoboth Beach Wal-Mart. The weather was pleasant for the 6 hour effort and the store visitors were very generous.



Ed and Delores Johnson are pictured during their 2 hour stint outside the front door of the store. Other solicitors included Jack and Shirley McGinley. Many people expressed their gratitude for our service.

(Jack McGinley jomcginl@aol.com)



EXP REALTY CONTRIBUTES TO VETERANS TRUST FUND

Kate Gleeson and Dan Sawyer, far right, present a \$4,400 check for the Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc., to Paul Davis and Dave Skocik, who lead the Friends, the official fundraising organization of the Veterans Trust Fund. The Trust fund provides emergency financial assistance to veterans in proven financial need. Ms. Gleeson and Mr. Sawyer, both agents of eXp Realty, in conjunction with Fordham Brewery, Dover, held a fundraiser on August 18. *(Dave Skocik 8/30/2016)*



On September 20, 2016 we were presented with generous checks from DE State Housing Authority and Fleet Reserve Association. Thank you to both agency/organization for taking the time to raise and donate the funds to the DE Veterans Trust Fund. We will be able to continue our mission in helping Delaware Veterans.

DONATION from *Boscov's*



We received several boxes of clothing from Sarah Haas, Regional Public Relations Manager at Boscov's Department Stores. The DCVA is proud of this partnership and looks forward in working with Boscov's on future Veteran endeavors. Thank you Boscov's! Our veterans will truly appreciate this!

DCVA Crew:
 Anna Lopez, USA; CJ, USAF, Evelyn Mitchell, USAF; Josh Matticks, USAF; Pam Anderson, USAF; Larence Kirby, USAF; Sable Phomphakdy, USAF; Jim Schuman, USA; Susan Cockel, USA.
 (Not pictured: Dave Vance with Dover Port Mortuary)



DCVA crew took time to help veteran, James Schuman (Korean Vet) move into his own place. Despite the extreme July heat, we all worked together in helping our fellow veteran. Commissioner Coons was able to get donations from the Dept. of Korean War Veterans Association with Chapter's 1 & 2 for the total donation of \$600 towards the veteran's furniture. In the picture, Mr. Schuman is actually sitting in the recliner we help purchase from Boscov's. TV, kitchen chairs & lamps were purchased at Wal-Mart. Thank you to Susan Cockel, Army veteran, for going above and beyond with Mr. Schuman's situation.



Congratulations to our newly elected Chairman, Commissioner Bill Farley with the Marine Corps League and newly elected Vice Chair, Commissioner Angela Showell with At-Large/DE National Guard. Dr. Ron Sarg, former chairman, handing over the gavel to new Chairman Farley.



CENTRAL DELAWARE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VET BUILD

On 17 August we helped raise the wall on the Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity Vet Build for Two Families. This is the first Vet Build in Dover. Ron Sarg, Larence Kirby, Mayor Christiansen, Dave Skocik and I were there.

-Commissioner Bill Farley

WALL THAT HEALS WELCOMED TO TERRY CAMPUS

The Wall That Heals was welcomed to Delaware Technical College Terry Campus, Dover, with a brief ceremony on Wednesday, August 31, during a stopover before heading south to the college's Owens Campus in Georgetown where it will be on display from Sept. 1 to 4. Photo caption L to R: Dave Strawbridge, DTCC Director of Military and Veterans Services; Dave Skocik, Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America; Bill Farley, vice chairman of the Commission of Veterans Affairs; Dr. Ron Sarg, Commission chairman, and Larence Kirby, Commission executive director. (Dave Skocik 9/01/216)



First State Events

Saturday, September 17, marks two occasions. The most important was the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787, followed six weeks later by Delaware's approval on December 7, making us 'The First State.' The second significant event on that date for First State veterans was the 2013 signing of the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund into law by Gov. Jack Markell.

"We have an obligation to ensure Veterans receive the support, services and respect they rightly deserve," said Governor Markell at the signing ceremony at the Commission of Veterans Affairs. "This legislation underscores our commitment to the men and women who bravely serve in our armed forces."

For more information please visit: www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com



Photo: Dave Skocik and Larence Kirby, pose in front of the Old State House on The Green, in Dover, displaying copies of the U.S. Constitution and the bill that created the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. Their uniforms represent the role the military has played in keeping our nation safe and safeguarding our freedoms. Both men are military retirees.



The Chapel of Four Chaplains

Commissioner MyRon Smith was the recipient of the Legion of Honor Humanitarian Award from the board of directors of the Chapel of Four Chaplains.

This is in recognition of your lifetime service to all people regardless for race or faith. This award symbolizes for all Americans and for all time the unity of this Nation, founded upon the Fatherhood of One God.

Tin Can Sailors

- Top Left:
- *Bill Kitchen
DD689 USS Wadleigh/
DD561 USS Prichett
 - *Bill Sweetman
CV USS Saratoga
 - *Jerry Krim
CV USS Belleau Wood
 - *Rodney Wilson
(TAPS)
DD442 USS
Nicholson
 - *Amber Poole
(TAPS)
DD USS Lamson



Ten Tin Can Sailors meet in Wilmington, DE. Eight of these WWII veterans served on ships that were hit by Kamikaze planes. Two others served on ships that came under heavy fire.

- Top right:
- *Jim Young
AO62 USS Taluga
 - *Raymond Holder
(TAPS)
DD USS Ward/
DD USS Wilson
 - *Richard Fox
DD582 USS Conner
 - *James Walsh
CV USS Ticonderoga
 - *Charles Frantz
BB USS California
 - *Kamikaze survivors

Not Pictured: Russell Fernandes-USS Parker/USS Witek, *Tom Thompson-USS Kitkum Bay, *Watson Day-PT 121 & 122, Darden Rodden-SS 272 Redfin Sub, *Joe McDevitt-USS Tichonderoga

Tuskegee Award

Commissioner Daniel Coons was invited to attend the Tuskegee Airmen Inc. annual convention held in Indianapolis, IN on July 16, 2016, where he received the Captain Lemuel Rodney Custis National Award for outstanding contributions toward the goals and objectives of the Tuskegee Airmen. This includes creating a program for disadvantaged youth, inspiring them to and guiding them through an aviation career, providing significant opportunities for college scholarships, providing inspiration to study and /or pursue aerospace and/or military careers and inspiring youth to complete high school and pursue advanced education.



Commissioner Coons was presented with a medal and a check which he will donate to an aviation scholarship fund at the Delaware State University which was created by his former students in his honor.

Dr. Coons, founder of the DE State University Aviation Program, is introduced to one of the original Tuskegee Airman and former P-51 fighter pilot, Leo Gray.

Delaware had Women Ferry Pilots before the WASPs



At the September Meeting of the First State Military Women Warriors (FSMWW), speaker Jan Churchill, shared lots of interesting facts from her latest book, *Pioneer Women Military Pilots*. One of the most surprising was that the mobilization of the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS) started in September 1942 in New Castle. A little later a women pilot training program was started at other bases. Nearly a year later, in August of 1943 these were all combined to form the Women Air Force Service Pilots (WASPs).

Another interesting tidbit is there was a new aircraft that the men refused to fly; so they trained several women to fly it. Within a few months of the women flying to various bases, the men were shamed into flying it. Want to know which aircraft it was? Guess you will have to get the book to find out. Author, Jan Churchill, is also a pilot and a Director

for the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation and Curator of the Delaware Military Museum. The proceeds from this and many of her books go to the museum.

The First State Military Women Warriors meet four times a year, usually with a speaker focusing on topics of interest to military women. In between these meetings, FSMWW does fundraisers and participates in other programs to benefit veterans and the community.

FSMWW's Mission is to:

- Keep all military women, past and present, informed of current benefits associated with their military service
- Keep women veterans connected while preserving our common history
- Provide opportunities for women in tomorrow's armed forces through networking, socialization, and service with and for other women veterans



The next meeting:

**Saturday
December 3, 2016
Ches Del Restaurant
2120 DuPont Parkway
Middletown, DE**

For additional information on the organization contact Pat Cerchio (-Vieira) at: 401-338-3798 or pat@LifeAftertheMilitary.US

Delaware Veteran Stand Down 2016

Ms. Liz Byers-Jiron, Director of the event... welcomed the veterans, active duty, guard and reserve, elected officials, and over one hundred and twenty service organizations to the event. Liz highlighted the major success stories that have been a result of the Community coming together to meet the needs of our veterans. During 2016, the "Give A Vet A Smile" Program supported many veterans that would have never been able to obtain dental assistance.



Present during the event were over one hundred and twenty organizations that maintain, their mission, "to assist veterans." Awards were presented for "Outstanding Support for Veterans" to the Secretary of Transportation Ms. Jennifer Cohen, Secretary of Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Oral Health & Dental Services award, was accepted by Secretary Rita Landgraf, Representative Ruth Briggs-King (not present), Dr. Kacmarcik, Immediate Past President of the Delaware Dental Society and Commissioner William Farley for leading the homeless population housing assistance.

A special thank you to the Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs Office Staff, Military Service Organization Posts and Auxiliaries, for administrative and financial support and the American Legion Family at Walter L. Fox Post 2, in Dover for your donation of your building and the outside grounds to hold the event. Additional thank you to the many volunteers including members from the Dover Air Force Base, that supported the Stand Down event.

Thank you to all the volunteers and Committee Members that made the 2016 event a huge success, hundreds did attend and we hope that even more veterans will attend in 2017, to bring the entire military family together!





Outstanding job kitchen crew!!



Hopping & Popping!!

Now, you said a mohawk?



I can't believe you gave my food away...



Are you ready for your flu shot!??



Styling!!



Hush, the food is in my bag...LOL!



NEW DATE: Oct. 15

**DE Military & Veterans Suicide Prevention Coalition
Presents:
Military, Veterans & Family Fall Festival Event**

In Coordination with the Fall “Sleep Under The Stars” at Carousel Park, a military family section is available for camping, food and fun. Please stop by!

- Enjoy a day (and night) of free, safe family fun. Play games, watch a movie, dance to music, decorate your tent and wear a costume. Top it off with the bonfire and camp overnight in the park.
- Families are welcome to come just for the day if you don't want to camp out. Admission is free
- New this year: Super Hero Theme, Solar Gazing with the Delaware Astronomical Society, Comic Vendors and Super Hero Dance Party.



When: Oct. 15, 2016; Check-in starts at 10 a.m.
Where: **Carousel Park, 3700 Limestone Rd., Wilmington, DE**
For more information:
Donald Daley, Suicide Prevention Program Manager, Biden NGRC
302-326-7098
donald.h.daley.ctr@mail.mil



SAVE THE DATE!
October 28, 2016 • 9AM - 3PM
Delaware Tech Terry Campus | Dover, DE

The 2016 Student Veterans Conference promises to be an exciting event designed to help our military connected students successfully transition into the higher education community and beyond. Speakers will include experts in the areas of peer support, mental health, jobs/employment, VA benefits and educational programming. Students from the four-state region of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia are invited to participate in panel discussions, meet with service providers, hear about programming available throughout the region and to actively engage with peers on subject matters of interest.

Dover Federal Credit Union has provided a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to one of the student attendees at the conclusion of the conference.

For additional information, please contact Rebecca Craft, Ed. D., Veteran & Service Member Counselor, Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus at (302) 857-1056 or via email at rcraft@dtcc.edu or online at go.dtcc.edu/conference.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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September 2016

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR FAMILIES:

FROM: *RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE*
 520 MAIN GATEWAY ROOM 105
 DOVER AFB DE 19902-5520

SUBJECT: Annual Retiree Appreciation Day

RETIREE APPRECIATIONS DAY SCHEDULED: THE 436TH Airlift Wing invites you to the annual Dover AFB "Retiree Appreciation Day", to be held on Saturday, 22 October 2016. The program will take place at our combined club "The Landings". Enter the base at the main gate off SR 1, make a left turn at Atlantic Ave. and another left turn at the traffic Light-Chevron Ave, the club is located at the end of Chevron Ave.

We are planning an interesting informative morning. Coffee and pastries, compliments of the Dover Federal Credit Union will be available at 0800.

Information booths will open at 0800, representatives of base facilities and service organizations will be available for individual questions. Briefings on subjects of interest to the entire retiree community will begin at 0900.

Colonel Kathryn W. Weiss, USAF, Commander of 436 Medical Group will be our main speaker. MSgt Morgan Brown., USAF. Ret. Director, Military & Government Affairs for the Air Force Sargent Association, will give an update on benefit changes and current legislation. Other briefings will be given on Veterans Administration, Long Term Care, Tricare, 436 Force Support and others.

Military Personnel will be available for ID replacements in Bldg. 520. Also Flu Shots will be given if the vaccine has been received.

Lunch will be available at the Mulligans Sports Bar and Grill, Subway, King Pin Cafe, Tim Horton and Patterson Dinning Hall. Also, make a complete day of it and visit the AMC Museum, play a round of golf at our golf course or Bowl at our Bowling Lanes, try our Fitness Center, or shop at our Commissary or Exchange.

For more information, contact Dover Air Force Base Retiree Office at 302-677-4612 or email dover.rao@us.af.mil.

William F. Oldham MSgt, USAF, Ret.
 Director, Retiree Activities Office
 Dover AFB DE.

Deliver Excellence!

Wilmington VA completes launch of Call Center to improve communication



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans contacting the local VA should take notice of some great changes put in place for you when calling to make appointments. These changes are designed to improve the Veteran experience and increase the timeliness of our communication to more effectively meet their needs.

“In the past, we have heard from veterans about waiting too long for their call to be answered when trying to call the medical center or one of the five Community Based Outpatient Clinics,” said Robin C. Aube-Warren, medical center director. “It was hugely frustrating for veterans calling and not being able to speak with someone.”

Last week, the medical center successfully completed activation of a Call Center assuring calls are answered in a timely manner by trained operators. The Call Center, located at the medical center in Elsmere, Delaware began phasing-in the center over several months. The gradual roll-out allowed staff to work through processes and ensure a seamless transition for callers.

The new process means calls are being answered quickly by trained staff that can schedule appointments, efficiently route calls to appropriate personnel, and provide basic information about VA benefits. A nurse triage line was added as part of the Call Center and is manned by nurses from the Butler VAMC. During business hours, veterans are able to access nurse triage services similar to those already offered after hours.

According to the most recent data, calls are being answered within 8 seconds or less,” said Christine O’Donnell chief of health administration service at the Wilmington VAMC.

“We are really excited about the new Call Center and confident Veterans will like the changes,” said Aube-Warren. Equally exciting, veterans actively receiving care at VA can directly make appointments with local VA audiology and optometry clinics without going through their primary care provider.

"The Direct Scheduling initiative is a major change in the way VA does business. Previously, veterans had to visit their primary care physician for a referral to the eye clinic even if they had no other health care issues. We have sped-up the process by skipping that step and allowing veterans to book appointments directly with the Eye and Audiology Clinics," said Optometrist Brian Mahoney.



The change is expected to save time for veterans and free-up primary care clinical appointments.

The Wilmington VA along with other medical centers across the nation is participating in the direct scheduling initiative. All VA medical centers will adopt the new policies by the end of the year.

"We are honored to be a part in this effort," said Aube-Warren. "The direct scheduling program and the new Call Center affirm the medical center's commitment to improving access for veterans."

To take advantage of direct scheduling, veterans can call the Wilmington VA Medical Center at (302) 994-2511.



POW MIA Chair Dedication

Friday, November 11, 2016

Wilmington VA Medical Center @ 2 PM

(Flag Pole Area)



Veterans Day Ceremony

Friday, November 11, 2016
at 10:30 am



Memorial Bridge Plaza
New Castle, DE

Hosted by:
At-Large
DE National Guard
DCVA



For further information, please call (302) 739-2792.

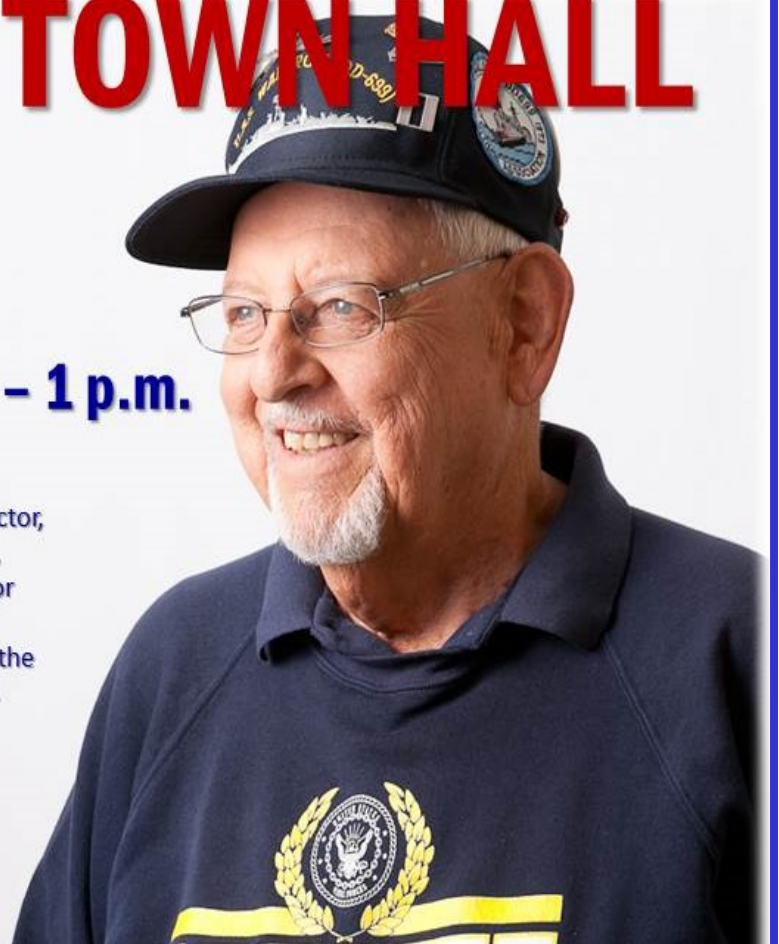
VETERAN TOWN HALL MEETING

November, 14th 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

You are invited to join Robin C. Aube-Warren, Director, Wilmington VAMC and Diana Rubens, Director, Philadelphia and Wilmington Regional Offices for Benefits for a **Veteran Town Hall Meeting** Monday, November 14th from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. at the **Levy Court Building, 555 S. Bay Rd., Dover, DE.**

The Town Hall Meeting will be preceded by a **Veterans Benefits Fair** from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

for additional information please call:
(302) 633-5389



**Veterans Recognition
Military Service Members
Celebration**

At Christiana Care Health System, our employees who are service members and veterans personify The Christiana Care Way as respectful, expert, caring partners in providing that exceptional experience for our patients and their families. They bring a wealth of real-world experience and technical knowledge that will further our commitment to providing optimal health and an exceptional experience.

We know that the military often provides those who serve with the opportunity to work with people from all over the world in a variety of environments. Those experiences are beneficial in serving our diverse population of patients and families with an exceptional level of safety and care.

Serving our country, wherever they are needed, is a testament to the dedication of the men and women in uniform. By developing strategic partnerships with former and current service member organizations, we can enable these individuals to continue to serve local communities through Christiana Care employment.

Christiana Care already has a number of military members and veterans in our ranks, throughout the organization, in a variety of roles. We look forward to honoring them at our Veterans Recognition Military Service Members Celebration on Wednesday, November 9th, 2016 from 10:00AM - 11:30 PM in the John H. Ammon Education Center Main Auditorium on the Christiana Hospital campus in Newark, Delaware. *(Audrey Van Luven, Chief Human Resources Officer – Christiana Care Health System)*



VETERANS APPLE PIE SOCIAL



White Clay Creek State Park has hosted the Veterans Day Storytelling program at the lovely Judge Morris Estate on Polly Drummond Hill Road for several years. Veteran groups and individuals have shared their experiences in service and home front efforts with interested visitors each year at an event the Sunday closest to Veterans Day.

Perkins Restaurant has donated delicious pies that are served with tea or coffee on the patio or inside the estate.

Last year WWII veterans Bill Kitchens, Warner Schlaupitz, Robert Austin, Joseph Gwiazdowski and veterans from other time periods have offered their time and effort to make this annual program a success for many years. White Clay Creek State Park continues to sponsor this program to honor all our local veterans and all supporting individuals from all the conflicts in recent history.

Last year Korean War Vet, George Taylor, brought his trumpet and played the Star Spangled Banner and Taps as he has for countless veteran funeral services over the years.

The **Veterans Day Apple Pie Social** is a very enjoyable and special event that all are encouraged to attend: either as a volunteer to share your stories and/or to display your wartime memorabilia or as a guest to talk with other veterans.

Please invite your families, friends and neighbors this year:

Sunday, November 13th @ 1:00 -3:00pm at the Judge Morris Estate on Polly Drummond Hill Road

Call the Park Office to register to attend 302-368-6900

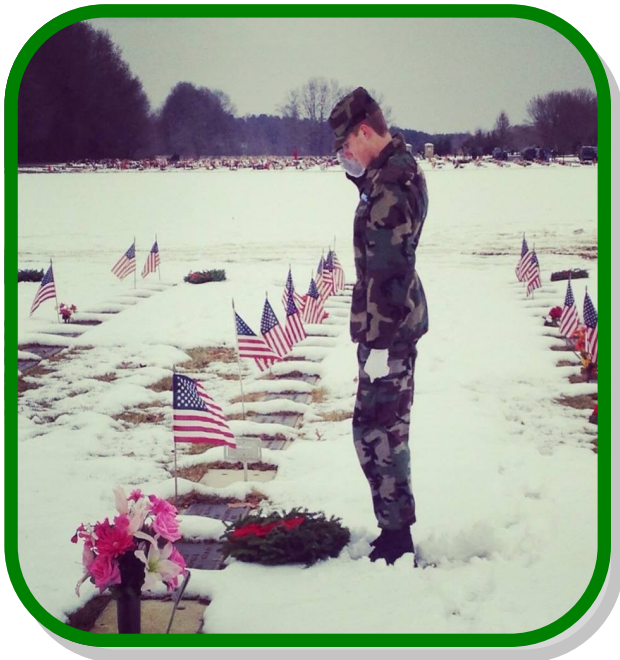
For more information or to volunteer please contact Kathleen Sullivan, Kathleen.Sullivan@state.de.us or call (302) 368-6560

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA CEREMONIES

The Delaware General Assembly will host a Wreaths Across America ceremony at **Legislative Hall on Monday, December 12, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.** The public is invited. State House ceremonies in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. are part of a week-long celebration of America's veterans and their service to our country, with a particular focus on family during the holidays.

"This nationwide program is about remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms," said event organizers. The originator of the wreath laying program was Morrill Worcester, owner of a wreath making company in Maine who in 1991 donated and delivered wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to be placed on the graves of the fallen.

The WAA program's mission of "Remember, Honor, Teach," spreads the message of the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. A large wreath honoring all five branches of the armed forces will be placed at the base of the Delaware Continentals Statue. Additional wreaths will be laid on the grounds of Legislative Hall, at the Gulf War Memorial, the Dover Light Infantry Memorial Wreath, the World War II Memorial and the Medal of Honor Memorial. The ceremony will include a volley and TAPS. *(Lori Christiansen)*



REMEMBER THE FALLEN HONOR THOSE WHO SERVE



What: Wreaths Across America convoy stop in Delaware as they proceed on their journey to Arlington National Cemetery.

When: Thursday, December 15, 2016 @ 11 am -12pm

Where: Smyrna Rest Area-Pavilion 1
5500 North DuPont Highway
Smyrna, DE 19977

Why: Delaware Vietnam Veterans of America Gold Star Program will host a service for Wreaths Across America where we will honor our fallen heroes who gave their lives while serving a cause greater than themselves. Join us and Wreath Across America as we host a service of Honor and Remembrance.

"A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." Joseph Campbell

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA TRUCK CONVOY

This is the first time Delaware Vietnam Veterans of America Gold Star Program and representatives of Delaware Law Enforcement Community have joined forces to host a brief service of honor and remembrance.

The service will include a host of memorial themed activities to include the playing of the National Anthem, TAPS and Amazing Grace by the Delaware State Police Pipes and Drums Corps. Junior ROTC members will escort Gold Star Families to reserved seating.

Join us in extending a warm thank you to the Wreaths Across America volunteers.

Call 302-593-5991 for more information.

Judy Campbell

www.delawarevva.com

The Delaware Friends of Veterans, Inc.
presents

3rd Annual Veterans Trust Fundraising Dinner

Friday, November 4 • 6 to 9 p.m.

Rollins Center

Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

*Keynote Speaker: Retired Navy Captain Robert E. Clark II
Former Commandant, U.S. Naval Academy
President, Wesley College, Dover, Delaware*

Dinner tickets are \$100

and include entertainment by Jim Snyder and the Stardust Knights and national award-winning singer/recording artist Sara Ann Garrison.

Earn program credit for 8-person sponsor tables at \$1,000.

Tickets may be ordered by mailing a check made to the

Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc.

c/o the Commission of Veterans Affairs,

802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904

The cutoff date for dinner reservations is October 31.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets will be held at the "Will Call" table at the event.

For more info:

www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com

or 302-257-3117

~ A Black Tie Optional Affair ~





The Delaware General Assembly, the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, Delaware National Guard, City of Dover, and state veterans' organizations, will honor Delaware veterans with a parade.

Delaware Veterans Parade Saturday, November 12, 2016

-- 8:30 a.m., Registration & Lineup at The Duncan Center – corner of
W. Loockerman Street & Jerusalem Way

Parade Begins - 10:00AM

For information, please contact the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs
in Dover by calling (302) 739-2792 or see us on the web
www.veteransaffairs.delaware.gov

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION & RETURN to:

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100,
Dover DE 19904

or fax to 302-739-2794 (Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016)

Contact Name: _____

Number of units, participants & vehicles (please be specific; this is to determine spacing)

Organization: _____

Complete mailing address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Brief description of parade entry to be announced as you pass by the reviewing stand:

For inclement weather announcement, call the morning of: (302) 272-0354.

Parade Registration Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016.

Delaware Law School announces “Military Mondays” program to benefit First State veterans

Meetings to be held in Nemours Building Starbucks

Widener University Delaware Law School and its Veterans Law Clinic are proud to announce a new program aimed to benefit Delaware veterans.

Through the “Military Mondays” program, Veterans Law Clinic staff attorneys and student interns will conduct sit-down meetings with veterans in need of legal advice. Using space provided by Starbucks, one-hour meetings will be available to veterans who have legal questions about their claims for benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

The program will operate one Monday a month out of the Starbucks in the Nemours Building, 1007 N. Orange St., Wilmington. All meetings will be by appointment between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Appointments can be made by contacting Denise Paul, office manager of the Veterans Law Clinic, at 302.477.2056 or dmpaul@widener.edu. Initial dates are:

Monday, Oct. 17. Monday, Nov. 14. Monday, Dec. 5.

The free program is intended to assist veterans who need advice on benefit claims. Clinic attorneys and student interns will answer questions and make recommendations to veterans on how they can proceed for themselves. No formal attorney-client relationship will attach from the meetings. Starbucks began Military Mondays last year in Virginia. The program is one of many the company has established in its effort to hire more than 10,000 military veterans by 2018.

“We are excited to bring Military Mondays to Delaware. It is an excellent, additional avenue for us to give back to the veteran community and an outstanding hands-on learning opportunity for our law students,” said clinic Director and Visiting Assistant Professor Amber Baylor. “We hope this location in Wilmington will be convenient for people to visit with us, and the relaxed Starbucks atmosphere will make it easy for them to discuss their questions.”

Widener University was among the first law schools in the United States to start a clinical program for disabled veterans. Through the Veterans Law Clinic, students work under the supervision of practicing attorneys to provide free legal representation to disabled veterans and their dependents with Veterans Affairs compensation claim appeals to the Board of Veterans Appeals. First known as the Veterans Assistance Program, Widener students began the work in 1997, when the school co-sponsored a program with the pro bono arm of the Delaware State Bar Association. It became known as the Veterans Law Clinic in January 2006 and today serves veterans largely in Pennsylvania and Delaware, having recovered more than \$9 million in benefits owed to veterans.

Widener University is a metropolitan university that connects curricula to social issues through civic engagement. Dynamic teaching, active scholarship, personal attention, applied leadership, and experiential learning are key components of the Widener experience. Its Delaware Law School is the First State’s only law school, providing juris doctor, legal graduate and paralegal degree programs with an emphasis on developing legal professionals who reflect the Delaware Way and its traditions of civility, integrity and mutual respect. The school offers signature programs in corporate and business law, environmental law, family health law and policy, and trial advocacy. Widener University is proud to be tobacco free. Visit delawarelaw.widener.edu for more information.

Widener University 
Delaware Law School

SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & FAMILIES



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER FINANCIAL FITNESS



FINANCIAL FITNESS: Get Fit with help on BUDGETING, SAVINGS & CREDIT!!

Attend a Workshop **\$\$** Take an Online Class **\$\$** Meet One-on-One with a Financial Coach

NEW CASTLE COUNTY	KENT COUNTY	SUSSEX COUNTY
<p>Foundations of Investing Oct 4, 2016 at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Kirkwood Library **Learn the key features of bonds, stocks and mutual funds, asset allocation and the impact of inflation.</p> <p>College Planning: Investing in your Child's Future Oct 7, 2016 at 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Brandywine Hundred Library **Higher education is as important and as expensive as ever. This workshop is designed to teach participants how to effectively plan for paying for college.</p> <p>Retirement By Design Nov 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM New Castle Public Library **Whether retirement is down the road or just around the corner, having a strategy in place will better prepare you to reach your goals.</p>	<p>There Must Be a Hole in My Pocket Oct 5, 2016 at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Dover Public Library **This class will cover the various ways of saving money for short and long term goals.</p> <p>Credit Smart Workshop - Credit Oct 25, 2016 at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM NCALL, Dover Credit Smart workshops are designed to help you build and maintain better credit, make sound financial decisions, and understand the steps to sustainable home-ownership.</p> <p>Auto Buying 101 Nov 8, 2016 at 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM NCALL, Dover This workshop is designed to help consumers through the auto purchasing process in order for the right decision to be made.</p>	<p>How to Control Your Own Financial Destiny Oct 27, 2016 at 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM Seaford Public Library **This course will cover how to build a sound investment portfolio, basic investment terms and strategies, and determining your investor type.</p> <p>Becoming Debt Free Is Not a Fantasy Nov 2, 2016 at 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Seaford Public Library **This course will go over concepts of getting out of debt and ways to accelerate debt reduction. Budgeting to get out of debt as well as creating an overall plan...</p> <p>Retirement Bootcamp: Planning Nov 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Lewes Public Library **Planning for retirement can be tricky, it's full of twists, turns and not nearly enough road signs.</p>

View [full class listing](http://www.dfli.org/) of over 100 classes and Register for all workshops at → <http://www.dfli.org/>
Pre-Registration requested, but Walk-ins OK.

To schedule an appointment for a private session to

Meet One-on-One with a Financial Coach, OR take an online class – contact:

Ms. Christine Kubik, DE NG Community Relations (Delaware Joining Forces)

O 302.326.7582 | Christine.F.Kubik.nfg@mail.mil



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Cornhole Tournament
 All proceeds benefit the Home of the Brave to continue their mission to reduce homelessness among our Military Veteran population.

Prizes for
 1st & 2nd
 Place



Saturday, October 22, 2016

12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Game registration from 12 - 1 p.m.

\$25 per team of 2

Each team gets 2 FREE beer tickets

Join us at

Mispillion River Brewing Co.

255 Mullet Run St., Milford

50/50 Raffle
 and
 Ticket Auction

Food for
 purchase by
 Mr. BBQ
 Food Truck

For information on this event and how you can support **Home of the Brave**, please call
(302) 424-1681

UPDATE:

Our next DE Joining Forces Community Network quarterly meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, Oct 27th (it was originally Oct 20)!!

Please move your calendars! Our focus topic this month will be a report out on the Behavioral Health Strategic Planning Session and way ahead.

Thursday, October 27, 2016
 0830 -1000 hours

Major Joseph R. "Beau" Biden III, National Guard/Reserve Center Delaware National Guard Joint Force HQ
 250 Airport Road, New Castle, DE 19720

****Must have PHOTO ID, and, you MUST RSVP, so your name is added to the security entry list!**

POC: Christine F. Kubik @ (302) 326-7582; christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil



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.



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:

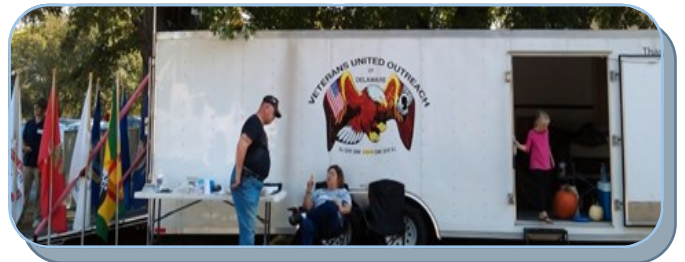
1-800-772-1213

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.



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:

Friday, Oct 7:
 Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, Oct 14:
 Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, Nov 4:
 Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

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

Friday, Nov 18:
 Seaford, DE/ Post #6
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 629-9915

Friday, Dec 2:
 Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, Dec 9:
 Walter L. Fox/ Post #2—Dover
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**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: 1st & 3rd Thursdays: 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC : 2nd & 4th 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 th Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL	(302) 993-7260
1 st Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483	(302) 422-4412
2 nd & 4 th 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)

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

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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

Delaware Veterans Awareness Center:

Liz Byers: (302) 349-4898
*Veterans’ Stand Down * Military Women’s Tea *
Homes for Disabled Warriors * “Give a Vet a Smile”*
Veteransawarenesscenter.org

Retired Activities Office:

Bldg. 520, Room 105
Dover AFB, DE 19902
MSgt (R) Bill Oldham: (302) 677- 4610
(William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil)

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:

Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Ctr.
(866) 827-5672



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Paul Lardizzone DAV
John Hampton..... At Large
William “Bill” McMullen.....AFSA
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Earl E. Seppala.....MOWW
MyRon W. Smith.....DELVETS

Air Force Sergeants Association

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American Legion

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AMVETS

Eugene Bradley..... (302) 945-2170

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

Ron Hoskins..... (302) 861-6671

Delaware Veterans Coalition

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E-mail: delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com

Disabled American Veterans

Paul Lardizzone..... (302) 697-9061

First State Military Women Warriors

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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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars

Paul Phillips Jr..... (302) 656-5022

Vietnam Veterans of America

Paul Davis..... (302) 697-8384

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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