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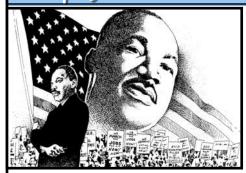
Executive Director's Corner

As Delaware veterans, we comprise approximately 9.9% of our state's population. That means almost one in ten adults have raised their right hand to defend our nation and that is something to be proud of. This pride is accompanied with memories of attending basic training, being in harm's way during conflicts or traveling to different locations supporting new assignments. We are very proud to have served, don't have expectations and many of us say, we would serve again if we had the chance. Unfortunately, there are small groups of veterans who believe their service to our nation gives them an entitlement. They do not speak of pride in serving, they only speak about what the government owes them or what type of discount they can receive. Our agency witnesses this group demanding disability compensation, not because of the severity of illness or injury, but because their neighbor receives compensation. I remember listening to a veteran brag about receiving "four" free meals on Veterans Day, yet they never bragged about the pride of wearing the uniform. This mentality is wrong, because we did not serve our nation to receive benefits, we served to defend our nation, honor our colors, and retain our freedoms. Yes veterans have earned benefits

and our agency will continue to ensure veterans receive them, but that is not the only reason to identify as a veteran. Identify as a veteran because you served our nation, not because you can be served by our nation.







Larence Kirby, Executive Director, receives a token of appreciation from 1Lt Jared Thornton, 436th Airlift Wing on January 16. Mr. Kirby was the keynote speaker during the Dover Air Force Base Martin Luther King Jr., Remembrance Ceremony and highlighted social change's past impact and future necessity.



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Dover High School Interact Club contributes to Veterans Trust Fund

Dover High School Principal **Dr. Courtney Voshell**, presents a \$500 check to Dave Skocik, president of Friends of Delaware Veterans Inc., on behalf of the school's Interact Club on March 16. "All of what we raise goes to the Trust Fund and we are truly grateful to these students who are doing themselves and their schools proud," said Mr. Skocik. **Interact**, for youth 12 to 18, was created by Rotary International from the words "international" and "action," reflecting an organization that exists in 177 countries and promotes active service at more than 8,600 clubs worldwide. Interact clubs are affiliated with local Rotary clubs that provide opportunities for students to interact with various levels of society, including schools, community, state, nation, and globally to assist others in need. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of developing leadership skills and personal integrity.

"Vietnam Veterans Chapter 1105 Remembers"

Last year, the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, President Trump signed into law an annual day dedicated to Vietnam War Veterans.

Delaware gave 124 young men to that war; 26 of them from Sussex County.

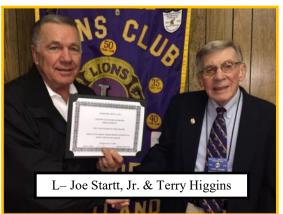
In 2004, a permanent VN memorial was funded by VVA chapter #546 and erected in front of the county courthouse on "the Circle" in Georgetown. Local veterans and supportive citizens raised the money, under the guidance of that chapter's President, Robert Corsa. Sipple Monuments crafted it and a group of Vietnam veterans placed it.

VVA Chapter #1105, an offshoot of Chapter #546 ran with Mr Trump's mandate and, under Chapter #1105's President, Joe Moore initiated a ceremony on March 29th, the new national holiday. It will be an annual event.

This year's event was honored at the war memorial. The ceremony opened with an invocation by a retired military Chaplain. Mr. Moore offered opening remarks, followed by the keynote speaker, retired Senator Bunting, in-country VN '66. Senator Bunting's cousin, William Bunting is the third name on the memorial. The Star Spangled Banner was sung, live, by the Sussex Central High School Jr ROTC, under guidance of Lt Col Gregory Snapp posted Colors, and students read each name. A wreath was placed ceremoniously, a bugler presented TAPS and the Colors were retired. - *Rhona Prescott* 3/20/2018

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 850 recognized for providing service dogs

Joe Startt Jr., president of Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, receives a Certificate of Recognition from Terry Higgins, president of the Marydel Lions Club at their dinner meeting on February 13. The certificate recognized the chapter for "outstanding, meritorious service to those who have served," in recognition of its program of providing service dogs for Delaware veterans with PTSD or other injuries. Each dog takes about a year to train, costing about \$10,000, according to Nelson Miller, owner of Riedel K-9, who addressed the meeting with Cash, an 8-month-old Black Labrador retriever about half way through training. The dog's name is an acronym for the program's name -- Canines Assisting Service Heroes. The chapter has sponsored several dogs and has made it an ongoing project. "We see this as an extension of the VVA's national motto, 'Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," said Mr. Startt. Contact Joe Startt at 302-242-8708 to donate to the program or to provide a dog.





Cash, an 8-monthold black Lab.





Welfare Foundation contributes \$60,000 to Veterans Watch School

ODESSA -- The Welfare Foundation has granted \$60,000 to the Veterans Watchmaking Initiative, in Odessa, Del., to provide more training space for disabled veterans training to become watchmakers. The school has been in operation since September 2017.

The grant will convert the building's back three-bay garage area into a classroom, according to Sam Cannan, chairman of the Veterans Watchmaking Initiative. VWI provides training, support, and referral services to returning veterans, especially disabled veterans, in the highly skilled art of watchmaking at no cost to them. It is the only technical school devoted to disabled veterans in the USA.

Christopher T. Grunder, the foundation's chief operating officer, presented the check to Mr. Cannan on January 12 at the school. Originally formed in 1930 by Pierre S. du Pont and headquartered in Wilmington, Del., the Welfare Foundation is a IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that uses its assets and the income they generate to promote the social welfare of people and communities across the state of Delaware and in southern Chester County, Pennsylvania. The VWI is featured on the Welfare Foundation's website.

Visit <u>www.veteranswatchmakinginitiative.org</u> for more information and how to make a contribution.



Veterans United Outreach is Off to an Active 2018

Veterans United Outreach of Delaware, Inc. has already started its 2018 season. On February 24 the team staffed a table at I Love Smyrna School District Day. That was followed on March 15 when the team unveiled our new table cover during SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS AND GAMBLING ADDICTION Symposium at Dover Downs. These events will be followed by our traditional attendance at Dover Days on May 5th and Vietnam Veterans / Legacy Veterans Motorcycle Club ride on May12 ending at Fire Base Lloyd. On June 9 The Outreach team is planning to head south to Rehoboth Beach to participate for the first time in The Beach goes Blue – Red & White Too!.



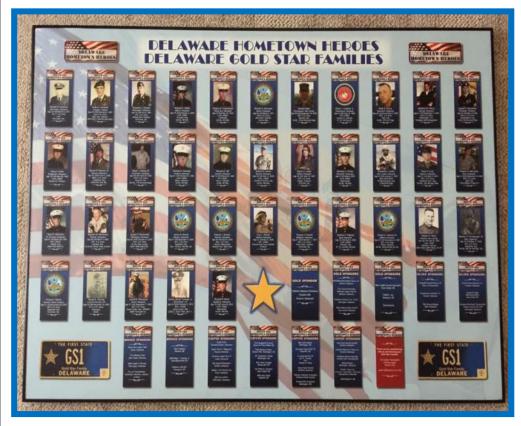
If you know of any community or veteran events over the summer and fall that we might participate in with our Mobile education Unit, please contact us at gary@vuoofde.com.



The members/volunteers of the Atlantic Community Thrift Shop (ACTS) of Ocean View, DE donated \$4,000.00 to the Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro. Greg Bee, Administrator, accepting the donation on behalf of the cemetery. (3/18/2018)



Hometown Hero Banners



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83, Inc. circulated Hometown Hero Banners throughout the state of Delaware for one year. The late Beau Biden had just returned from Iraq and was our closing ceremony guest speaker, where the Banners were given to the families.

This program was such a success it was decided to replicate the Banners and have them on permanent display. The families agreed to this. However, there has never been a suitable location secured and we are looking for a permanent display location. The Banners measure approx 4'x2' and include Sponsor Banners, we are speaking of an approx. total of 50 Banners.

If you are interested in offering a permanent (24x7) display location where the Gold Star Families may come to visit their banner, please contact:

Judy C. Campbell at 302-593-5991 or Email: HerdSis1@gmail.com

Gold Star Memorial

Gold Star Sibling, Judy C. Campbell is pleased to announce the Ceremonial Ground Breaking of the Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation "Gold Star Mothers, Father's and Families Memorial" for <u>April 9, 2018 at 11:00</u> am at the Delaware River & Bay Authority Veterans Memorial Park. The public is invited.

The Gold Star Families Finance Committee, under the leadership of Command Master Chief Charles W. Baldwin (Ret), has raised a large portion of the needed \$45,000 to see this project through to fruition.

A warm thank you is extended to the following Gold Star Memorial Finance Committee Members: Charles Baldwin, Kenneth Jones, TJ Healy, Joseph Gorman, Daniel Alvaraz, Valerie Huot, Rocky & Donna Graves, Joyce Proctor and Judy Campbell.

Remember, it's not the amount you give, but that you cared to support this meaningful project.

Tax deductible donations may be sent to:

HWWMOHF 12123 Shelbyville Road, Suite 100 Louisville, KY 40243

In memo section of check notate: "Delaware GSFMM"

For more information visit: http://hwwmohf.org/wilmington-de.html







Donation Caps Gold Star Monument Campaign

Gene Truono, left, hands Chuck Baldwin a check for \$900 in fulfillment of a commitment he made on Vietnam Veterans Day in Georgetown. Mr. Truono, a candidate for the U.S. Senate, attended a March 29 ceremony in the Town Circle to honor Sussex Countians lost in Vietnam when he heard a speaker mention Delaware's Gold Star monument committee was only \$900 short of its 30-day \$20,000 campaign goal towards building a Gold Star Monument to be located at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Veterans Memorial Park, New Castle.

Mr. Baldwin is a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs who has assisted in the fundraising program being funded by private donations. The Hershel "Woody" Williams Medal of Honor Foundation's Gold Star monuments honor the families of those lost in defense of our country. The 40-acre park includes a reflecting pool, statuary, and three walls containing the names of 15,000 men and women from Delaware and New Jersey who were killed in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf to date. The anticipated target date for completion is September 25, 2018.

Since opening of the first bridge in 1951, annual ceremonies have been held at the bridge's War Memorial each Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor the sacrifices of American war veterans. The bridge and memorial park are managed by Delaware River Bay & Authority of which New Jersey is a part.

Visit <u>www.dmbveteransmemorialpark.com</u> and for more information on the park and <u>hwwmohf.org/Wilmington-de.html</u> to preview the coming Gold Star Monument.

Judy Campbell and Valerie Huot are the Committee Co-chairs for the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument. To learn more about donating to the Gold Star Family Monument contact Judy at HerdSis1@gmail.com or 302-593-5991.

Veteran Film Maker Addresses Delaware Veterans Coalition

T.J. Healy II, creator of The Veterans Story Project, addressed the Delaware Veterans Coalition at its bimonthly meeting Monday, March 26, at FOP Lodge 3, Kitts Hummock Road, Dover. Mr. Healy is founder of The Healy Media Group that produced "Voices of War," a project that taped interviews with WWII veterans, and additional projects with Korean War Veterans.

He is currently working with Vietnam veterans on "Voices of War-Vietnam," which will include individual interviews with a transcription and the edited documentary that will be available to every school and library in the state. He has a long history in the film industry, including his work on "Back to the Future" (I, II and III), "The Perfect Storm," and "Dead Poet's Society," which was produced entirely in Delaware. Mr. Healy is also working in conjunction with the Delaware Women's Veterans Monument committee that will recognize Delaware women and the roles they played in all branches and periods of

service. It is scheduled to be unveiled on the northwest corner of Legislative Hall, Dover, on Nov. 3rd.

The meeting included a presentation by Dr. Ron Sarg, a Coalition member and a Commissioner of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. He provided an overview of state and national issues affecting veterans, including details of a Veterans Summit earlier in the day in Wilmington with U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin.

The Delaware Veterans Coalition is a statewide organization that advocates with elected and appointed public officials on issues that affect all generations of Delaware's veterans. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans residing in Delaware.

Please visit: <u>www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com</u> or call 302-697-8384 for more information.





At the last monthly meeting of the Bill Carr Chapter # 1 KWVA, they received an award from the DELAWARE VETERANS' AWARENESS CENTER FOUNDATION for "Outstanding Support and Commitment to Veterans" in our State. The Mission Statement for the Foundation is to "Assist all Delaware Veterans to Achieve Independence and Self Sufficiency through Access to Information and Service" that includes Legal, Housing, Training, Employment, Dental and Advocacy services.

The Chapter has provided donations of \$10,000 over the past two years for a Program referred to as DELAWARE VETERANS' STAND DOWN at a local park area in Dover, DE, where over 1700 veterans from the DELMARVA PENINSULA take advantage of the Foundation's services.

Pictured are (l. to r.) Walt Koopman, Chapter Programs Director, Elizabeth Byers-Jiron, Executive Director of the Foundation, John Weidenhof, Chairman of the Chapter's Wounded Warrior Fund, Bill Jiron, Founder and Program Manager of the Foundation, David Miller, Chapter Treasurer and James Wolfe, Chapter Committee Member. (*Any Korean War or Defense Veteran interested in the KWVA should call Jack McGinley at 302 945 0698 or via cell at 610 247 1207.Thank You, jomcginl@aol.com.*)

The Delaware Military Museum celebrated their 2018 Grand Opening in February with much expanded attractions for military veterans. Last year we opened with a rotating World War I Centennial display, which remains a popular attraction.

Museum exhibits include the Colonial/Revolutionary period, and the War of 1812. This year the museum added rooms for the Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq wars celebrating our recent veterans. We've also built a "Kiddie Korner" for your children and grandkids to enjoy and learn. Our volunteers are now preparing a World War II exhibit and a Civil War exhibit. Upcoming events include:



A talk on the History of the **Delaware State Guard**, Sat. 14 Apr @ 1300

A talk on **Delaware's Role in World War II**, Sat. 12 May @ 1300

A talk on Delaware and the Korean War and "My life as a Marine", Sat. 9 June @ 1300

The Delaware Military Museum is open the second Saturday of each month from 12-3 PM. WE are also open most Wednesday mornings from 10-12. The Delaware Military Museum is located at First Regiment Road, Wilmington DE 19808. Free admittance and free parking. -Ken Wiggins







POW FLAG 50 STATE TOUR

This was one mission from March 1-3, 2018. A Hero's Welcome Delaware took part in the POW FLAG 50 STATE TOUR. We were the 39th state to receive the POW flag, to spread awareness to the still missing 83,000 members of our military that have not returned home since WW II. Along the way in the 2 days we made 14 stops, we covered all three counties, visited 3 schools, University of Delaware, Delaware Technical College and St. George's Technical High School, we drove south to Greenwood and Rehoboth, took the flag former POW, Bayard Horn 94 years old and William Fleischauer 97 years old. Nur Shrine and the neighborhood of Dunleith with it's rich history. The last day we handed the POW Flag to Augustus Loverr of the Buffalo Soldiers of PA.



The P.O.W. Flag has now started its journey across the United States of America. It has been my responsibility to deliver the flag to you today, and to remind you that it is everyone's obligation to never forget the 83 thousand soldiers that are still unaccounted for. Now it is your responsibility to see that the flag continues its journey across all 50 States.

POW FLAG 50 State Tour DSP Troop 2

Opening Ceremonies March 1, 2018

Please visit our FB page for the entire DE Tour & more events:

A Hero's Welcome Delaware

Dan Kapitanic, PGR State Captain, Miss NCC, Rebecca Bristow, Bob Kwiatkowski, NCCP retired also AHW member, Rosely Robinson, Bobby Baldwin USMC, Jodi Beckford USMC retired AHW member, Carol Holtmeyer, Army/Air Force, retired, AHW member, William Thomas USMC, retired, AHW Member, BJ Fitzpatrick Rolling Thunder MD-Ch 1, Louise Ballard, wife of Steve Ballard DSP and Key note speaker BG Terry Wiley

New Castle County: 'Expands Property Tax Relief for Disabled Service Members and Veterans'

VFW Post 5892 in Hockessin, Del., was the site of New Castle County Executive, Matt Meyer signing legislation on April 6 that expands county property tax relief for disabled veterans and service members. Introduced by County Council member Janet Kilpatrick, the legislation was inspired by a local Marine Corps reservist who experienced a significant injury while serving from 2006 to 2011. It waives the three-year residency requirement for income-eligible military service members and veterans who have experienced a total and permanent service-connected disability, making them immediately eligible for the County's existing property tax exemption when they purchase a primary residence in Delaware.



"Wounded warriors sacrificed for our country," County Executive Matt Meyer said. "I am proud that County government now provides immediate access to our property tax exemption when they purchase a home."

"After meeting Jamie Frei, a local constituent, and learning of the continued hardships caused by service related injuries I felt that it was important to offer to these men and women what support we could through our local government," said County Council member Janet Kilpatrick. "This Ordinance, which places a residency exemption on the existing assessment law for the totally and permanently disabled veteran shows that we not only are thankful for their service, but that we welcome them into our community. I am grateful for the strong support of County Executive Meyer and all members of Council for endorsing this legislation and standing by our veterans."

Photo Caption: Seated: Penrose Hollins, president, Pro-tem, New Castle County Council; Matthew Meyer, New Castle County Executive; Janet Kilpatrick, NCC Councilwoman who introduced the legislation. Standing Dave Basteen and Matt Hoopes, VFW Post 5892, Hockessin; Nolan S. Lewis, commander, National Association for Black Veterans, Inc.; Jamie Frei and daughter Cora; Dave Skocik, president Delaware Veterans Coalition.



Their Best.' Thank you to all the ladies who attended and for sharing your stories. A great appreciation to Col Dawn Lancaster, Commander of the Dover AFB Port Mortuary and Jennifer Coy, Manager of the Women's Program at the VA Hospital. Also, April Hall for the invocation and Terri Williams for the benediction. We can't forget Anna Lopez, DCVA Commissioner & DELVETS Post 2 Commander, for being an outstanding master of occasions. Great job with keeping the event going.

true generosity, happiness is the reward for a life lived in harmony & grace. -S. Orman

A few extra kudos for the hard work from the DCVA staff to include the planning committee & volunteers: Sable Vance, Arlynne Pineda, Anna Lopez, Mindy Bacchus, Gail Gartner, Beth Rose-Brooks, Murt Foos, Annette Fletcher, Catherine Harman, Dee Behrens, Ron Letterman, and Pam Anderson; Girl Scout Troop 100 in Dover; the DELVETS Post 2 for the

hall donation; VFW 7478 of Greenwood; and the American Legion Post and Auxiliary 17 for their financial contributions and for all attendees in making the day possible!

Please consider volunteering for the next tea event or if you can help us recruit more volunteers. Some of our volunteers, not only have full time jobs, but are also military. They work their derrières off to plan, set up, and clean up for this event. Ironically, the theme was handling stress. They handled it well, but we would like for all our military women to able to sit down and enjoy the event. Thank you everyone! -Liz Jiron







VA Workshop for Local Veterans

Longneck, DE – Veterans in lower Delaware are invited to attend a free workshop to learn about VA benefits and services Thurs., Apr. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the American Legion Post 28, 31768 Legion Rd., Longneck, DE. Representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilmington, Del. will hold a free benefits workshop for veterans and their family members.

Medical center, Vet Center, and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) staff will be onsite to answer questions about VA services, help veterans enroll for VA health care, and provide assistance with VA disability claims.

The workshop is a relatively new program presented by Wilmington VAMC staff that helps connect veterans to health care and VA benefits. VA staff provide one-on-one assistance by answering questions specific to the veterans' situation.

"We've talked to numerous folks who served in the military or are caring for family members who were in the military that just don't know what benefits they qualify for," said Mark Taylor, outreach specialist. "My job is to meet face-to-face with veterans throughout the community and help explain VA benefits and help to connect them with those services."

Taylor helps veterans complete their VA 1010 EZ form, which is VA's health care enrollment application. At the workshop, counselors from the VBA will be able to assist veterans with disability claims and in some cases provide status updates. "The entire process can be overwhelming for some people," said Taylor. "It's exciting to see veterans really taking advantage of these workshops."

Men and women who have served in the military may be entitled to a variety of VA benefits including VA health care. Veterans interested in attending the workshop who would like to enroll in VA health care should bring a photo copy of their DD-214 or other proof of service to help in completing their application.

For more information about the event, contact Mark Taylor at the Wilmington VA at (302) 932-7519.





The Delaware Medicare Roadshow is coming to a location near you!! Learn about the new Medicare cards, elder abuse and protection, social security, consumer fraud prevention, VA healthcare services and much, much more. Below is a list of the Roadshow schedule.

Thursday, April 5: New Castle County

Ezion-Mount Carmel United Methodist Mattie B. Love Care Assistance Referral for the Elderly Program 800 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 10am – 12pm

Wednesday, April 11: Sussex County

VFW Greenwood 301 Mills Street Ave., Greenwood, DE 19950 10am-2pm

Wednesday, April 25: New Castle County

Brandywine Library 1300 Foulk Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 1pm – 3pm

Friday, May 11: Sussex County

Long Neck Cheer Senior Center 26089 Longneck Road, Millsboro, DE 19966 10am – 2pm

Thursday, May 17: Kent County

Modern Maturity 1121 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904 10:30am – 1:30pm

Wednesday, May 23: New Castle County

MOT Senior Center 300 Scott Street, Middletown, 19709 10am – 12:30pm



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For more sign-up information please contact Gordon Law at 302-853-2526, lawspecialtycoatingllc@yahoo.com or Mike Dangerfield 302-745-8416/mdanger76@gmail.com.

Format: Shotgun Start-Best Ball, Soft spikes only please. All players are welcome.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83

Veterans Helping Veterans Golf Tournament Monday, June 18, 2018

Where: Frog Hollow Golf Club, 1 E Whittington Way, Middletown, DE 19709

1 PM Shotgun Start (Rain or Shine)

Entrance Fee: \$100.00 per person; including greens fee, cart rental & banquet dinner.

(Entrance deadline: June 11, 2018)

Format: Four person best ball, with prizes for low net, longest drive and closest to the pin.

(Singles & Pairs will be placed into a Foursome.)

Don't forget about our Hole Sponsorship for those who still want to help in other ways. All proceed go to help DE Veterans.

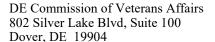
"Honor Their Service"



We hope to see you there!

For more information to include the entrance/sponsorship forms; please contact Tom Daws at 302-738-8875

DCVA will also have the forms for both of these events, readily available at their office. You can pick up copies or we can fax/email them to you. Thank you!



Main office line: 302-739-2792

Sable Vance: 302-257-3120 sable.vance@state.de.us









Flag Day

Thursday, June 14th, 2018 10:00am

DE Veterans Memorial Cemetery 26669 Patriots Way Millsboro, DE 19966

Hosting Organization: Korean War Veterans Association Commissioner Edward Johnson





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When:	Saturday, July	7, 2018, 9 a.m.,	Rain or Shine.	Healthy Kids Run	(kids 8 & under)	starts at 8:55 a.m.
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Where: Silver Lake Park, Dover, DE. Use Washington Street entrance off of State Street.

Course: 5K run/walk is a double loop course and is very flat and fast course.

Registration: \$20 until June 30, \$25 after and on event day. Registration starts 8 a.m. Kiddie K race is FREE! Make checks

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Saturday, July 7, 2018 **Silver Lake Park, Dover**(Use Washington Street entrance off of State State)

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Veterans Input needed on Mobility in Motion initiative!

Why should Delaware Veterans care about mobility?

Transportation matters, both for relatively young veterans who are returning from recent deployment and for older veterans who served in past conflicts. For many Delaware veterans of all ages, transportation to work, school, medical appointments, shopping, and social or community services may be a hardship because of a disability, illness, or financial constraints. Many Delaware veterans live in rural areas where affordable transportation options are often limited, and where it's necessary to travel great distances to reach employment centers, access life-sustaining services, or receive health care at the Wilmington Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center, or Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Kent and Sussex Counties. A common misconception is that dedicated federal, state, and volunteer programs meet all veterans' transportation needs for travel throughout Delaware.

What is Mobility in Motion?

The state of Delaware recognizes the importance of personal mobility for all Delawareans and transportation-disadvantaged individuals—including veterans facing transportation challenges. The Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC), operating as DART First State Transit, has launched *Mobility in Motion*. This initiative invites Delawareans to envision and provide critical input on the future of mobility in Delaware.

How can you help?



Learn more by visiting: www.MobilityDE.org



Take the online survey to provide input! goo.gl/d6kz2B

Enter for a chance to win a \$25 gift card for completing the survey!



Share the online survey with your network

How will information be used?

Public input and data will be gathered to identify public transit and human services transportation barriers, challenges, and gaps in services in Delaware. The information will be used to develop a Coordinated Public Transit—Human Services Transportation Plan, or "Coordinated Plan," for the State of Delaware. Developed through a participatory planning process, the Coordinated Plan will serve as a strategic framework for addressing the state's existing and future mobility needs.

Need more information?

The Institute for Public Administration (IPA) at the University of Delaware is facilitating outreach on behalf of DTC. For more information, please contact IPA policy scientists Marcia Scott (msscott@udel.edu) or Julia O'Hanlon (jusmith@udel.edu).







DELAWARE STATE DENTAL SOCIETY

& The Greenwood Delaware Awareness Center Foundation pair in-need veterans with DSDS volunteers through...

"GIVE A VET A SMILE" PROGRAM

THREE YEAR RESULTS ...

- 43 DSDS dentist volunteers
- Examinations & treatment plans provided "free of charge"
- Laboratory costs often discounted through Dodd Dental Laboratory
- DSDS members continue to provide much needed oral health care for "free and reduced costs"
- To date, 215 veterans have contacted the Give A Vet A Smile program for an estimated \$100,000 in "free" dental care



CONTACTS FOR THIS PROJECT INCLUDE...

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Give A Vet A Smile Chair, Delaware State Dental Society

www.delawarestatedentalsociety.org







The Delaware 2018 Veterans' Stand Down planning was "kicked off" on Thursday January 25th at the Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs. Another great year for planning and providing new ideas with a fabulous Team to support our Veterans! We need your help! So pleases contact us if you're interested in participating in the following roles:

- Service Providers/Agency Tables
- Various program information
- Volunteering
- Donations

For more information, please contact:

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The effect of military service can be profound and lasting. There are a number of financial, social and health issues that result from military service. Some Wounded Warriors and Veterans who have a compensation rating of 100% P&T are unaware that Social Security may expe-

dite the processing of their disability claims.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Starting March 17, 2014, veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits.

What do I need to know about the VA & Social Security programs?

Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes and criteria for receiving benefits are very different.

A VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." To be found disabled:

- You must be unable to do substantial work because of your medical condition (s); and
- Your medical condition (s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person cannot receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

With over 80 years of experience and compassionate service, Social Security is proud to support our veterans and active duty members of the military. Both today and tomorrow these heroes can count on us when they need their earned benefits.

For more information please visit:
https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/
Call or visit your local Social Security Office:

1-800-772-1213



Veterans United Outreach of Delaware has become Delaware's newest Veterans 501(C)(3) tax deductible charity. Since its founding at Dover Days in 2001 Veterans United Outreach of Delaware has been a committee of Vietnam Veterans of America, Dover Chapter 850. We have separated from the Chapter 850 for a two primary reasons: to eliminate restrictions on how the Outreach Team operates that existed by adhering to the national by-laws of Vietnam Veterans of America; to allow us to freely recruit volunteers and team members from all veterans' organizations. While Veterans United Outreach as an entity is separating from Chapter 850 all of our veteran team members remain loyal active members of the VVA Chapter.

The Outreach networks with federal, state and local agencies and coordinates with all veteran organizations in Delaware. It has expanded from Kent County to the entire state of Delaware. Through it all we are constantly changing and growing.

We are a veteran's outreach with a foundation in God, Country, and Freedom, to which we credit the sacrifices of our active duty military, our veterans, and their families.

We have a mobile educational unit, with an extensive library of information for all veterans and their family members.

Mike Snyder: 302-678-1285 Gary Kalmus: gmkskier@gmail.com



DCVA: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

<u>New Castle County:</u> Pamela Anderson Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Please call for an appointment: (302) 365-8231

Kent County: Josh Matticks DCVA office in Dover, DE

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Please call for an appointment: (302) 257-3119

Sussex County: Laurie Corsa

Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE

Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Please call for an appointment: (302) 648-3068

American Legion

Joseph T. Houghton Dept. Service Officer: (302) 993-7255



2018 Quarterly Scheduled Post Visits:

Friday, April 13, 2018:

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

Friday, April 20, 2018

Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, May 4, 2018:

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, May 11, 2018:

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 – Dover

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, June 1, 2018:

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, June 15, 2018:

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 – Dover

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, June 22, 2018:

Post #19, Laurel, DE

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 875-9948

Disabled American Veterans:

New Castle County Schedule:

1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Bldg. 13, Room 27 Wilmington, DE 19805

9:00 AM-11:30 AM & 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM Mondays & Thursdays : Walk-in Basis

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Appointments Only

Gerald Loudon: (302) 993-7258

Kent County Schedule:

DAV Headquarters Building 183 South Street Camden, DE 19934



Monday thru Thursday 8:00-11:00 AM (Walk-ins) 1:00-3:00 PM (Appt. only)

DAV Dept. Service Officers: (302) 697-9061

Paul Lardizzone: (302) 382-3448 H. Mark Wischmann: (302) 382-3449

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)

VA Regional Office 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 26 Wilmington, DE 19805 (302) 993-7252/7253



2114 S DuPont Hwy, Suite 2, Dover DE

Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 12 PM

Dover CBOC: 1st & 3rd Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC: 2nd & 4th Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM

Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)

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





Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

David Hilliard, VA Regional Office 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21, Wilmington, DE 19805



(302) 993-7260 *Please call for appointments.

1st – 4 th Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL	(302) 993-7260
1 st Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483	(302) 422-4412
2 nd & 4 th Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961	(302) 629-3092
3rd Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Rehoboth VFW	(302) 227-3469

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

Terry Baker: National Service Officer

VA Regional Office 1601 Kirkwood Hwy Wilmington, DE 19805

(302) 993-7250/7251 or (302) 540-8772 (c)



DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

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



HOME OF THE BRAVE

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DE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

Bear Cemetery

2465 Chesapeake City Road Bear, DE 19701

(302) 834-8046: Barbara A. Cooke

Millsboro Cemetery

26669 Patriots Way Millsboro, DE 19966

(302) 934-5653: Gregory A. Bee



Employment Services:

Cleopatra Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8077 Allen Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8141 Lisa Smith (Newark): (302) 451-3457

Cliff Rumph (Dover): (302) 857-5866 Kevin Gunning (Dover): (302) 857-5870

Gail Gartner (Georgetown): (302) 858-5232 Division of Vocational Rehab. : (302) 761-8275



Wilmington Regional Benefit Office

1601 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19805 (800) 827-1000

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

Patient Advocate: (302) 633-5556

*For all medical facilities

VA Medical Center

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



Dover VA -CBOC

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

Georgetown VA -CBOC

21748 Roth Ave Georgetown, DE 19947 (800) 461-8262 x 2300



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People's Place: Listening Post Lower Delaware

Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

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(302) 518-5338 Kent Co. - Mindy Bacchus (302) 332-0913 Sussex Co. - Gary Boas

VMC -Veterans Multi-Service Center:

Paula Witcher: (302) 505-0849

Vet. Centers (Readjustment Counseling):

Vet Center/New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434 Vet Center/Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430

Vet Center/Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110

Delaware Veterans Awareness Center:

Liz Byers: (302) 349-4898 Veteransawarenesscenter.org Veterans' Stand Down * Military Women's Tea "Give a Vet a Smile" (Dental Program)

Retired Activities Office:

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

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:

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

Veterans Justice Outreach Program: 302-468-5670

Veterans Treatment Court Program:

Assist justice-involved veterans with mental health & substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services and reduce recidivism. 302-255-0646 (New Castle Co.) 302-735-1915 (Kent Co.)

Widener Law Clinic: Pro Bono Representation for Veterans 302-477-2090 Delaware.widener.edu

Veteran Organizations:					
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Len Markovitz	(302) 234-4785				
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Vietnam Veterans of America	(-0-) 000 0022				
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DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Certificate of Appreciation Application

Veterans Name:					
First	Middle	Last			
Address:					
Street	City	State	Zip		
Phone: (Home)	(W	ork or Cell)			
Date Entered Service	Date Separated	d Branch of Service			
Date of BirthTy	pe of Discharge	Highest Rank Achieved			
		(Only required if requesting rank on certificate)			
Is Veteran Deceased? Yes	or No (<u>please circle one</u>)				
· ·	S: A current resident of the State the United States and honorably	,	or resident when he or she		
Please submit this application Discharge from Active Duty,	n with a copy of Certificate of Re (DD-214) to:	lease or			
Delaware Commission of Vet Robbins Building 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 10 Dover, DE 19904 Phone: (302) 739-2792 or 1-8	00				
Signature of Veteran/spouse	or next of kin	Date			
Print Name and Relationship	if not veteran				
Provide alternate address if	different from above				
NOTE: Please anticipate 2 to 3	weeks in receiving your Certificate				
TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA:	Approved	_ Pending	Disapproved		
Name/Title:Date					
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