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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

My Fellow Veterans,

We Commissioners, our Executive Director and Central Office staff and the staffs of both our Northern and Southern Cemeteries hope that you all enjoyed the year-end holidays and again wish all of you a prosperous and Happy New Year. I know that all of us are thankful that our young people are no longer in Iraq. May the conflict in Afghanistan soon end and our military return home and out of harm's way. Thank you all for your continued support of our comrades-in-arms during the past years. Our servicemen/servicewomen have been performing in an outstanding manner for all of us here in Delaware and in the rest of our great country. The enthusiasm displayed at the Delaware Memorial Bridge in November for Veterans Day 2011 was tremendous and the turnout was, in my opinion, the best ever. In closing, I would like to encourage everyone to visit us during the Commission meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 10:00 AM. And, if you have any problems regarding veterans' issues or concerns, please don't hesitate to visit the Commission Central Office during normal business hours to see if we can assist you in resolving them.

Sincerely,  
James L. Thompson  
Chairman

## THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

*“Maybe one reason for our adversaries having confidence is that they are watching our TV programs and figure all Americans have tired blood, indigestion, bad breath and a nagging headache.”*

### **VA ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO EMERGENCY CARE PAYMENT POLICY**

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced a change in regulations regarding payments for emergency care provided to eligible Veterans in non-VA facilities. “This provision helps ensure eligible Veterans continue to get the emergency care they need when VA facilities are not available,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. The new regulation extends VA’s authority to pay for emergency care provided to eligible Veterans at non-VA facilities until the Veterans can be safely transferred to a VA medical facility. More than 100,000 Veterans are estimated to be affected by the new rules, at a cost of about \$44 million annually. VA operates 121 emergency departments across the country, which provide resuscitative therapy and stabilization in life-threatening situations. They operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. VA also has 46 urgent care units, which provide care for patients without scheduled appointments who need immediate medical or psychiatric attention. For more information about emergency care in non-VA facilities, visit [www.nonvacare.va.gov](http://www.nonvacare.va.gov). (*VA News Release, January 12, 2012*)

### **VA DEPLOYING**

#### **20 NEW MOBILE VET CENTERS**

##### *Additions to Fleet Will Expand Veterans’ Access to VA Services Across U.S.*

The Department of Veterans Affairs deployed 20 additional Mobile Vet Centers from the production facility of Farber Specialty Vehicles to increase access to readjustment counseling services for Veterans and their families in rural and underserved communities across the country. “Mobile Vet Centers allow VA to bring the many services our Vet Centers offer Veterans to all communities, wherever they are needed,” said VA Under Secretary for Health Robert A. Petzel. “VA is committed to expanding access to VA health care and benefits for Veterans and their families, and these 20 new vehicles demonstrate that continued

commitment.” In an event attended by Petzel, U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown of Ohio, representatives of the Ohio congressional delegation, and Veterans service organizations, VA launched the 20 new vehicles to their destinations ranging across the continental United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. These customized vehicles—which are equipped with confidential counseling space and a state of the art communication package—travel to communities to extend VA’s reach to Veterans, Servicemembers and their families, especially those living in rural or remote communities. The vehicles also serve as part of the VA emergency response program. The 20 new, American-made vehicles will expand the existing fleet of 50 Mobile Vet Centers already in service providing outreach and counseling services. The 50 Mobile Vet Centers were also manufactured by Farber Specialty Vehicles. In fiscal year 2011, Mobile Vet Centers participated in more than 3,600 federal, state and locally sponsored Veteran-related events. The VA contract for the 20 Mobile Vet Centers totals \$3.1 million. During the announcement event, Petzel also announced that Farber Specialty Vehicles recently won a competitive bid to produce 230 emergency shuttle vehicles for VA over the next five years. The shuttles will provide routine transportation for Veteran patients in and around various metro areas during normal operations, but convert to mobile clinics that will facilitate the evacuation of patients and their care teams during disasters and emergencies. The VA contract for the 230 emergency shuttles totals \$53.5 million. VA has 300 Vet Centers serving communities across the country, offering individual and group counseling for Veterans and their families, family counseling for military related issues, bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death, military sexual trauma counseling and referral, outreach and education, substance abuse assessment and referral, employment assessment and referral, VA benefits explanation and referral, and screening and referral for medical issues including traumatic brain injury and depression. More than 190,000

Veterans and families made over 1.3 million visits to VA Vet Centers in fiscal year 2011. To find out more about Vet Center services or find a Vet Center in your area, go to [www.vetcenter.va.gov](http://www.vetcenter.va.gov). The 20 new mobile Vet Centers will be based at: Birmingham, Ala., San Diego, Calif., Atlanta, Ga., Western Oahu, Hawaii, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Evanston, Ill., Indianapolis, Ind., Baltimore, Md., Pontiac, Mich., Kansas City, Mo., Jackson, Miss., Greensboro, N.C., Lakewood, N.J., Reno, Nev., Stark County, Ohio, Lawton, Okla., Ponce, Puerto Rico, Nashville, Tenn., Washington County, Utah, Green Bay, Wis. (*VA News Release, January 04, 2012*)

### **U.S. RULES LIBERALIZED FOR VETERANS WITH UNDIAGNOSED ILLNESSES**

#### ***Application Window Extended for Five Years***

Veterans of the Persian Gulf War with undiagnosed illnesses have an additional five years to qualify for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. "Not all the wounds of war are fully understood," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "When there is uncertainty about the connection between a medical problem and military service, Veterans are entitled to the benefit of the doubt." A recent change in VA regulations affects Veterans of the conflict in Southwest Asia. Many have attributed a range of undiagnosed or poorly understood medical problems to their military services. Chemical weapons, environmental hazards and vaccinations are among the possible causes. At issue is the eligibility of Veterans to claim VA disability compensation based upon those undiagnosed illnesses, and the ability of survivors to qualify for VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Under long-standing VA rules, any undiagnosed illnesses used to establish eligibility for VA benefits must become apparent by Dec. 31, 2011. The new change pushes the date back to Dec. 31, 2016. Veterans or survivors who believe they qualify for these benefits should contact VA at 1-800-827-1000. Further information about undiagnosed illnesses is available online at [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar) and

[www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/oefoif/index.asp)  
p (*VA News Release, December 29, 2011*)

### **NEW LAW CHANGE INCREASES INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR VETERANS**

Some Veterans covered under the Veterans Group Life Insurance program (VGLI) now have the opportunity to increase their coverage to the current maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program. "Currently, 70 percent of the Veterans covered under VGLI are under age 60, have less than \$400,000 of coverage, and will greatly benefit from this law change," said Allison A. Hickey, Department of Veterans Affairs under secretary for benefits. Under the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010, enacted on Oct. 13, 2010, Veterans can increase their coverage by \$25,000 at each five-year anniversary date of their policy to the current legislated maximum SGLI coverage, presently, \$400,000. To date, approximately 21 percent of eligible Veterans have taken advantage of this opportunity, resulting in nearly \$113 million of new coverage being issued. The VGLI program allows newly discharged Veterans to convert their SGLI coverage they had while in the service to a civilian program. Before enactment of this law, Veterans could not have more VGLI than the amount of SGLI they had at the time of separation from service. For example, those who got out of the service prior to Sept. 1, 2005, when the maximum SGLI coverage was \$250,000, were limited to \$250,000 in VGLI coverage. Now on their first five-year anniversary, these Veterans can elect to increase their coverage to \$275,000. On their next five-year anniversary, they can increase the coverage to \$300,000, and so forth. The additional coverage can be issued regardless of the Veteran's health. To be eligible to purchase this additional coverage, the Veteran must:

- Have active VGLI coverage,
- Have less than the current legislated maximum coverage of \$400,000,
- Request the additional coverage during the 120-day period prior to each five-year anniversary date, and
- Be less than 60 years of age on the five-year anniversary date of his or her coverage.

Eligible Veterans are notified of this opportunity a week before the start of the 120-day period prior to their anniversary date, and twice more before the actual anniversary date. For more information about VA's Insurance Program or other VA benefits, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) or call 1-800-827-1000. Veterans are also encouraged to visit VA's web portal [eBenefits - Insurance](#). (*VA News Release, January 10, 2012*)

### **VA VMLI PROGRAM**

The Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance (VMLI) program provides mortgage life insurance to severely disabled veterans and service members. It is designed to pay off home mortgages of disabled veterans and service members in the event of their death. Only veterans and service members who have received a Specially Adapted Housing Grant from VA are eligible for VMLI. This is a grant to help a disabled veteran or service member build or modify a home to accommodate his or her disabilities. VMLI provides up to \$150,000 mortgage life insurance. VMLI is payable only to the mortgage holder (i.e., a bank or mortgage lender), not to a beneficiary. The amount of coverage will equal the amount of the mortgage still owed. Formerly the maximum could never exceed \$90,000. However, The VA recently announced that effective 1 OCT the maximum amount increased from \$90,000 to \$150,000, under the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2010. Maximum coverage will further increase from \$150,000 to \$200,000 after 1 JAN 2012. VA sent notification letters to eligible VMLI policyholders on 1 SEP to inform them of the increases. The letters included a form for policyholders to make their VMLI coverage selection. Veterans must apply for VMLI before their 70th birthday. VMLI is decreasing term insurance which reduces as the amount of the mortgage reduced. VMLI has no loan or cash values and pays no dividends. To determine premiums refer to the VMLI Premium Calculator at <https://insurance.va.gov/VMLICalc/VMLICalc.asp>. Veterans or service members who receive a grant for the purchase of Specially Adapted Housing are advised by Loan Guaranty personnel at their interview of their eligibility for life insurance to

cover the unpaid mortgage on their home. The Specially Adapted Housing Agent will help the veteran or service member complete VA Form 29-8636, Application for Veterans' Mortgage Life Insurance. If a veteran or service member does not apply for VMLI coverage at that time, VA will send a letter informing them that they are eligible for such coverage. In addition to completing VA Form 29-8636, the veteran or service member must provide information about their current mortgage. The VA Form 29-8636 can be completed on line and downloaded at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/gli/forms/298636.htm>. (<http://www.insurance.va.gov/gli/buying/VMLI.htm>, November 2011)

### **PROJECT DELAWARE 2012** *Korea and Vietnam*

There are close to 10,000 Korea and over 25,000 Vietnam veterans residing in the state of Delaware. Recognizing that these veterans represent a valuable historical resource, Governor Jack Markell, in coordination with Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock and the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, announced the continuation of "Project Delaware", an oral history project that was started to memorialize the accounts and experiences of the World War II veterans and those serving on the home front of Delaware. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, "Project Delaware" announced two new oral history projects for Korean and Vietnam veterans. T. J. Healy II, along with Nenagh Films and Black Sheep Productions, will direct and produce these projects. When completed, "Voices of War – the series" will consist of two ninety minute documentaries detailing the role of Delaware during the Korea and Vietnam era as told through narratives, photographs, film clippings, and of course, the stories of the veterans and residents themselves. All interviews will be transcribed in full and made available to those interested in delving further into the unique history of Delaware's Korea and Vietnam veterans. In 2009 Project Delaware completed a four year World War II project "Voices of War" – WWII – Delaware that was the first in a the Voices of War Series. Voices of War WWII is truly an exceptional production, setting the bar for

how state oral histories will be completed in the future. When finished, the documentaries will be made available to every school and library within the State of Delaware. Through a collaborative effort with the Delaware Department of Education, Project Delaware will also provide teaching collateral, lesson plans, student activities, and an interactive website that can be used by our State's history teachers and will supplement the content found in the documentaries. These documentaries are scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2012. Questionnaires for Korean and Vietnam era veterans are available through the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs newsletter (pg. 12) and website <http://veteransaffairs.delaware.gov/>, on the Voices of War website <http://voicesofwar.com/> or by calling the Voices of War Production office at (302) 658-7294 ext 1.

### **VETERANS' SAFE DRIVING INITIATIVE**

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among veterans who have recently returned from deployment. Today, as we honor the men and women who have served in America's armed forces, it's a good time for all of us to familiarize ourselves with the Department's efforts to keep our military friends and family safe. What's behind the high rate of auto-related fatalities for veterans? Part of it may be an unfortunate fact of life: motor vehicle accidents are responsible for more deaths than any other cause among Americans 75 and younger. The rate is particularly high for people between 15 and 34 years old -- a demographic range that includes many returning armed forces personnel. So in some respects, it might seem that veterans aren't all that different from their non-military peers. However, the U.S. Veterans Administration has determined that veterans may have specific conditions that put them at increased risk for auto accidents. Research into the matter is ongoing, but two possible culprits are traumatic brain injuries from the battlefield and post-traumatic stress disorder. The former can impair driving ability, and the latter can affect driving habits. In fact, in 2009, an Army study

showed that the stressful conditions of driving in places like Iraq and Afghanistan have taken a toll on many military personnel. While deployed, 50% of all soldiers in the study said that they became anxious when other cars approached quickly. Approximately 23% had driven through stop signs, and even during normal driving, 20% said they remained anxious. The VA understands that transitioning from such high-pressure environments to non-combat conditions can be difficult, and the Agency believes that it may lead to erratic driving behavior. The Veterans Administration launched the "Veterans' Safe Driving Initiative" that same year. The project gives veterans the support they need to re-acclimate to non-combat roadway conditions. At each of its medical centers, the VA has established Safe Driving Coordinators who focus exclusively on honing driving skills for veterans. Refer to <http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=1> to find the a medical center in your area. The agency has also beefed up education for its medical staff about the dangers of high-dosage sleep medications -- medications on which many veterans rely, but which may also put them at greater risk for auto accidents. Additional information on this program is available at <http://www.safedriving.va.gov/>. (*The Car Connection, November 11, 2011*)

### **VA-HUD: HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS DECLINES 12% IN 2011**

*Obama Administration on Track to End Veteran Homelessness by 2015, Announces \$100 Million to Expand Homeless Prevention Program*

The Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development announced that a new national report shows that homelessness among Veterans has been reduced by nearly 12 percent between January 2010 and January 2011. The 12 percent decline keeps the Obama Administration on track to meet the goal of ending Veteran homelessness in 2015. "This new report is good news for the tens of thousands of Veterans we have helped find a home. Our progress in the fight against homelessness has been significant, but our work is not complete until no Veteran has to sleep on the street," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs

Eric K. Shinseki. "We have been successful in achieving this milestone due to strong leadership from the President and hard work by countless community organizations and our federal, state, and local partners who are committed to helping Veterans and their families get back on their feet." HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan added, "We're absolutely headed in the right direction as we work to end homelessness amongst those who have served our nation. This significant decline tells us that the Obama Administration is on the right path, working together across agencies to target Federal resources to produce a sharp and measureable reduction in Veteran homelessness. As we put forth in the first Federal plan to prevent and end homelessness, there's plenty of work ahead to reach our goal, but these numbers validate the work done by both HUD and VA to reach our nation's homeless Veterans and get them into permanent housing." According to the 2011 supplement to the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) released, 67,495 Veterans were homeless in the United States on a single night in January 2011 -- a significant reduction from last year's single night count of 76,329. Since 2009, working with over 4,000 community agencies, VA and HUD have successfully housed a total of 33,597 Veterans in permanent, supportive housing with dedicated case managers and access to high-quality VA health care. The complete 2011 Annual Homeless Assessment Report will be available in 2012. VA also announced it will make \$100 million in grants available to community agencies across the country to prevent nearly 42,000 Veterans and their families from falling into homelessness or to quickly return them to stable housing. The funds are offered for fiscal year 2012 through VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, a homelessness-prevention and rapid re-housing program. "The problems that lead to homelessness begin long before Veterans and their families are on the streets," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "By putting more resources into prevention services for those at risk of becoming homeless, we will continue to help more Veterans and their families turn their lives around." Last year, VA provided \$60 million through the SSVF

program to community providers, which will affect nearly 22,000 people through 85 non-profit community agencies in 40 states and the District of Columbia. The program provides community organizations with funding for counseling, training, education assistance, direct time-limited financial assistance, transportation, child care, rent, utilities, and other services aimed at preventing homelessness or providing homes for participating Veterans and family members. The available funds were announced in a message posted in the *Federal Register* and at VA's website, [www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp](http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp). Private non-profit organizations and consumer cooperatives interested in the grants have until February 15, 2012 to submit completed applications. In December 2011 and January 2012, VA will sponsor free workshops to review the grant application process. Community organizations interested in applying for funds under this program can use the website to find dates for workshops in Atlanta, Baltimore, Denver, San Francisco, and St. Louis. Community organizations seeking more information on the SSVF program can also contact VA at 1-877-737-0111 or at [SSVF@va.gov](mailto:SSVF@va.gov). (*VA Public Affairs, December 13, 2011*)

### **VA AUTOMOBILE GRANTS**

Financial assistance, in the form of a grant, is available to purchase a new or used automobile (or other conveyance) to accommodate a veteran or servicemember with certain disabilities that resulted from an injury or disease incurred or aggravated during active military service. The grant may also be paid, if disabilities are a result of medical treatment, examination, vocational rehabilitation, or compensated work therapy provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The grant is paid directly to the seller of the automobile for the total price (up to \$11,000) of the automobile. The veteran or servicemember may only receive the automobile grant once in his/her lifetime. A veteran or servicemember must have one of the following disabilities to qualify for the automobile grant:

- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both feet;
- Loss, or permanent loss of use, of one or both hands; or

- Permanent impairment of vision in both eyes to a certain degree.

Those qualified for the automobile grant, and veterans or servicemembers with ankylosis (immobility of the joint) of one or both knees or hips resulting from an injury or disease incurred or aggravated by active military service may also qualify for the adaptive equipment grant. Adaptive equipment includes, but is not limited to, power steering, power brakes, power windows, power seats, and special equipment necessary to assist the eligible person into and out of the vehicle. Contact should be made with your local VA medical center's Prosthetic Department prior to purchasing any equipment. The adaptive equipment grant may be paid more than once, and it may be paid to either the seller or the veteran. You can apply for the automobile and/or the special adaptive equipment grant by completing VA Form 21-4502, Application for Automobile or Other Conveyance and Adaptive Equipment and submitting it to your local VA regional office. The instructions on the VA Form 21-4502 contain a list of adaptive equipment that has been pre-approved for particular disabilities. After you complete and submit Section I of the application, VA will complete Section II and return the original to you. You are responsible for obtaining the invoice from the seller, updating Section III, and submitting the form to your local VA regional office for payment. If you are entitled to adaptive equipment only (i.e., service connected for ankylosis of knees or hips) you should complete VA Form 10-1394, Application for Adaptive Equipment - Motor Vehicle and submit it to your local VA medical center. Additionally, VA Form 10-1394 should be completed for approval of equipment not specified on the VA Form 21-4502. For More Information, Call Toll-Free 1-800-827-1000 or visit <http://www.va.gov>. (<http://www.vba.va.gov/VBA/benefits/factsheets/#B> M2, Dec 2011)

### HISTORY TIDBIT

Ninety (90) years ago, on the third anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, an unknown soldier who died while fighting in World War I was re-interred in a special tomb at Arlington National

Cemetery as America's Unknown Soldier on November 11, 1921. According to a newspaper at the time, America's unknown warrior was "the body of that boy whose very namelessness symbolized 50,000 others who had given their lives for America on the field of battle in the World War." The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was another custom that America borrowed from Europe. England first conceived honoring her nameless dead by interring one of them in Westminster Abbey. France followed suit by burying an unknown soldier under the Arc de Triomphe. General Pershing journeyed to France to select the unknown soldier from 4 American cemeteries in France in October 1921. America's Unknown Soldier began the journey back to his homeland on October 25, 1921 when his coffin left Havre, France and was first placed on board Admiral Dewey's historic flagship cruiser, *Olympia*, departing for Washington. Once in American waters, the soldier was accompanied by the battleship *North Dakota* and destroyer *Bernardou*, and arrived at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Salutes were fired from Fort Washington and Washington Barracks as the *Olympia* steamed past. As he was brought ashore, a 21-gun salute sounded and a military band played. His flag-draped coffin was then transported to the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol, where President Harding laid a wreath upon the coffin and the nation was allowed to pay tribute to him. On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1921, General Pershing, along with many U.S. and foreign dignitaries, and representatives from each branch of the military forces accompanied the coffin and horse-drawn caisson down the streets of Washington, across the Potomac River, to Arlington Cemetery where the soldier was placed in the tomb designed for him by Thomas Hudson Jones that has since become a national shrine.

### THE DRUM

*(Dedicated to my fellow shipmates,  
U.S.S. Newport News, 1972)*

*The sound of the drum in the distant land,  
was loud and clear to the nervous young man.*

*This was a sound with a ceaseless beat,*

*The kind of sound filled with heat.*

*The heat of Men's passions, the heat of their guns,*

*More heat than made by all the suns.  
 Those pounding drums in the distant land,  
 Sounded louder to the nervous young man.  
 "Why me," he wants to know,  
 "Tell me why I might have to go?"  
 The diplomats had met in conference that day,  
 And there was hope of peace to come some way.  
 The young man didn't know how diplomats can't  
 seem,  
 To hear the cry of a dying man's scream.  
 The pounding drum in the distant land,  
 Grew ever louder to the nervous young man.  
 Then one day on a ship of gray,  
 He sailed forth to go in harm's way.  
 With the cannons boom, came the muzzle's roar,  
 And enemies were, then were no more.  
 The pounding drum in the distant land,  
 Filled the ears of the nervous young man.  
 Then it happened one October morn,  
 Just as the brand new day was born.  
 With the muzzle's roar came a turret flash,  
 And shipmates lived and loved their last.  
 The bodies passed in solemn file,  
 And the young man wondered all the while.  
 Why the pounding drum of every land,  
 Had to play for any man?  
 His answer came in the desert sand,  
 Where freedom fighters took their stand.  
 From tyranny we must rid this world,  
 Let freedom's flag fly unfurled.  
 Then the pounding drum throughout the land,  
 will cease it's play for all of man.*

*Robert Jones  
 Wilmington, DE*

**VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS**

**Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs**

**(New Castle County)** - Mr. John K. Williams - located in Bear, DE, may be reached Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, (302) 834-8046. Please call for an appointment.

**(Kent County)** - Mrs. Melanie E. Bronov - Dover office - may be reached Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900 (in State). Please call for an appointment.

**(Sussex County)** - Ms. Laurie A. White - Pyle State Service Center located in Roxanna, DE, may be reached Mon.-Wed.-Fri., 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, at (302) 732-9560 and the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Millsboro) on Tues. & Thurs., 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, at (302) 934-5653. Please call for an appointment.

**MOBILE VETERANS SERVICE CENTER**

You may contact Ms. White at the Pyle State Service Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at (302) 732-9560 and the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Millsboro) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (302) 934-5653. Ms. White also provides services for veterans from the mobile Service Center at the following locations:

FEB 25	Vet Center
FEB 01	Georgetown Cheer Center
FEB 08	Home of the Brave
FEB 15	Nanticoke Cheer Center
FEB 22	Vet Center
MAR 07	Georgetown Cheer Center
MAR 14	Home of the Brave
MAR 21	Nanticoke Cheer Center
MAR 28	Vet Center

**American Legion**

Robert McBride, Dept. Service Officer, (302) 993-7256, will visit the following posts between 9:00 AM and 12:00 NOON on the following dates:

JAN 20	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
JAN 27	David Harrison, Post #14	633-1711
FEB 03	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
FEB 10	Walter L Fox, Post #2	674-3922
FEB 17	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
FEB 24	David Harrison, Post #14	633-1711
MAR 02	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
MAR 09	Walter L Fox, Post #2	674-3922
MAR 16	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
MAR 23	David Harrison, Post #14	633-1711
MAR 30	Nanticoke Post #6	629-9915



**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 & Trng)  
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947  
Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (Walk-ins) 302-856-5230  
Kent & Sussex evening appointments prescheduled  
by request only.

**New Castle County Schedule:**

VAMC Rm 1234 - Tue & Thur 1:00 to 3:30 PM  
Louis Wright Jr., Chapter 3 Service Officer

**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 or (302)  
993-7253. Mr. Johnson will make home visits upon  
request for Vets who do not have transportation to  
the VA. He will be in the Oak Orchard area the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Tuesday, Dover the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, and Frederica the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)**

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

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

Darlene Stiff, Dept. Service Officer, VA Regional  
Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21,  
Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 993-7260 .

1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM

Milford VFW (422-4412) 1:30-4:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM

Milton VFW (684-4975) 1:30-4:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM

Rehoboth VFW (227-3469) 1:30-4:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM

Seaford VFW (629-3092) 1:30-4:00 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM

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. The VFW provides services to veterans and  
their dependents without respect to veteran service  
organization affiliation; 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 or (302) 993-7251.

**DELAWARE VETERANS MEMORIAL  
CEMETERY**

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<b>KOREA – VIETNAM HISTORY PROJECT Questionnaire</b>
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: Army \_\_\_ Air Force \_\_\_ Marine Corps \_\_\_ Navy \_\_\_

Coast Guard \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Korea \_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

Dates: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a service-connected disabled veteran? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have photographs? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Did you keep a journal? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a copy of your DD Form 214 or related forms? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(Note: Not required but helpful for informational purposes)

**Participation information**

Are you willing to participate in a recorded (audio-visual) interview not to exceed 90 minutes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Your experience**

Did you have combat service? If so explain (*you can use additional paper*):

Please mail this form to: VOW  
P O Box 32  
Montchanin, DE 19710

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