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When was the last time you told your story! As a young Airman, I worked alongside Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Marsh who was very proud to have defended our nation during World War II. I knew this because his stories about basic training gave me a visual on his long training marches and on learning how to fire his weapon. The sergeant major explained how, with his airborne brethren, he jumped from airplanes to reach enemy destinations. His voice would pitch emotion as he recalled taking care of his troops and often said, "I would still serve today." His stories provided an insight on those who came before us and motivated me to better represent our armed forces. Through his words, I was able to span a bridge between our military past and future achievements. So have you told your story? Have you volunteered to speak at your local school to tell students how you swore to defend our country? Have you spoken to your grandchildren about basic training where you formed bonds that lasted throughout your career? Your stories, our stories, are needed to help our nation understand our veterans' plight. They are needed to help our youth understand that there are positive options awaiting them. You don't need to be a featured speaker standing behind a podium because a "face-to-face" conversation will do. Just let others know what you have done for our nation and they will thank you. So I ask, when do you plan on telling your story?



**Passing of
Commissioner
George T. Goss**

George T. Goss died Saturday, March 14, 2015, at Bay Health Medical Center Milford, Del. Mr. Goss was born in Plainfield, N.J. on May 6,

1930 the son of the late Harry and Grace Jacobus Goss. He attended school in Princeton and Bernardsville, N.J. He served in the US Army in the 90th Field Artillery 25th Division, during the Korean War, as a Forward Observer and was honorably discharged as a Corporal in 1953. In later years, he and his family visited Korea twice. Mr. Goss was very active in the Community and State serving in various Veteran Organizations. He served as Commander of the KWVA Chapter One, and the KWVA Department of Delaware. He was appointed Commissioner of Veteran Affairs, where he represented the Korean War Veterans for both Cemeteries built in the State of Delaware in Bear and Millsboro and played a critical role in the development and creation of the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford, Del. He was instrumental in the development of the Southern Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro, where he will be interred. Three Veteran monuments in Georgetown, Dover and Wilmington symbolize other contributions he helped with in promoting Veterans throughout the State of Delaware. He worked diligently to raise substantial amounts of funds for the KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund, in Lewes, Del. He received numerous awards and citations for his contributions to the US Veterans. He was instrumental in developing and starting the Home of the Brave Shelter for Men in Lincoln and the new facility for Veteran Women. Interment will be Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Millsboro, Delaware. In lieu of flowers the family request donation to the KWVA Wounded Warrior Fund, P.O. BOX 51, Lewes, DE 19958. —See more at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/newszapde/obituary.aspx?n=george-t-goss&pid=174416328&fhid=6869&eid=sp_shareobit#sthash.6DeMu141.dpuf

Words from the Chairman:

"It is with great sadness that we learned of and mourn the recent passing of fellow Commissioner George T. Goss, who superbly represented the Korean War Veterans of America in numerous capacities, and served with distinction on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. He was a tireless champion of veterans issues and programs throughout the State of Delaware for many years and played critical roles in the development and creation of: the Delaware Veterans Home in Milford; the Southern Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro (where he will be interred); the Home of the Brave Shelter for Male Veterans in Lincoln; and more recently the Home of the Brave II in Milford for Female Veterans and their children. His ready smile and sharp wit will be sorely missed by all who were privileged to know, work, and share time with George. May he rest in peace."

-Dr. Ron Sarg

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

On Monday, May 25, 2015, 11:00 am, the Commission of Veterans Affairs and Military Officers Association of America will conduct a Memorial Day Service at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The service will be held on the Parade Field of the Cemetery grounds at 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, Delaware. For further information, please call (302) 834-8046.



On Saturday, May 30, 2015, 10:30 am, the Commission of Veterans Affairs and AMVETS Department of Delaware will conduct a Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial Plaza, Delaware Memorial Bridge, New Castle, Delaware. For further information, please call (800) 344-9900 (in state only) or (302) 739-2792.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DELAWARE

★ **MILLSBORO VETERANS CEMETERY** ★

**DEPT. OF STATE
EMPLOYEES OF THE 1ST QUARTER**



Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs Executive Director Lar-
ence Kirby, Dominick Whidby, Greg Bee, Sec. Bullock, Bob Vincent,
Wayne Carmean, and Frank Baker, who were chosen as the De-

**FOURTH ANNUAL
“OUR COMMUNITY SALUTES”
(OCS) EVENT**

On May 7, 2015 the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) and Wilmington University will conduct the Fourth Annual ‘Our Community Salutes’ (OCS) event to celebrate those Delaware high school seniors who have chosen to join the armed forces after graduation. OCS was founded in South Jersey in 2010 and has expanded to over 40 communities around the country. In 2012 AUSA approached Wilmington U. and both agreed to organize OCS in Delaware. Initially, the program was limited to student enlistees in New Castle County, but in 2013 it expanded to include seniors planning to enlist from all three Counties. Past speakers have included former Attorney General Beau Biden, and senior officer and enlisted personnel from the Delaware Army and Air National Guard, the United States Marine Corps and Dover Air Force Base. This year the enlistees will be addressed by Major General Glenn Lesniak, Deputy Chief of the U.S. Army Reserve. By Gary W. Dawson.

**“NEWARK’S 80” ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY
CEREMONIES AND PARADE**

Newark Annual Armed Forces Day Ceremonies and Parade will be held on Sunday, May 17, 2015. The events of the day begin at 1 p.m. on the Green of the University of Delaware. A memorial ceremony will take place in front of the State Memorial at Memorial Hall. Following the ceremony on the Green, participants will proceed to march down Main Street from South College Avenue to Chapel Street, where the parade will be ending.

**FLAGS FOR HEROES 2015
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

Remembering those who served.

Honoring those who serve.

All gave some. Some gave all.



www.georgetownmillsbororotaryclub.org/flags_for_heroes

The Flags for Heroes project enable our heroes, past and present, to be remembered and celebrated in a significant manner. Our project is modeled on the successful event sponsored by the Lewes-Rehoboth Rotary Club at Cape Henlopen High School.

The cost of sponsoring a flag to honor your hero is just \$50. Flags will be proudly displayed on Memorial Day Weekend 2015 around the Circle in Georgetown, along Rt. 404 at Delaware Technical Community College, across from the Millsboro Post Office and at the town's East entrance. Over 500 flags were displayed in three locations in 2014.

Approximately 500 flags will be displayed the week before and the week after Memorial Day in three locations.

 **FLAG DAY CEREMONY AT MILLSBORO CEMETERY** 

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and the Military Order of the World Wars will be hosting the Flag Day Service scheduled for Friday, June 13, 2015, beginning at 10:00 A.M. The service will be held at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro, Delaware.

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION OF THE VIETNAM WAR

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7234 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1105 invite you to join us for the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Noon at VFW Post 7234-29265 Marshy Hope Way, Ocean City View, Delaware 19970.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Vietnam Veterans of America Delaware organizations will be hosting a “50th Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War” Ceremony to thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war (POW), or listed as missing in action (MIA), for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans. We are Commemorative Partners recognized by the Department of Defense to conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. Please join us on Saturday, May 9 at 12 Noon for a Ceremony followed by a Picnic at VFW Post 7234 in Ocean View, Delaware. The Program will include Representatives from all Delaware Veteran Organizations, Presentations from National and State Officials, Recognition of Vietnam Veterans, and Volley with Taps. We will also have a Solemn Tribute for the 122 Soldiers from Delaware who died in the Vietnam War and those still Missing in Action. We will have each attendee sign a Commemorative Book which will be added with other items to our time capsule which will be opened at the 100th anniversary in 50 years. Please bring any items that you would like to have added to our time capsule to honor those who served in Vietnam. We will also provide mementos

of the 50th Anniversary. We welcome all veterans of all eras to join us in comradeship, we welcome all spouses, children, family members and friends whose loved one served this Country, and we welcome the Local Community to attend and share with us a “Thank You for our Freedoms”. For more information please visit our website www.vfw7234.com/50thAnniversary or email us at vfwpost7234@vfw7234.com or call the Post 302-539-9981.

“WALL THAT HEALS” COMING TO DOVER THIS SUMMER

Kent County is planning to host a very special guest this summer, The Wall That Heals (TWTH), a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Bringing TWTH, also known as the Moving Wall, to Dover was -byproduct of a year-long collaborative effort between the Kent County Chapter 850 of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

“This is a perfect opportunity for our veterans of all conflicts to join together,” said Lawrence Kirby, executive director of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs on Tuesday evening. TWTH will be erected at Memorial Park on South Little Creek Road in Dover on June 30 and will be open to the public from July 1 through July 5.

Although the Moving Wall is only a half- sized replica, it isn’t small. TWTH is approximately 250 feet long and 5.5-feet tall, making it too large to fit on Memorial Park’s property. The coordinators from Chapter 850 and the Commission of Veterans Affairs asked Levy Court Tuesday night for permission to place TWTH on county property adjacent to the Park.

“Much to our surprise, we went out and saw the space isn’t big enough for the wall,” Chapter 850 Vice President Paul Davis said. “But it will work if put it adjacent to our memorial, which is county property.” Levy Court Commissioners informally approved the request and urged the coordinators to continue with the planning process. (Cont.)

Plans are in the works for various activities during the wall's stay, such as an opening ceremony and a reading of names etched on the wall. The logistics of the reading are underway seeing that there are 55,202 men's and women's names on display, but the coordinators suggested that volunteers could sign up to read names for 30 minutes and at the very least, the names of those who lost their lives hailing from Delaware will be read. According to records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 122 Delawareans lost their lives in the Vietnam War and 29 of those individuals were from Kent County.

"We will have the display open 24 hours a day for the period it is here, so those who need some private time for reflection will have a chance to do so," Mr. Davis said. In addition to reflecting at TWTH, the display will also include an Education Center. The 53-foot trailer that carries the wall transforms into a mobile museum once TWTH is unloaded and features informational displays including photos of service members whose names are found on The Wall, along with letters and memorabilia. Also, in the display is a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the conflict.

The wall was last displayed in Dover in 1998 on Legislative Mall. Since TWTH first went on the road in 1996, it has made more than 400 stops across the nation. More information about The Wall That Heals can be found at: www.vvmf.org/twth. Staff writer Ashton Brown can be reached at abrown@newszap.com or 741-8272. Follow@AshtonReports on Twitter.

**FREEDOM 5K RUN/WALK & ROLL
BENEFITING THE DELAWARE
VETERANS TRUST FUND**

The FREEDOM 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2015, 9:00 AM, at the Kent County Memorial Park (near Kent County Administration building & Blue Hen Mall (rain or shine). Registration fee is \$20 until June 27th and \$25 after and on event day. Registration starts at 8:00 AM.



Please make checks payable and mail to: *Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, 2772 Hazlettville Rd, Dover, DE 19904.* You may also register online at TriSportsEvents.com. All participants will receive a quality "Freedom 5K" tee shirt. Post-race festivities include free food and beverage. All proceeds will benefit the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund that provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis. Can't make the race but would still like to support this event? Register as a Silent Hero! For a registration or sponsorship form – please see attachments. For additional information, please contact the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs office at (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900.

DELAWARE GOES TO WAR

On April 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cape Henlopen State Park will host the 11th annual Delaware Goes to War, Fort Miles living history event. At this event 100 volunteer living historians will bring World War II to life. Living historians representing the 261st Coastal Artillery, who served at Fort Miles, and German infantry and kriegsmarine will be displaying uniforms and vehicles from the World War II era. There will be live music playing tunes from the 1930s and 40s, guest speakers talking about Delaware's military heritage, kid's games, artillery and small arms demonstrations and tours of Battery 519 for a special price of \$3 per person. The highlight of the show is the recreation of the surrender ceremonies of U-858, which surrendered to Fort Miles in 1945.

If you would like more information, please call the Cape Henlopen Nature Center at 302-645-6852. We hope to see you at this great event honoring Delaware's military heritage!

A SALUTE TO VETERANS

There will be “A Salute to Veterans” on Thursday, July 9 at 3:30 pm. We invite veterans and their families to enjoy a picnic, Color Guard presentation and a concert. The US Naval Academy Electric Brigade will play rock and roll music starting at 6:30 pm. Co-sponsored by Delaware Commission of Veteran’s Affairs and Bellevue State Park. Meet at Pavilion 3. Bring your own chairs or blankets for seating at the concert. Park entrance fees in effect \$4 for Delaware vehicles, \$8 out of state. Call 302-761-6963 for information or to register. Submitted by Claire Mickletz, Programs Manager Bellevue State Park.

DCVA HOSTS VETERANS HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT

On January 22, 2015, the DCVA hosted a Veterans Homelessness Summit at Delaware Technical and Community College, Terry Campus, Dover. In support of the Dover Mayor’s Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2015, more than 100 concerned citizens from across the state came together to hear presentations by representatives of the VA, HUD, Delaware State Housing Authority, local homeless veterans service providers and formerly homeless veterans.



These presentations provided a description of the problem of veteran homelessness in Delaware, the programs and services available to assist homeless veterans, and the plans being created to end veteran homelessness in Dover by the end of 2015. These plans include conducting a Rapid Results Boot Camp to create and train a team of designated representatives from federal, state and local government agencies, private service providers, business associations, and private citizens.

This team will focus upon identifying homeless veterans and providing individualized assistance to meet their immediate housing needs and to ensure they receive the help they need to prevent homelessness in the future. Following the summit attendees enthusiastically volunteered their time and talents in support of the goals of the Mayor’s Challenge.

WASHINGTON DC VISIT



Director Kirby met with Delaware’s Senators and Representative to address veteran concerns and issues.

SENATOR CARPER’S ANNUAL VETERANS LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Dr. Ron Sarg, Chairman of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs; Robert MacDonald, U.S. Secretary of the Veterans Administration; and Dave Skocik, President, Delaware Veterans



Coalition, at the March 2, annual Veterans Summit at the VA Regional Medical Center in Elsmere, Del. Created by U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, the summit included U.S. Sen. Chris Coons and Congressman John Carney. (Cont.)

Attended by veteran leaders from across the state, the meeting provided an opportunity to discuss steps being taken by the VA, both at the national and regional level, to improve services and response times for veteran medical care and other services. In addition to Secretary McDonald, Hospital Administrator Robin Aube-Warren and other hospital officials addressed the group. The summit included a Q&A session for participants to provide feedback from their organizations.

**VETERANS WATCHMAKING SCHOOL
COMING IN MIDDLETOWN, DE**

Time is on their 'site.' Richard and Geri Money pose with Sam and Pauline Cannan at the site of the coming Veterans Watchmaking School in Middletown, Del. A dedication of the 4-acre site, donated by the Moneys, was held on Thursday, March 20. More than 25 invitees attended, including representatives of veterans' organizations, the Delaware National Guard, school committee volunteers and disabled veterans. They cheered the project and Sam Cannan, who has promoted the school for nearly three years.



The Middletown town council unanimously approved the project as the first item on its agenda at a March 9 meeting. That step marked "the end of the beginning," according to Mr. Cannan who scouted the east coast and beyond for a suitable location for the unique school. The next step will be raising the money to build the 25,000 sq. ft. school dedicated to service-connected disabled veterans. The school will not only train disabled veterans into a lucrative profession, but will also house and feed them during their training -- at no cost to them during their 14-month course.

A shorter, six-week program will train watch technicians. The school will be supported by grants and donations, according to Mr. Cannan, an Army veteran and once disabled retired Baltimore police officer who became a Swiss-trained master watch maker. Click on www.veteranswatchmakerinitiative.org for more information. (Submitted by Dave Skocik, President, Delaware Veterans Coalition, March 20, 2015)

**GOLD STAR "TEA FOR TWO"
IN HISTORIC DOVER**



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program hosted a Victorian Tea on 14 FEB 2015 where Gold Star Mothers, Gold Star Wives and Gold Star Siblings enjoyed a lovely afternoon.

The Gold Star Ladies had the opportunity to pay honor and remembrance to their loved one and discuss something heavy on their hearts.

They conveyed that when they attend various events, especially those that honor Gold Star Families that organizations continue to pay recognition to our veterans in attendance, those who have served, our POW/MIA's, but ALSO our Gold Star Families who have given our nation, the ultimate, their loved one. Gold Star Families do not ask this for personal attention, that is NOT why they wear their Gold Star or Next of Kin Lapel Pin; they ask this so their loved one is NEVER forgotten.

During this get-together, two ladies openly expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard, MG Frank Vavala who has set the example on how to do this. At the Delaware National Guard (DENG) Holiday Concert he had all Gold Star Families stand briefly to be recognized. From the bottom of our heart we thank him.



The Gold Star Families discussed their concern this is not being done by others and how little representation from the various veterans' organizations, throughout the State, attended the Gold Star Gala hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83. We ask ourselves, 'is it because you think it will make us or others feel sad?', but in retrospect what is sad is if these heroes who gave the last full measure are forgotten. If you did not attend the last Gala you missed the Delaware event of the year! Yes, we had appropriate Honor and Remembrance of our loved one, but we also enjoyed a delicious meal, beautiful music, incredible guest speaker and amazing entertainment, but most importantly everyone in attendance went home with a smile on their face and are still talking about that extraordinary evening.

Please, when you hear of Gold Star Events come out to support the Gold Star Families and when you hold meetings or events ask, "If there are any Gold Star Families in attendance, and please stand so you may be recognized." If you know none to be in attendance, simply say, "We pause for a moment to remember our fallen and their families, our Gold Star Families."

We are The First State let us continue to lead the way on how we honor the Gold Star Families that reside in Delaware. Thank you. (Respectfully submitted by Judy C. Campbell, VVA Chapter 83)

THE LEGION OF VALOR: *A brief history*

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty...." With words similar to these and a bit of ribbon and metal, the nation honors those in its armed forces who engaged with the enemy, overcame personal danger, and accomplished their mission. The awarding of medals to our national heroes dates back to the Revolutionary War when George Washington recommended decorations be given to John Paulding, David Williams and Jacob Van Wert, captors of the British Spy Major Andre. In 1782 in Newburg, N.Y., George Washington had created the Purple Heart as a decoration for "singular meritorious action." Three men received the award in 1783. Congress authorized the first Medal of Honor in 1861.

In World War I, the President was authorized to present the Distinguished Service Cross to any person "who distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy." In 1919, a similar decoration was conceived for the Navy, known as the Navy Cross. The Air Force Cross was authorized by Congress in 1960. The wearing of one of the above medals has grown in prestige since many of the recipients are awarded the medal posthumously. There are less than one hundred sixty two Medal of Honor recipients, nine hundred four Distinguished Service Cross, two hundred six Navy Cross and one hundred twenty seven Air Force Cross recipients living as of August 12, 1998. The Legion of Valor was organized on April 23, 1890, in Washington D.C. by a group of Civil War and Indian Campaign veterans who had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. In 1918, recipients of the Distinguished Service Cross were declared eligible for membership. In 1933, Navy Cross recipients were admitted to the organization and Air Force Cross recipients in 1962. The Legion has met in an annual convention since 1890. The 125th Convention will be held in Pittsburgh, PA on May 27-30, 2015. We will include in the program, as in all past conventions, the hushed moment when the members stand uncovered in respectful silence to commemorate the deeds of those members who passed away during the preceding year. (Cont.)

The Legion of Valor is perhaps the most unique organization in the United States of America. Membership is not achieved by birth, social position, wealth, or academic achievement. Eligibility is confined to recipients of our nation's two highest decorations for valor. The official presentation of these medals to individuals of the United States Armed Forces determines who its members shall be. Our fundamental purpose is to cultivate in the minds of our youth the attitude that extra effort to our country is a tradition to be continued.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting website: legionofvalor.org or by contacting the National Adjutant: Col Phil Conran, AFC, 805-692-2244 or 4704 Calle Reina, Santa Barbara, CA 93110 or Judy C. Campbell at 302-593-5991. (Submitted by Judy C. Campbell)

DONATION TO GOOD SHEPARD FUND



Marc Garduno, Post Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3238, Camden, DE visited the 436 AW First Sergeant's Council Meeting on March 5, 2015 to present a donation of \$1,500 towards the Good Sheppard Fund. The GSF exists as a relief fund to assist local Airmen in time of financial need or crisis. The recent period of extreme cold weather put an unusually high burden on the fund as a result of broken heaters and frozen water pipes in various Airmen family dwellings. MSgt Marshall Bissette accepted the check on behalf of the Council, he thanked VFW Post 3238 and was quoted as stating "(This donation) will go a long way in helping the Airmen of Dover AFB." (Submitted by Marc Garduno)

KOREAN WAR VETS PRESENT AWARD TO AQUACARE PHYSICAL THERAPY



The Korean War Veterans and the Korean Service Veterans Association (KWVA) recently hosted a presentation by Aquacare clinical personnel to their membership at the American Legion Post 28. Demonstrations were made on the proper ways to walk, rise from a chair and what to do after falling. Also, good wintertime exercises and strengthening procedures were shown. Payment for therapy through Medicare and other insurance policies was discussed.

Pictured receiving a KWVA Medallion from President Jack McGinley is Rachel Gray from Aquacare, and Molly Sullivan, a Doctor of Physical Therapy and Clinical Director of the Aquacare facility located on John J. Williams Hwy.in Millsboro.

WWII VETERAN OF D-DAY AND THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE HONORED

Bob Wingate of New Castle, Delaware, presents a citation honoring 96-year-old WWII veteran Frank Lee of Chesapeake City, Maryland, on November 23. The surprise presentation, signed by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Michael C. Wehr, lauded Mr. Lee's service in the 51st Engineer Combat Battalion on D-Day plus12. Later, during the storied Battle of The Bulge in December 1944 to January 1945, his unit was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, 307th Combat Engineers (ABN) . (Cont. next page)



The citation, which included a Commander's Coin for Excellence, noted that Mr. Lee's unit's techniques are still studied as examples of engineering versatility, readiness, and willingness to accept any challenge. The surprise presentation was made at a holiday gathering at the home of Al and Cheryl Klerlein of Chesapeake City, Maryland. *(Photo by Dave Skocik)*

**KENT COUNTY CHAPTER 850 VVA
ELECTS OFFICERS**



At its February meeting, Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, conducted bi-annual elections. Elected were, from left, Peter Senft, board member; James Schilling, board member; Joseph Startt Jr., president; Paul Davis, vice president; Raymond Harris, treasurer; and Donald Coffman, secretary. Chapter 850, with 198 regular members and 39 associate members, is active in the community, particularly Kent County. The chapter is involved in veteran outreach, community projects, scholarships, in addition to other activities. Anyone who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for more than 180 days of active duty between Feb. 28, 1961

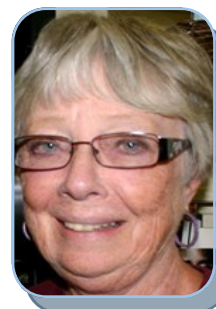
for more than 180 days of active duty between Feb. 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 in the Republic of Vietnam is eligible for VVA membership. VVA associate members include families, friends, and supporters of Vietnam veterans, from before and after the Vietnam era. Click on www.DelawareVVA.com for more information or call 697-8384 or email pauldavis5233@comcast.net. *(Submitted by Dave Skocik)*

Women's History Celebration



*Former Secretary of State Windsor,
Director Kirby and Former Governor Minner*

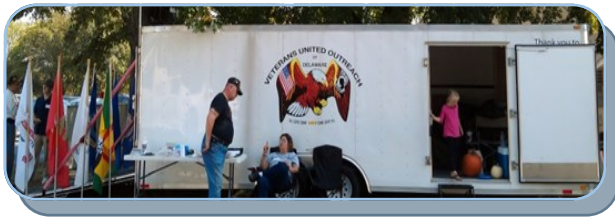
On Saturday, March 14, 2015, Executive Director Kirby had the privilege to attend the *Minner-Windsor Women's History Celebration: Salutes Women in the Armed Forces and The Home of the Brave* held in Georgetown, DE. The featured speaker for the night was USAF Veteran Toni Bergfelder. Toni started her military career as a Personnel Specialist at McGuire AFB, NJ from 1964-1966. She was reassigned to Capitol Hill to the USAF Liaison Office until 1968. Toni is currently a board member for the Home of the Brave I & II in Milford, DE.



Toni Bergfelder, on behalf of the Commission of Veterans Affairs,

"Thank you for your service, ma'am!"

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

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 – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
DCVA Office: F - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Please call for appointment: (302) 365-8231

Kent County: Mr. Charles Murrell
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:

APR 03: Oak Orchard/Riverdale/ Post #28
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

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

MAY 01: Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #2
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

MAY 08: Walter L Fox/ Post #2
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

JUN 05: Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

JUN 26: Walter L Fox/ Post #2
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

JUN 19: 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

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

20653 DuPont Hwy
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

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: (302) 998-5194
3920 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19808



- Ronald Sarg (Chairman).....MOAA
- William C. Farley (Vice Chairman).....MCL
- Charles T. Armbruster.....American Legion
- Cornelius “Bill” Carroll..... MOPH
- Robert P. Corsa.....VVA
- Paul Lardizzone DAV
- John Hampton..... At Large
- William “Bill” McMullen.....AFSA
- Mark Newman.....VFW
- Barry Newstadt.....JWV
- Earl E. Seppala.....MOWW
- Angela F. Showell..... At Large
- MyRon W. Smith.....DELVETS
- Albert W. Weir.....AMVETS

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC:

Air Force Sergeants Association

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

American Legion

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

AMVETS

Albert Weir..... (302) 629-4141

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

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

Delaware Veterans Coalition

Dave Skocik..... (302) 736-8500

E-mail: delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com

Disabled American Veterans

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

Fleet Reserve Association

James M. Jackson..... (302) 834-1719

Gold Star Mothers – Delaware Chapter

Judith Faunce..... (302) 475-8272

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Eugene “Chip” Rosan..... (302) 678-8077

Jewish War Veterans

Len Markovitz..... (302) 234-4785

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 Veteran

Nolan S. Lewis..... (302) 345-6911

The Reserve Officers Association

LTC Richard Chappell (Ret)..... (302) 234-1418

E-mail: rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net

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



VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND



THE WALL THAT HEALS

The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum



- Date:** July 2-5, 2015
- Time:** Open to the public 24 hours a day
- Location:** Kent County Memorial Park, Dover

Site Hosted By

DE Commission of Veterans Affairs & Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 850

The Wall That Heals National Sponsors



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 _____



Freedom

5K Run/Walk & Roll

Benefits the Veterans Trust Fund

Saturday, July 4, 2015

Kent County Memorial Park, Dover

(Located off Little Creek Rd – near the Kent County Admin building - 555 Bay Rd)

Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship includes your Company or Organization listed on the Freedom 5K t-shirt.

Company/Organization Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

_____ **Gold Level Sponsor (\$500)** - Includes 3 free registrations

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_____ **Bronze Level Sponsor (\$100)** - Includes 1 free registration

SPONSORSHIP Application must be received by June 8, 2015.

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please make checks payable to: Veterans Trust Fund and mail to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904.

Thank you for your support!



16th Annual

Freedom

5K Run/Walk & Roll

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The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial - The Wall That Heals will be on display!

- When:** Saturday, July 4, 2015, 9 a.m., Rain or Shine. Healthy Kids Run (kids 8 & under) starts at 8:55 a.m.
- Where:** Kent County Memorial Park - next to Kent County Administration, 555 Bay Road, Dover, DE
- Course:** 5K run/walk is on a very flat and fast course. This a wheel chair friendly course.
- Registration:** \$20 until June 27, \$25 after and on event day. Registration starts 8 a.m.. Kiddie K race is FREE!. Make checks payable and mail to Veterans Trust Fund, 2772 Hazletville Rd, Dover, DE 19904. Contact Ray at 302-674-3213 or email: Races4u@TriSportEvents.Com. Register online at TriSportsEvents.Com.
- Silent Hero:** Can't make the race but would still like to support this event? Register as a Silent Hero!
- Awards:** Unique awards for overall male, female and master's winners and top 3 male & female runners in 10 year age groups starting with 14 & under, thru 70 & over. 5K walk awards for top 5 male & female finishers. AWARDS to most patriotic male & female participants. Ribbons to all Kiddie K finishers. Roll (wheel chair) awards will be presented to the top 3 male/female finishers.
- Amenities:** Quality "Freedom 5K" tee shirts to all participants and volunteers. Post race festivities includes free food and beverage. [Results/photos posted at TriSportsEvents.Com](http://TriSportsEvents.Com)
- Benefits:** The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis.

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-----ENTRY FORM-----

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the Freedom 5K & Kiddie K Run/Walk & Roll, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the TriSports Events Management, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, the City of Dover, The State of Delaware and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. By signing this waiver and release I certify that I fully understand its significance.

Age Day of Race _____ Sex: M F T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
 (Street or P.O. Box) City State Zip

Phone: () _____ Circle One: 5K Run 5K Walk Silent Hero 5K Roll

Signature: _____

(All participants must sign waiver - parent or guardian signature required if entrant is under 18)

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April 17th

5-8pm

April 18th

12-5pm

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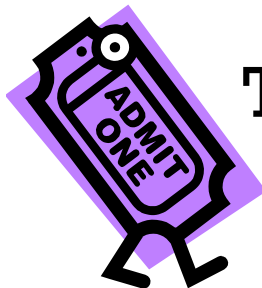
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Thursday

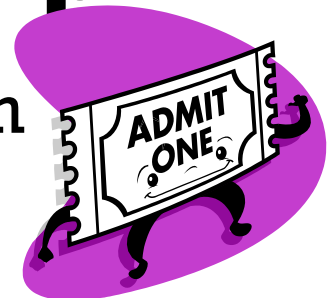
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Tickets - \$10.00 each

Deadline: May 1, 2015



For additional information

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Fax (302) 697-9041

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