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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Happy Holidays! Looking back over the last year I am thankful for the opportunities we have had and the accomplishments we have enjoyed. Early in the year our web site received a major redesign and with it; we launched the award winning Veterans Services Directory. Unique and first of its kind, the directory provides valuable information for service members, veterans, and their families on programs and services available throughout the State. There are now more than fifty participating providers. I hope to see us double participation in the coming year. The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund was established in July with passage of House Bill 85. This program has already brought relief to veterans in need of help with housing, utilities, and incidental expenses for health and welfare. We participated in National and local events to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the Armistice to end the Korean War. We also dedicated a World War II Memorial in Dover at Legislative Hall. In the upcoming year, we will recognize the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Also in the coming year, members of the Delaware National Guard including the 198th Signal Battalion and the 238th General Aviation Support Battalion will be returning home. Let's show our appreciation for their service and reach out to all OIF/OEF veterans in recognition of their contributions and their value to our community. I sincerely hope all have a safe and happy holiday!

DELAWARE LAUNCHES NEW ONLINE APPLICATION FOR DONATIONS TO VETERANS PROGRAMS

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) has launched a new online application for making donations to programs that serve veterans. Donors can easily make online contributions to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund and the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

The new DCVA mobile friendly application is accessible from the DCVA website or can be found directly at <http://de.gov/donatevets>. The DCVA is dedicated to assisting veterans and their family members in obtaining benefits and coordinating support programs.

This new donation tool makes it easier for individuals, businesses and organizations to show their support for Delaware veterans. Users can designate donations the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund to help the DCVA assist veterans with immediate needs or toward projects such as beautification of the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemeteries for commemorative events honoring Delaware veterans or the Memorial Tree in memory of a loved one. Donations can be made in honor of a specific individual or cause.

“This is an excellent opportunity to support the newly established Veterans Trust Fund,” said DCVA Chairman Paul Lardizzone. “The fund has already brought relief to veterans in need of help with reintegration, housing, utilities, and incidental expenses for health and welfare. This application makes it easier for people to make contributions that will sustain the fund, and other initiatives, that allow us to continue to provide assistance to Delaware’s veterans in a time of need.”

“We’re committed to creating new and convenient eGovernment tools for Delaware,” said Greg Hughes, Director of the Government Information Center (GIC), which leads eGovernment efforts in the First State. “Governor Markell has directed us to look for ways to make government more efficient, effective and open. E-government tools like this one will help us meet that goal.” For more information about the DCVA and its programs, visit www.veteransaffairs.delaware.gov. (Tammy Stock, Department of State, November 14, 2013)

\$25,000 DONATION MADE TO VETERANS TRUST FUND



(Photo L-R): John Knotts, Executive Director of the Commission of Veterans Affairs and Commission Chairman, Paul Lardizzone, accept a \$25,000 check from Dave Skocik on behalf of Dover Memorial VFW Post 9962 for the Veterans Trust Fund.

DELAWARE PERSONAL INCOME TAX

When filing your Delaware Personal Income Tax this year, I hope you have the good fortune to receive a refund. If so, and you don’t know what to do with all the extra cash, the State will allow you to designate all or a portion of you state tax refund to charity of your choice. There are several to choose from. This year, added to the list is the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. There is also an option to select the Delaware Veterans Home and/or Home of the Brave. Either way, your contribution will provide assistance to Delaware’s veterans. There are no administrative costs, so 100 percent of your donation goes to supporting these programs. You can receive a tax credit for your contribution, so keep a record of your donation to take the credit in the following year.

WWII MEMORIAL DEDICATION

The WWII Memorial was dedicated on Saturday, November 9, 2013, at Legislative Hall in Dover, DE. The granite memorial is a three column stone monument, with a center portion about 8 feet tall. An inscription reads: “In honor and memory of all men and women of Delaware who served in the armed

forces of the United States of America to preserve our freedom during World War II, 1941-1945.” At the base of the monument is the seal for each branch of the Armed Services and the Merchant Marines. Etched into the East face of the monument is an image of the European, African, and Middle Eastern Campaign medal; with the date of May 8, 1945, for V-E

day, and the end of the war in the European theater. On the West face of the



Pictured is Commissioner Ruth Harden

monument is an image of the Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal with the date of August 14, 1945 for V-J day and the end of the war in the Pacific theater. At the apex of the monument is an emblem of an Eagle in a Wreath. The GIs called it the Ruptured Duck. It served as a lapel pin given to veterans on discharge providing safe passage on their return home and not to be mistaken for being AWOL.

It was a beautiful fall afternoon and well attended by legislators, WWII Veterans and their families. The DCVA would like to thank everyone for attending and hope our WWII Veterans are proud of the memorial dedicated in their honor. *(John Knotts, DCVA Executive Director, November 9, 2013)*

CHEER CELEBRATES VETERANS DAY

Veterans celebrated and remembered Veterans Day Nov. 19 at The Warren L. & Charles C. Allen Jr. CHEER Community Center. Attendees



enjoyed a buffet dinner, speeches, a two-gun salute and musical entertainment. *(capegazette.com, December 2, 2013)*

VETERANS APPLE PIE SOCIAL AT WHITE CLAY CREEK STATE PARK

White Clay Creek State Park honored veterans at the lovely Judge Morris Estate again this year with their Veterans Apple Pie Social. The park has hosted the Veterans Day Storytelling program at the former home of Judge Hugh Morris on Polly Drummond Hill Road for over a decade. Veteran groups and individuals share their memorabilia and stories with



interested visitors each year at a free public event the Sunday before Veterans Day. Perkins Family Restaurant donates their famous pies that are served with tea or coffee on the patio or inside the estate.

This year Korean War Veteran George Taylor opened the program playing the Star Spangled Banner on trumpet and then closed the program with Taps. WWII vets Warner Schlaupitz and Watson Day addressed the audience of 40 with their recollections of service and important statistics of the war then joined the other veteran volunteers at tables throughout the estate for the social. Korean War



veteran, Al Lawler, set up a large display of weapons and soldier’s uniform and essentials.

Veteran George Pearson from the Healing Waters Fly Fishing Project demonstrated fly tying and fly casting. Park volunteers and veterans James Kniskern

helped with the event and Richard Albertson took photos. Donna Johnson read some poems to honor veterans in her family and to all veterans.

The Veterans Day Apple Pie Social is a special annual event that all are encouraged to attend: either as a volunteer to share your stories or to display your wartime memorabilia or join family and community members at the social to honor all veterans past and present.

If you are interested in participating in next year's program, please contact Kathleen Sullivan at the White Clay Creek State Park at (302) 368-6560.

HOME OF THE BRAVE FEMALE SHELTER

The Home of the Brave Foundation, Inc. has signed a lease for a property which will be used to establish a female veteran's transitional living facility. The God's Way to Recovery property located at 9 Causey Avenue in Milford, Delaware was used by God's Way to Recovery as a homeless male transitional living facility. Home of the Brave hopes to welcome the first homeless female veteran in the winter of 2014.

Fundraising efforts as well as the [Adopt-A-Room Program](#), are underway to ensure this pilot program is successfully launched.

Home of the Brave has been providing transitional housing for male veterans for twenty one years. This facility is located off Route 1, south of Milford (6632 Sharps RD, Milford). Recognizing a need for a similar facility for female veterans, Home of the Brave decided to seek funds to stand-up such a program.

Home of the Brave Foundation, Inc. is a 501 C 3, non-profit, whose mission is to reduce homelessness among our military veteran population and to help veterans successfully transition into permanent housing and personal independence. For more information on how to support The Home of the Brave, please visit our website, www.homeofthebravefdn.org, or contact Jessica Finan, Executive Director, (302) 424-1681. Tax deductible donations are always welcome. (December 10, 2013)

LOCAL CIVIL AIR PATROL UNIT SENDS LOVE BOX TO DELAWARE NATIONAL GUARD IN AFGHANISTAN

Coastal Patrol Base 2 Memorial Composite Squadron recently turned over to Kim Rogers, the local National Guard unit's liaison and go-to person, a huge donation for the deployed National Guard Co. A 198th Signal Battalion based in Georgetown. The CAP squadron meets at the armory weekly and has developed a strong relationship with the Guard unit there. Rogers has a son, Michael, who is deployed with that unit.

In speaking with Rogers, CAP Lt. Virginia Marker came up with the idea to send something special to



the troops. Lt. Marker said, "I really didn't want to call it a Care Package,

so I called it a Love Box to let them know we are holding them all close to our hearts and are keeping them in our prayers."

Lt. Marker started the project in the CAP unit, and members, family and friends brought forth the items the soldiers had requested: Pop Tarts, hand warmers and personal care items that are hard to get in Afghanistan.

In addition, snacks, hand sanitizer, cards of thanks from many people who donated items, a photo of the Coastal Patrol Base 2 Memorial Composite Squadron and a special card thanking them all for their service were also sent.

Twelve quilts, made by Carol Wallace who makes them for the VA hospital and veterans' homes, were included in the donations.

The six-week project produced a truckload of items. Helping to hand them over was Cadet 2nd Lt. Tyler Marker, cadet commander for the CAP unit in Georgetown.

The Squadron, led by Lt. Col William Pfordt, meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday at the Army National Guard Armory, 109 West Pine St. in Georgetown. All are welcome to come and visit.

Civil Air Patrol, the official U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization with almost 62,000 members nationwide.

It performs 95 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue



missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center. The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to almost 27,000 young people currently participating in Civil Air Patrol cadet programs. For more information, go to www.gocivilairpatrol.com. (capegazette.com, December 1, 2013)

VETERANS TO RECEIVE 1.5 PERCENT COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE
New Rates for Compensation and Pension Benefits in 2014

Veterans, their families and survivors receiving disability compensation and pension benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs will receive a 1.5 percent cost-of-living increase in their monthly payments beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

“We’re pleased there will be another cost-of-living increase for Veterans, their families and their survivors,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “The increase expresses in a tangible way our Nation’s gratitude for the sacrifices made by our service-disabled and wartime Veterans.”

For the first time, payments will not be rounded down to the nearest dollar. Until this year, that was required by law. Veterans and survivors will see additional cents included in their monthly compensation benefit payment.

For Veterans without dependents, the new compensation rates will range from \$130.94 monthly

for a disability rated at 10 percent to \$2,858.24 monthly for 100 percent. The full rates are available on the Internet at www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/rates-index.asp.

The COLA increase also applies to disability and death pension recipients, survivors receiving dependency and indemnity compensation, disabled Veterans receiving automobile and clothing allowances, and other benefits.

Under federal law, cost-of-living adjustments for VA’s compensation and pension must match those for Social Security benefits. The last adjustment was in January 2013 when the Social Security benefits rate increased 1.7 percent.

In fiscal year 2013, VA provided over \$59 billion in compensation benefits to nearly 4 million Veterans and survivors, and over \$5 billion in pension benefits to more than 515,000 Veterans and survivors. For Veterans and separating Servicemembers who plan to file an electronic disability claim, VA urges them to use the joint DoD/VA online portal, eBenefits. Registered eBenefits users with a premium account can file a claim online, track the status, and access a variety of other benefits, including pension, education, health care, home loan eligibility, and vocational rehabilitation and employment programs.

For more information about VA benefits, visit www.benefits.va.gov, or call 1-800-827-1000. (VA News Release, December 4, 2013)

VA APPROVES \$8.8 MILLION IN GRANTS TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND RENOVATED HOUSING FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

The Department of Veterans Affairs has approved \$8.8 million in grants to fund 164 projects in 37 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico to rehabilitate currently operational transitional housing projects and acquire vans to facilitate the transportation needs of homeless Veterans. “President Obama has made eliminating Veterans’ homelessness a national priority,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “We want every Veteran who faces homelessness to know that VA is here to help. The Grant and Per Diem Program provides significant assistance to those who need it.”

The grants awarded through the Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program are for currently operational grantees, who will use this funding to rehabilitate their current project locations to enhance safety, security and privacy for the homeless Veterans they serve. Additionally, funding for these organizations to acquire vans will assist homeless Veterans with transportation to medical appointments and employment opportunities, as well as enable grantees to conduct outreach within their communities.

GPD helps close gaps in available housing for the nation's most vulnerable homeless Veterans, including men and women with children, Indian tribal populations, and Veterans with substance use and mental health issues. Community-based programs funded by GPD provide homeless Veterans with support services and housing. GPD grants are offered annually as funding is available by VA's homeless Veterans programs.

Lisa Pape, National Director of Homeless Programs, which oversees GPD, said, "These grant awards are a reinvestment in the community that will strengthen community services around the country so that homeless Veterans have access to safe and secure housing and receive quality support and services.

"The 2013 GPD grant awards represent an ongoing commitment to VA's community partners. These awards will make community-based GPD facilities safer and secure, ensuring that our community partners continue to provide excellent mental health support, employment assistance and job training with the essential component of housing," Pape added. "Whether it is aid in overcoming substance use or finding a job, a community helping hand is exactly what these Veterans need to lead a better quality of life."

Since 2009, homelessness among Veterans has decreased more than 17 percent. As part of President Obama's and Shinseki's five-year plan to eliminate Veteran homelessness by 2015, VA has committed over \$1 billion in fiscal year 2014 to strengthen programs that prevent and treat the many issues that can lead to Veteran homelessness.

More information about VA's homeless programs is available at www.va.gov/homeless. Details about the GPD Program are online at www.va.gov/homeless/GPD.asp.

To help a homeless Veteran or Veteran at risk of homelessness, refer them to the National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID-VET, or direct them to www.va.gov/homeless. The hotline connects homeless Veterans, Veterans at risk of becoming homeless and their families with the VA services and benefits they have earned. (VA News Release, November 12, 2013)

VA TO EXPAND BENEFITS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Adds Five Illnesses Related to Service-Connected TBI

Some Veterans with traumatic brain injury (TBI) who are diagnosed with any of five other ailments will have an easier path to receive additional disability pay under new regulations developed by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The new regulation, which takes effect 30 days from the date of this article, impacts some Veterans living with TBI who also have either Parkinson's disease, certain types of dementia, depression, unprovoked seizures or certain diseases of the hypothalamus and pituitary glands. This regulation stems from a report of the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine (IOM) regarding the association between TBI and five diagnosable illnesses. The IOM report, *Gulf War and Health, Volume 7: Long-Term Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury*, found "sufficient evidence" to link moderate or severe levels of TBI with the five ailments.

"We decide Veterans' disability claims based on the best science available," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. "As scientific knowledge advances, VA will expand its programs to ensure Veterans receive the care and benefits they've earned and deserve."

The new regulations, printed in the Federal Register, say that if certain Veterans with service-connected TBI also have one of the five illnesses, then the second illness will also be considered as service connected for the calculation of VA disability compensation.

Eligibility for expanded benefits will depend upon the severity of the TBI and the time between the injury causing the TBI and the onset of the second illness. However, Veterans can still file a claim to establish

direct service-connection for these ailments even if they do not meet the time and severity standards in the new regulation.

Veterans who have questions or who wish to file new disability claims may use the eBenefits website, available at <https://www.eBenefits.va.gov/ebenefits>.

Servicemembers who are within 180 days of discharge may file a pre-discharge claim for TBI online through the VA-DoD eBenefits portal at <https://www.eBenefits.va.gov/ebenefits>.

The final rule will be published in full on December 17 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Information about VA and DoD programs for brain injury and related research is available at www.dvbic.org. Information about VA's programs for Gulf War Veterans is available at www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/hazardous_exposures.asp. (VA News Release, December 16, 2013)

VETERANS TBI SUPPORT GROUP



The next Veterans TBI Support Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2015, 1:00 pm, at 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.

HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES UPDATE

Previously, the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs had issued disabled veterans a basic Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Licenses in compliance with Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 502 of Delaware Code. Newly imposed regulations require that the license be issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNREC). Delaware veterans with a sixty percent disability or greater are eligible for the fee exempt license. There are several methods available for making your application. DNREC does require a letter of disability rating from the VA and proof of

residency. For additional information contact the Division of Fish & Wildlife at (302) 739-9918, or www.dnrec.delaware.gov.

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 of our 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. We work with all who are willing to help accomplish our goals. The Outreach networks with federal, state and local agencies and coordinates with all organizations in Delaware. Through it all, we are constantly changing and growing.

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

IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN VETS SEEK REPRESENTATION IN DELAWARE

An organization called IAVA (Iraq Afghanistan Vets of America) has a national presence and is lobbying for items like the numbers behind the VA disability benefits backlog -- over 565,000 vets waiting too long to get their claims resolved. But it's not enough to talk about the numbers. Whether a vet is a part of those official backlog numbers or stuck in the appeals process, the wait for benefits can be a heavy burden. Many of our fellow veterans are struggling through the emotional and financial stresses of not receiving the benefits they earned. Survey data that has been collected and fellow comrades who have served

wanted to use technology to not only give them a voice, but to also raise awareness around an important issue. There is now a data visualization tool that shines new light on the backlog through the power of our stories. It's called The Wait We Carry, www.thewaitwecarry.org. Delaware Commissioner, John Hampton, who is an "At Large" representative along with fellow Commissioner, Angela Showell, are in the works of connecting with this organization in an attempt to establish a Delaware Chapter of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans that will educate, empower and connect the right people to the right information. (John Hampton, Commissioner "At Large", Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs)

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

(New Castle County)



Mr. John Williams - Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE may be reached Monday-Friday, (8:00 AM-4:00 PM) at (302) 365-8231. Please call for an appointment.

(Kent County)

Mr. Charles Murrell - Dover may be reached Monday-Friday (8:30 AM-4:30 PM) at (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900 (in State). Please call for an appointment.

(Sussex County)

Ms. Laurie Corsa may be reached:
Mondays & Fridays - Georgetown Vet Center (8:00 AM-4:30 PM) at (302) 994-2511 Ext 2361
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays - Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE (8:30 AM-4:00 PM) at (302) 648-3068. Please call for an appointment.

American Legion

Joseph T. Houghton, Dept. Service Officer, (302) 993-7256, will visit the following posts on the following dates:



JAN 10 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 302-945-1673

		Post #28 (10:00-2:00)	
JAN	17	Walter L Fox, Post #2 (11:00-3:00)	302-674-3922
FEB	07	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (10:00-2:00)	302-945-1673
FEB	14	Walter L Fox, Post #2 (11:00-3:00)	302-674-3922
MAR	07	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (10:00-2:00)	302-945-1673
MAR	14	Walter L Fox, Post #2 (11:00-3:00)	302-674-3922
MAR	21	William T. Spooner Post #17 (10:00-2:00)	302-645-1751

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.

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 1st Tuesday, Dover the 2nd Tuesday, and Frederica the 3rd 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)



David Hilliard, VA Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21, Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 993-7260.

1ST Thursday		
Delaware DOL	(993-7260)	8:00-11:00 AM
Milford VFW	(422-4412)	1:30-4:00 PM
2nd Thursday		
Delaware DOL	(993-7260)	8:00-11:00 AM
Milton VFW	(684-4975)	1:30-4:00 PM
3rd Thursday		
Delaware DOL	(993-7260)	8:00-11:00 AM
Rehoboth VFW	(227-3469)	1:30-4:00 PM
4th Thursday		
Delaware DOL	(993-7260)	8:00-11:00 AM
Seaford VFW	(629-3092)	1:30-4:00 PM
5th 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

New Castle Co. Section (Bear, DE).....302-834-8046
Sussex Co. Section (Millsboro, DE).....302-934-5653

DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

100 Delaware Veterans Blvd.....302-424-6000
Milford, DE 19963

HOME OF THE BRAVE

Main Office - 302-424-1681
Denise Dudley- Intake Coordinator
302-424-0358

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Cleopatra Jones (Wilmington).....302-761-8077
Allen Jones (Wilmington).....302-761-8141
Lisa Smith (Newark).....302-451-3457
Toney Fragier (Newark).....302-451-3453
Cliff Rumph (Dover).....302-857-5866
Kevin Gunning (Dover).....302-857-5870
Dawn Smith (Georgetown).....302-858-5233

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

.....302-761-8275

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Regional Office (Claims & Benefits)

1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805.....800-827-1000

VA Medical Center (Healthcare)

1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805.....800-461-8262
.....302-994-2511

Dover VA Outpatient Clinic

1198 S. Governors Ave
Dover, DE 19904.....800-461-8262 x2400

Georgetown VA Outpatient Clinic

20653 DuPont Hwy
Georgetown, DE 19947800-461-8262 x2300

Readjustment Counseling

Vet Center (New Castle Co.).....800-461-8262 x5434
Vet Center (Kent Co.).....800-461-8262 x2430
Vet Center (Sussex Co.).....302-225-9110

The Vet Center provides counseling services for:

- Post Traumatic Stress and Other Disorders
- Military Sexual Trauma

- Marital/Family problems
- Bereavement

Vet Center services are provided at no cost to eligible veterans who served in combat areas and their families or to those who experienced sexual trauma or bereavement challenges without combat area restriction.

Veterans Outreach Program

Mike Rowe - Listening Post-Lower Delaware
302-422-8033x173

RETIREE ACTIVITIES

Retired Activities Office

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

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office

Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center, 3920 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 998-5194.

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
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Fleet Reserve Association
James M. Jackson.....(302) 834-1719
40 & 8
Eugene "Chip" Rosan.....(302) 678-8077
Jewish War Veterans
Len Markovitz.....(302) 234-4785
Korean War Veterans Association
George Goss.....(302) 424-0461
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
Karen Kelly.....(302) 834-9659
E-mail: karenleakelly@verizon.net
The Reserve Officers Association
LTC Richard Chappell (Ret).....(302) 234-1418
E-mail: rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Paul Phillips Jr.....(302) 656-5022
Vietnam Veterans of America
Paul Davis.....(302) 697-8384
WAVES Nat'l
Ruth Harden.....(302) 998-1373



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William C. Farley.....MCL
George T. Goss.....KWVA
John Hampton.....At Large
Ruth B. Harden.....WAVES NAT'L
Charles Keithley.....40 & 8
William "Bill" McMullen.....AFSA
Mark Newman.....VFV
Barry Newstadt.....JWV
Earl E. Seppala.....MOWW
Angela F. Showell..... At Large
MyRon W. Smith.....DELVETS
Albert W. Weir.....AMVETS

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 _____ Date _____

Title _____

Wilmington VA Mobile Outreach Clinic



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The Program

Wilmington VA Medical Center's Mobile Outreach Clinic offers a variety of opportunities for Veterans in rural areas of Southern Delaware and Southern New Jersey to allow access of quality healthcare in their communities. Wilmington VAMC continues to support the establishment and expansion of clinical programs to improve access for primary care, mental healthcare, and specialty care programs for male and female Veterans of all service eras.

Services Offered

- Primary care services including history and physicals, management of acute and chronic illnesses, women's health and patient education
- Ancillary services: immunizations (including flu and pneumonia vaccines), lab services (including blood draws, urine specimens, etc.)
- Outreach Events - Visit our website at www.wilmington.va.gov to view our upcoming events.
- Social Worker available for assistance with eligibility/enrollment, mental health referrals, identification of resources available to veterans

To Request an appointment with the Mobile Unit Provider call: Alisha Delgado at 302-668-4371

To Request the Mobile Unit for an event email or call the below point of contact:

Request at least 6-8 weeks in advance of event

Requires 6 parking spaces for 40 foot vehicle

Point of Contact

Jeanne Mahoney, RN, MS, LPC

Wilmington VA Medical Center

1601 Kirkwood Highway

Wilmington, DE 19805

Phone: 302-994-2511 x4240

Email: Jeanne.Mahoney@va.gov



ADOPT-A-ROOM PROGRAM DESIGN PLAN

ROOM:

SPONSOR DONATION:

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

E-MAIL:

SKETCH:

COLOR SCHEME:

DESIGN CONCEPT:

EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS:

Approval

Executive Director HOBII _____ Date _____

Sponsor _____ Date _____

Submit application to:

Home of the Brave, 6632 Sharps Rd, Milford, DE 19963 or ifinan@homeofthebravefdn.org

Adopt-A-Room Program

Thanks for inquiring about our Adopt-A-Room Program in support of our Women Warriors. Your efforts will truly make their time at the Home of the Brave II (HOBII) a positive experience.

The HOB Foundation has taken steps to ensure that all Residents have a clean, safe, living environment that is consistent with efforts to prepare them to move in to their own home. To reduce the possibility of conflict between Residents, our goal is to maintain a standard that is common for all. In addition, since the ultimate goal is for our Residents to move on, our program is set up for several room turn-overs in any given year.

Personal items such as towels, pillows, linens, blankets, etc. will be given to residents upon their arrival and will go with them to their new home. Each bedroom is shared and will house two or more residents at a time.

Annual sponsorship involves a financial donation to support painting and replacement of personal items as well as rug cleaning, utilities and general maintenance as necessary for your designated room. Room sponsorship may be shared if donors want to collaborate.

The rooms identified for Adoption are: Bedrooms (4), the Study Hall, the Community Room, the Kitchen, and the Dining Room. Each room has different requirements and support costs. Each bedroom is provided with twin or bunk beds, a bureau, mattresses and blinds by the HOBII.

Bedrooms (4)	Study Hall	Community Room	Kitchen	Dining Room
Linens, etc. Window Treatments Artwork Paint Floor rugs Chairs Lighting	2 Computers 2 Computer Desk Writing desk Paint Artwork	Wall TV (Large) DVD player Game table Paint Artwork End tables	Appliances (small) Dish towels Utensils Dishes	Table (seating 8) Chairs
\$500 Annual Sponsorship (each)	\$2000 Annual Sponsorship	\$2000 Annual Sponsorship	\$2000 Annual Sponsorship	\$1000 Annual Sponsorship
	Internet	Cable		

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