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Far too often I hear that young people, specifically teenagers, are not focused. I hear they lack values and only think "me first!" Well I've observed many young people who believe in sharing their gift and here are some examples. Eagle Scout Collin Sullivan created the Fallen Heroes Memorial Garden that graces the outside of Lewes City Hall. He conceived an idea, solicited donations, and gathered legislative support to ensure a memorial for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Tim Dombroski provided a thought provoking reflection during the Bear Cemetery Memorial Day event. He spoke fondly of heroes occupying the graves sites and his pride of being an American. Moriah Graham became the first African American, in the state, to earn a private pilot's license while in high school. This Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadet understands discipline and may one day lead others as an aviator in our armed forces. The Cape Henlopen (High School) Ensemble performed stirring musical numbers during the Governor's Prayer Breakfast that inspired a crowd seeking comfort in a troubled world. Throughout Delaware, young people approach me with handshakes and thanks for my military service. They don't have to, but they do because they understand the importance of serving our nation. So let's motivate our young people to achieve, to become the examples we expect them to be. The groundwork we lay now will produce leaders, military and civilian, that many will be honored to follow and that we will be proud to know.



Joseph Robinette "Beau" Biden III (February 3, 1969 – May 30, 2015) was an American attorney, an officer in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG), and politician from Wilmington, DE.

He served as the Attorney General of Delaware and was a Major in the Delaware Army National Guard. He was a member of the Democratic Party and the eldest son of Vice President Joe Biden and eldest step-son of Second Lady of the United States Dr. Jill Biden.

Biden was born in Wilmington, Delaware, the elder son of former U.S. Senator and current Vice President Joe Biden, and his first wife, Neilia (née Hunter). His mother and his younger sister, Naomi Christina Biden, were killed in an automobile accident in 1972, in which he and his brother Hunter were seriously injured. Beau and Hunter encouraged their father to marry again, even going so far as to ask him "when 'we' were going to get married" and Jill Jacobs became Beau's "second mother" in 1977. His half-sister Ashley was born in 1981.

He graduated from Archmere Academy, his father's high school alma mater, and the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity. He was also a graduate of Syracuse University College of Law, as is his father. From 1995 to 2004, he worked at the U.S. Dept. of Justice in Philadelphia, first as Counsel to the Office of Policy Development and later as a Federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office. In 2004, he became a partner in the law firm of Bifferato, Gentilotti, Biden & Balick, where he worked for two years before being elected Delaware attorney general. He had two children with his wife Hallie: a daughter, Natalie, and a son, Hunter.

Biden joined the military in 2003 as a member of the Delaware Army National Guard and was a Major in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps as part of the 261st Signal Brigade in Smyrna, Delaware.

Biden's unit was activated to deploy to Iraq on October 3, 2008, and sent to Fort Bliss, Texas, for pre-deployment training, the day after his father participated in the 2008 presidential campaign's only vice presidential debate.

Biden held the position of Attorney General of Delaware for two terms from 2006 to 2014.

He passed away on May 30, 2015. His funeral was held at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church in Wilmington, Delaware on June 6, 2015. He is buried at St. Joseph on the Brandywine Cemetery in Delaware on June 6, 2015.

Exerts taken from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beau_Biden



PATIENCE, A VETERAN'S EXAMPLE

One thing I enjoy about my job is that I interact with veterans. Recently, I attended a Purple Heart Ceremony for Mr. Bayard Horn and was honored to be in his presence. This 91 year old hero waited "70 years" to receive his decoration. That's right, 70 years, when we live in an era where folks can't wait a year to upgrade their smart phones.



What amazed me was his patience and humility as I heard of his heroics during World War II. Mr. Horn put on the uniform to defend our county at war, served

not possess. Mr. Horn knew that his actions deserved mention, but instead of complaining, he displayed a quiet determination that “things would work out.” Fortunately they did and he received his belated Military Order of the Purple Heart. As a small token, I presented Mr. Horn with our challenge coin, but in reality he presented me with something more valuable “privilege.” By that I mean the privilege to being next to an American hero who understood that “life owes us nothing but we’ll accept life’s deposits.” Mr. Horn, thank you for your service to our country and may others learn from your example of quiet faith.



**WWII VETERAN
BELATEDLY RECOGNIZED**

WWII Veteran Bayard Horn is praised for his service by Lawrence Kirby, executive director of the Commission of Veterans Affairs, while Delaware Army National Guard Brig. Gen. Terry Wiley (ret.) looks on. Gen. Wiley presented Mr. Horn with a Purple Heart on behalf of the Secretary of the Army. The ceremony was held at VFW Post 7447 in Rehoboth Beach on April 11.

World War II veteran Bayard Horn of Rehoboth Beach was belatedly awarded a Purple Heart more than seven decades after being wounded in France enroute to a prison camp in 1944. The problem was that his wounds were the result of an Allied attack on the train he was riding to the prison camp. Under previous rules Mr. Horn was ineligible for a Purple

Heart because he wasn't injured by enemy fire. His neighbor and fellow veteran Denny Aylor appealed the decision while his 91-year-old friend was still able to appreciate it. He persisted through seven years and three turndowns before the award was approved with the assistance of Delaware's Congressman John Carney. *Mr. Horn was also presented with a commemorative coin by Director Lawrence Kirby, of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. Photo by Dave Skocik*

Click on <http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/local-war-veteran-honored-with-purple-heart/32321244> to see the interview.

FLAG DAY EVENT OF 13 JUNE 2015

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Cemetery Staff hosted our annual Flag Day event of 13 June 2015 at 10:00 am. We had a wonderful turnout and everyone enjoyed themselves. Judy Mangini sang for the crowd and Mr. Bob Corsa did a great job as emcee as usual.

Guest speaker was Mr. Charles Armbruster a member of the commission and Commander of the American Legion. Mr. Al Weir gave the invocation.



(Greg Bee-Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery/ Millsboro)

HABITAT TO DO VETERANS BUILD

Chris Cooper of Central Delaware Habitat for Humanity (left) accepts a \$500 check from Dave Skocik, president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition on April 13. The contribution will support Habitat's Veterans Build in Dover in September. Mr. Cooper, Central Delaware Habitat for Humaniti-



ty development director, spoke at the Coalition's meeting about Habitat's overall mission as well as its focus on helping a veteran build a home he or she will own. Habitat will also sponsor a Hammer Down for Habitat motorcycle ride on June 6, the 71st anniversary of D-Day, in support of the veterans build. The event will begin with registration at 9 a.m. at the American Legion's Walter L. Fox Post on Bay Road, Dover. The cost is \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger. "We are still in the process of qualifying a veteran for the September build, and veterans can still apply," said Mr. Cooper. For more information, click on <http://centraldelawarehabitat.org> or call 302-526-2366. *Photo by Steve LePage. (April 14, 2015, Paul Davis)*

Calling all Delaware Veteran License Plate Holders..

The Delaware Humanities Forum is seeking veterans to participate in a documentary film sharing your thoughts on the importance of having a license plate that identifies you as a war veteran.

The DE Humanities Forum (DHF), the state's affiliate to the National Endowment for the Humanities, will fund a documentary featuring Delaware veterans discussing their military service license plates.

This project seeks to understand what this type of public acknowledgement of service means to veterans through their own words. The documentary and oral history project is partially funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities' *Standing Together: The Humanities and the Experience of War* initiative.

DHF is looking for veterans in the state of Delaware with registered military service license plates. If you own a Delaware military service plate and are willing to participate in an oral history project and documentary film, we hope to hear from you.



For more information or to participate, contact the Delaware Humanities Forum at (302) 657-0650 or email info@dhf.org. You can also visit our website at www.dhf.org.



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connecting people, cultures & ideas

Connecting people, cultures and ideas, DHF is a non-profit that promotes the humanities in Delaware with public programs, grants and more. We partner with cultural and other organizations to bring public humanities programs to all.



NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE
Humanities

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CONTRIBUTES \$1,000 TO VETERANS TRUST FUND

Paul Davis, president of the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America, presented a \$1,000 check for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund to Dr. Ron Sarg and Lawrence Kirby on April 27.

Dr. Sarg serves as chairman of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and Mr. Kirby serves as its executive director. The Commission oversees the Trust Fund, which was signed into law by Gov. Jack Markell in September 2013.

"The VVA State Council voted at its annual meeting in April to make the contribution to the Trust Fund because it serves all generations of Delaware veterans," said Mr. Davis.

The Veterans Trust Fund assists honorably discharged Delaware veterans in financial emergency. Its board is made up of volunteer community leaders from across the state and works under the auspices of the Commission. One hundred percent of tax deductible contributions are returned to veterans in proven financial need. Visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com or call 302-739-2792 for more information.



Paul Davis, president of the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America; Dr. Ron Sarg, chairman of the Commission of Veterans Affairs; Lawrence Kirby, executive director of the Commission of Veterans Affairs.

WAR DOG MEMORIAL DONATION



Dr. Ronald Sarg, chairman of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, presents a \$500 check to Paul Davis, president of the State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America, toward the planned War Dog Memorial in the Veterans Memorial Park on S. Little Creek Road, Dover. Mr. Davis also serves as VP of Kent County VVA Chapter 850. Lloyd Memorials of Dover has been contracted to create the memorial, which will honor all generations of war dogs. The 5-foot black granite stone will feature an etching of Dover AFB dog handler Staff Sgt. Jason Spangenberg and his War Dog Rico. The photo can be viewed at www.DelawareVVA.com. Contributions may be made to Kent County Chapter 850 with 'war dog' in the memo area and mailed to VVA Chapter 850, c/o Ken Bodine, P.O. Box 1718 Dover, DE 19903. Email pauldavis5233@comcast.net for additional information. If it is completed in time, the chapter plans to dedicate the memorial during the July 1-5 visit of the Vietnam "Wall that Heals" to the Memorial Park. (April 12, 2015, Dave Skocik)



**NATIONAL VVA PRESIDENT WELCOMED
"THE WALL THAT HEALS"**

National Vietnam Veterans of America President John Rowan served as keynote speaker for the opening ceremony of the Wall That Heals at Kent County Veterans Park, Dover, on Thursday, July 2nd.

Because the importance of this event to veterans and the public, 'The Wall That Heals,' also known as the 'Traveling Wall,' delayed the dedication of the planned War Dog Memorial until later in the summer, according to Joe Start Jr., chapter 850 president. "Additionally, because the stone for the dog memorial was ordered from Italy and delivered by ship, there's a possibility the memorial won't be ready by July 2nd," said Mr. Startt. "The good news is that each memorial will have its own focus."

TWTH is a half-size replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Its visit to Dover is the result of a partnership between the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and VVA Chapter 850, who hosted the memorial between July 2 and 5 at its Veterans Memorial Park on South Little Creek Road, Dover.

Mr. Rowan was reelected to his fifth term as VVA president at the organization's 16th National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. He served as chairman of VVA's Conference of State Council Presidents for three terms on the organization's Board of Directors, and as president of VVA's New York State Council.

After enlisting in the U.S. Air Force in 1965, he learned Indonesian and Vietnamese in language school and served as a linguist in the 6990 Security Squadron in Vietnam and Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. He provided the Strategic Air Command with intelligence on North Vietnam's SAM sites to protect their bombing missions.

Mr. Rowan later received a BA in political science from Queens College and a Master's degree in urban affairs from Hunter College. He retired as an investigator with the City of New York's Comptroller's Office and lives in Middle Village, New York, with his wife, Mariann.

"We were honored to host President Rowan and were excited of his visit to welcome the Wall which was displayed from Thursday, July 2 to Sunday, July 5," said chapter 850 President Joe Startt Jr.

The memorial was opened and staffed 24-hours throughout the visit until July 5, when it will be dismantled for its next destination. Since it was unveiled on Veterans Day 1996, it has visited more than 400 locations across the nation. The unit comes with a Mobile Education Center and an Information Center.

Made of aluminum panels, it consists of two 125' sections and lists all of the names on the permanent memorial. Names are listed chronologically by date of death. Guides and books will be available to direct people to specific panels.

"We are honored to host this memorial. It's been about 15 years since it was last in Dover and the interest in it continues to grow," said Paul Davis, president of the Delaware State VVA Council. Mr. Davis also serves as vice president of Chapter 850.

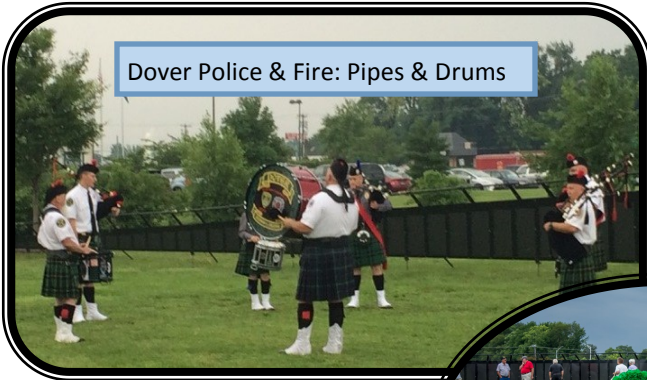


Left: New member of VVA, Jim Beaver with Nat'l VVA President, John Rowan.

Below: Paul Davis, John Rowan, Woody Postle and Tom Daws.



Photos courtesy of : Jim Beaver



Dover Police & Fire: Pipes & Drums



Wall Museum

Thank you to all our volunteers, participates & visitors!!



Mrs. Jane Meder,
widow of
Paul Meder (USAF-
Vietnam War/
Kent Co. Resident)

Paul Davis with Tim Tetz (Wall Mgr.)
<http://www.vvmf.org/twth>



Photos courtesy of : VVA, Jim Beaver, Doc Sarg and Anna Lopez.



Big shout out to the food truck crew!!! We appreciate each and everyone's time and dedication from the early coffee brews to all the great food! Thank you!!!

Thank you to all our volunteers, participates & sponsors!



America...America!!

I smoked those runners!!

We made it! These kids weigh a ton!!



I would like to thank all our sponsors & Ray Parker with TriSportsEvents!!!

2015 FREEDOM 5K Sponsors



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- DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS, DEPT OF DE
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- DE DIVISION OF LIBRARIES
- KIRBY FAMILY



Photos courtesy of : Jim Beaver, Doc Sarg and Sable P.

The 55th Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast

DCVA sponsored SSgt Zanetta Mitchell, 436 AW and CPT Tom Emerson, ANG, joined Governor Jack Markell on May 14, 2015. Both service members were honored to attend this event and appreciated the invitation.

For more information please visit www.bepositive.org.



Fallen Heroes Memorial Garden: Director Kirby, Chairman Sarg, and Commissioner Showell attended this dedication on 23 May in Lewes, Delaware. Boy Scout Collin Sullivan (shown here) envisioned a way to honor and created a memorial for Fallen Heroes in front of city hall. Collin emceed the dedication which was attended by the Lewes mayor and state legislators.



Community College of the Air Force:

Director Kirby provided commencement remarks at Dover AFB on 28 May. The Community College of the Air Force grants associate degrees for enlisted members and the Air Force is the only branch of service that grants degrees. Over 100 Dover members received degrees and this provided commission interaction with service members.



Chief Master Sgt. (ret.) Larence Kirby, presents The Pitsenbarger Award certificate for outstanding academic achievement to SrA Jessica Casto, 436th Logistics Readiness Squadron, SrA Quintaneshia Reed, 436th Security Forces Squadron and SSgt Harry Johnson Jr., 3d Airlift Squadron, during the 436th Airlift Wing's Spring 2015 Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony held on May 28, 2015, at the Base Theater on Dover Air Force Base (U.S. Air Force photos & information by Roland Balik, DAFB.)



100 Day Celebration: Vice Chairman Farley and Mayor Christiansen hosted the 100 Day Celebration of Dover's Homeless Veteran initiative on 12 June. They provided a list of achievements and program veterans provided comments. Twenty-four veterans have been housed and several others are in the process. This program has led the way for other Delaware groups and Vice Chairman Farley continues to lead the charge to end veteran homelessness, not only in Dover, but throughout Delaware.

DELAWARE MILITARY, VETERANS AND SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION

SAVE THE DATE!

2015 Veterans Mental Health Summit

“THE THEATER OF WAR”

Register At: www.mhainde.org

Chase Center

815 Justison St, Wilmington, DE

Thursday, September 10, 2015

8:30AM - 4PM (Registration opens at 8AM)

FREE CEUs

The Delaware Suicide Prevention Coalition is pleased to announce the 5th annual. Along with several workshops, the Summit will include at Theater of War performance. The Theater of War is a national project that presents dramatic readings of Sophocles' Ajax—an ancient Greek tragedy about the suicide of a great, respected warrior—to diverse military and civilian audiences in order to engage communities in discussions about suicide, combat stress, alcohol and substance abuse, and the impact of military service on families and communities. It will be followed by panel of military and community members who have been affected by these issues.

The keynote address will be given by Carol Graham, a military mother who lost two sons— one to suicide and one in combat—and devoted her life to fighting the military's high suicide rates and mental health stigma. She and her husband, Major General Mark Graham, US Army (Ret.) are outspoken advocates for both civilians and soldiers who suffer from Depression, PTSD, and Traumatic Brain Injury. Her presentation is entitled, “A Legacy of Hope: A Mother's Story.”

This day-long event is an excellent forum for sharing resources and increasing understanding of mental health issues in the military population in Delaware. The event is planned and executed by the DE Suicide Prevention Coalition Military Subcommittee, which includes Mental Health Assoc. in addition to DE Nat'l Guard, ContactLifeline, Meadow Wood Behavioral Health System and the Rockford Ctr., as well as the agencies which are the main sponsors of the vent—Dept. of VA and DCVA.

PRESS RELEASE

Following the inaugural Delaware Gold Star Gala in 2013, Dr. Jill Biden sent a letter of congratulations thanking Vietnam Veterans Chapter 83 Gold Star Program for "...leading the charge in Delaware." Dr. Biden stated, "Your efforts to ensure that our Gold Star Families are recognized and honored for paying the ultimate sacrifice are truly commendable."

That **charge continues** by inviting the public to an evening of Honor and Remembrance of all Gold Star Families that reside in the First State. Advanced Tickets are \$42.00 per person and may be ordered by clicking the attached link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gold-star-gala-2015-tickets-16546373649>

or mail a check, including attendees' names, contact information and entrée selection (Chicken Chesapeake or Vegetable Wellington) to:

VVA Chapter 83
Gold Star Program
PO Box 8167
Wilmington, DE 19803

Questions, please contact Gold Star Representative: Judy C. Campbell at (302) 593-5991 or goldstargalade@gmail.com. Tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door.

3rd Annual Delaware Gold Star Gala

Keynote Speaker:
SFC (Ret) Michael Schlitz
Wounded Hero
U.S. Army Ranger
Gary Sinise Foundation Ambassador

Saturday, September 12, 2015
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Dover Downs Hotel & Casino
Diamond Ballroom
1131 N. DuPont Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Cocktail Hour (cash bar) and Hors d'oeuvres
Dinner and entertainment to follow

RSVP by Monday, August 24, 2015
Military uniform or civilian dress/suit, cocktail dress and
Military and Veterans club members are encouraged to wear their vests

Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83
<http://delawareva.com/>



DELAWARE 2015 VETERANS' STAND DOWN

Friday
25 September 2015
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

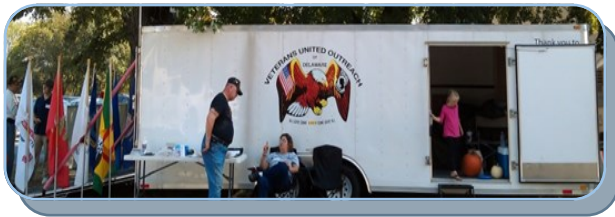
Transportation Provided at key pick up locations.

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

VETERANS UNITED OUTREACH OF DELAWARE



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-*



Calling All Disabled Veterans, Active Military and National Guard. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing offers free fly fishing classes to disabled Veterans and active duty military including fly tying, fly casting and fishing on local outings. You can put all you learn together and catch fish on the flies you tie. Centered in Northern Delaware at the Wilmington VA Medical Center we hold classes every 2nd Monday of the month in the Community Living Center at 6:30 PM. In Northern Delaware we will began meetings using conference space provided by the Cabela's Store at the Christina Mall if demand per-

mits. We are pleased and very grateful Cabela's has stepped forward to offer their conference space.

Project Healing Waters is a growing organization and is increasing its capacity to include more Veterans in its fly fishing programs. We expect to expand into South Jersey where more Veterans are transitioning as outpatients from the Coatesville and Philadelphia VAMC's to Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in the South Jersey area.

Project Healing Waters is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled Veterans, active duty personal and Guardsman through fly fishing. Fly fishing is an adaptive sport with therapeutic benefit that addresses physical injuries as well as the invisible injuries.

If you are a disabled Veteran, active duty military or National Guard and have an interest in fly fishing, please call me at 804 334-0031 or stop by one of our meetings and meet our experienced Volunteers.

(Submitted by George W. Person)

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.

**GOLD STAR ANNUAL GALA
*HOLD THE DATE***

Annual Delaware Gold Star Gala
Saturday, September 12, 2015: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Dover Downs Hotel and Casino

Open to the Public (tickets WILL NOT be sold at the door and must be purchased in advance)

Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83. Ticket information contact VVA Chapter 83 at

Email: vnamvet@comcast.net

Phone: (302) 738-8875 or (302) 593-5991

(Submitted by Judy C. Campbell)

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-Thursdays: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
Please call for an appointment: (302) 648-3068
 Georgetown Vet Center
 Fridays: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
 (302) 994-2511 Ext.2361



American Legion

Joseph T. Houghton, Dept. Service Officer:
 (302) 993-7256 Scheduled Post Visits:

JUL 24: Walter L Fox/Post #2
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

AUG 07: Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #2
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

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

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

SEP 18: Walter L Fox/ Post #2
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

SEP 25: Dagsboro Post/Post #24
 10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 732-3120

**Times/dates are subject to change.*

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

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 8:00-12:00 PM (*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*)
*Kent & Sussex evening appointments prescheduled
 by request only.*

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

*Mr. Johnson will make home visits upon request for Vets
 who do not have transportation to the VA.*

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

1st – 4th Thursday 8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL (302) 993-7260

1st Thursday 1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483 (302) 422-4412

2nd & 4th 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

NOTE: All persons interested in Outreach Services should first call our office so that some advance information may be obtained to accelerate the application process. Kent & Sussex County residents may call 1-302-993-7260. NOTE: persons desiring assistance at the Thursday-downstate locations should be at the Delaware DOL no later than 9:00 AM or at the afternoon locations by 2:00 PM. Membership in the VFW is NOT required for service.

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)

DE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

Bear Cemetery
2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 834-8046: Barbara A. Cooke (Administrator)

Millsboro Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 934-5653: Gregory A. Bee (Administrator)

DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

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

HOME OF THE BRAVE

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

Employment Services: DE Dept. of Labor

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

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Wilmington Regional Benefit Office

1601 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19805
(800) 827-1000 or (215)-842-2000

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

*The Wilmington Regional Office has been remotely managed by the Philadelphia Regional Office.

VA Medical Center (Healthcare)

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

Dover VA Outpatient Clinic

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

Georgetown VA Outpatient Clinic

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
Vicki Bryant: (302) 734-0319 x 14

VMC: Veterans Multi-Service Center
Sherri Johnson: (302) 304-5928

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

The Vet Center provides counseling services at no cost for following: Post Traumatic Stress/Other Disorders, Military Sexual Trauma, Marital/Family problems/Bereavement.

Retired Activities Office

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Nat’l Association of Black Veteran

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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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