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#### Executive Director's Corner

Our annual Freedom 5K Run was a resounding success thanks to our fine Delaware citizens. We fielded over 160 event participants (best ever) and received tremendous donations from Citibank (financial), Tidewater (water), and Mission BBQ (snacks). We appreciate our sponsors' donations as it was inspiring reading your names on our event tee shirts. We collected \$7,000.00 for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund which will help Delaware's honorably discharged veterans during financial emergencies. The fund granted \$80,000.00 in 2017 and is a tremendous asset for our veterans. The fund is administered by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs employees and has "zero" administrative costs. We are also grateful to The Friends of Delaware Veterans, the 501(c)3 nonprofit who solicits and advocates for the fund. It is extremely gratifying helping veterans overcome financial difficulties, knowing they can continue leading quality lives in recognition of their service to our nation.

Thanks and congratulations are in order for World War II veteran, Donald Hirneisen and Korean War veteran, Steven Hudson. Both heroes are proud graduates from the James Groves Adult High School (Sussex). They were drafted to defend our nation, during a time of conflict, then life got in the way. After encouraging others to pursue their education, both veterans enrolled in school to complete a journey started long ago. Their perseverance was an inspiration for their fellow students and I was equally inspired as the class commencement speaker. This story highlights our veterans' positive nature and their will to succeed.





We appreciate everyone's support with our annual events. It was a great turn out for Memorial Day at the War Memorial Plaza and Flag Day at our Sussex County Veteran Cemetery.

Excellent hosting job to our Delaware National Guard and our Korean War Veterans Association. Lets not forget the staff and crew of the Delaware River and Bay Authority and our State employees at the Millsboro Cemetery. Job well done! See you next year!





#### Iraq Veteran belatedly awarded Purple Heart Medal

A Purple Heart Medal was belatedly awarded to retired Army SSG Abdul S. Kamara of Dover, following the June 19 meeting of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs in Dover.

SSG Kamara served four combat tours in Iraq between 2003 and 2010 and was wounded in 2007. He suffered multiple injuries from IEDs, mortars, and rocket attacks but his injuries were never documented at field hospitals, despite his later being medically retired after more than 13 years of service. After initially being denied recognition and compensation, his case was appealed and reopened through the efforts of Anna Lopez, Army Wounded Warrior Program advocate at the Dover office of the Commission of Veterans Affairs. Ms. Lopez also serves on the Commission. Through her efforts, SSG Kamara was awarded the Purple Heart Medal and receives compensation for his injuries.

Anna Lopez, advocate, Army Wounded Warrior Program; Mrs. Mozella Karmara and husband Abdul; Bill Farley, Commission chairman and retired Major, U.S. Marine Corps, who presented the medal on behalf of the U.S. Government.

Photo by Dave Skocik





On June 28, 2018, Sussex County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1105 presented a check for \$1,000.00 toward costs related to purchasing a new Habitat for Humanity house for Marine Veteran Donyale Martin.

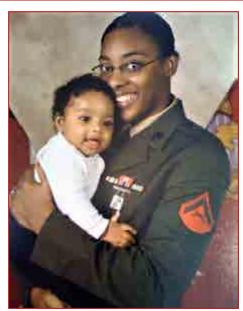
The presentation was at the Circle in Georgetown in front of the court-house. Donyale graduated from Cape Henlopen High School and enlisted in the Corps in 2007.

Honorably discharged in 2011, financial hardship after 3 overseas deployments left she and her infant son in dire circumstances.

Donyale works now and was able to land a part-time job at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery in Millsboro. She's a single mother to her son, attends Del Tech and volunteers at Sussex County Veterans Treatment Court.

The presentation of \$1,000.00 from VVA#1105 was at the Treatment Court building by #1105 President Joe Moore and Tarry McGovern.

Submitted by Rhona Prescott, publicity person for chap. #1105.





#### Vietnam War Remembrance Day

In memory of Delaware's 124 military casualties of the Vietnam War, a ceremony took place on Thursday, March 29th at the Circle in Georgetown, Sussex County seat.

In 2017, the 50th anniversary of that war, President Trump signed into law, legislation designating every March 29th as Vietnam War Remembrance Day. Vietnam Veterans of America, Sussex County #1105 sponsored this first annual event and will make this a yearly commemoration.

Special emphasis was given to the 26 Sussex County dead and all 124 Delaware casualties were honored as the Junior ROTC students read each name, followed by the live playing of TAPS. A wreath was laid at the base of the Vietnam Memorial monument there.





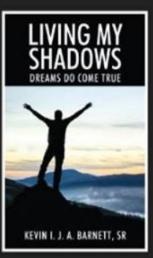
#### "Living My Shadows: Dreams DO Come True"

Kevin is no stranger to hard work and dedication. He proudly served for 20 years in the U. S. Army. During his tenure, he quickly climbed through the ranks, earning top decorations and awards. Now retired, Kevin's passion for excellence and leadership continues to shape every aspect of his life. While serving in the military, Kevin acquired key life skills, which has helped him to achieve many goals. He believes that these



core skills can benefit others as well. He has made it his personal life mission to provide a roadmap for others to achieve the same success he has. He is in the business of transforming





minds. Kevin believes that everyone has the potential to be great. All they need are motivation, resources and the opportunity to help them get there. He is committed to helping others live their life with purpose and helping them achieve their dreams.





After much consideration, the Wounded Warrior Fund Committee of the Bill Carr Chapter #1 (KWVA) donated a new TRAC-FAB chair to the Spaulding Rehabilitation Network in Eastern Massachusetts for our veterans with catastrophic injuries. The Spaulding Rehab Network is the official teaching partner of the Harvard Medical School Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R).

This TRAC-FAB unit (pictured) is a gasoline and battery powered chair that will enable our seriously injured vets to have great mobility for sandy beaches, hunting, fishing, family camping trips and many other mobility needed daily events. A TRAC-FAB chair will take the vet to many places that are impossible to reach with a standard mobility unit. The cost of the unit was in excess of \$16,000.

The chair was dedicated and recognized as our Chapter's donation during the weekend of June 8th through the 11th at the veteran Sport and Spirit weekend at Camp Wingate Kirkland in Yarmouthport, Ma.. which is on Cape Cod. The permanent home of the chair during the winter months will be the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital in Boston which is part of the Massachusetts General Hospital Partners HealthCare system.

John Weidenhof, chairman of the Wounded Warrior Fund Committee recently indicated "we are very fortunate to make a donation of this type to a nationally recognized organization like Spaulding to improve the quality of life for our disabled veterans".

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.

#### New Castle Police officer and former Marine assists fellow veterans in crisis

New Castle County Police Department Officer First Class **Nicholas Hurst** addressed the bimonthly meeting of the Delaware Veterans Coalition in Dover on May 29. Hurst, who served two combat deployments with the U.S. Marines between 2005 and 2007 in Fallujah, Iraq, is a founder of The Veterans Response Team program, launched in September 2017, and is only the second in the nation. It teaches military veteran first responders to effectively and peacefully resolve incidents involving a veteran in crisis, using their own military experiences to connect with veterans, defuse the situation, and help them get needed resources. His work stemmed from Crisis Interven-

tion Team training that provides critical training to law enforcement officers throughout Delaware to help citizens with serious mental illness. The program has prevented suicides and other potentially violent actions.

L to R: Veterans Coalition members Don Coffman, Donyale Hall, Paul Davis, and Dave Skocik frame New Castle Co. Police Officer Nicholas Hurst, center, displaying patches that support the Veterans Response Team. Patches can be purchased for \$5 by sending a check to Veterans Response Team, C/O New Castle County Police Department, 1 Municipal Blvd., New Castle, DE 19720, or email NA-Hurst@nccde.org.





#### Concord Pet Food & Supplies Supports Veterans Canine program



Tom Constance (center) of Morty Brown Associates, Concord Pet Food & Supplies, Newark, hands a check for \$2,230 to Joe Startt Jr., president of Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, for the chapter's service dog program, Canines Assisting Service Heroes. CASH, a 501(c) (19) program, trains service dogs for disabled Delaware veterans. The presentation took place on June 13 at The Green Turtle in Dover with proceeds from the annual Pets in the Park event held June 8 and 9 in Newark. Also pictured, L to R, are chapter members Ken Bodine, Bryan Clark, and Dan Watson. The chapter's food truck raised another \$1,200 toward the project over the weekend and has been invited back for the 2019 event. The

CASH program accepts donations of puppies and monetary contributions and works with a professional trainer. Training a dog takes a year and costs about \$10,000. Call 302-242-8708 or email joanstartt@comcast.net for more information on the program.

#### Wilmington VA Medical Center Announces New Chief Nursing Executive

Kathleen Craige appointed Associate Director of Patient Care Services

Wilmington, Del. — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is pleased to announce the recent appointment of Kathleen Craige as the associate director of patient care services at the Wilmington VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Delaware. Ms. Craige began serving in this role on May 14, 2018.

Prior to this position, Ms. Craige served as the associate chief nurse for ambulatory and specialty care at the Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VAMC in Philadelphia. Ms. Craige earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing from Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in nursing leadership and management from Drexel University. She is board certified as a Nurse Executive-Advanced and in ambulatory care nursing. She is also a certified VA mentor and a graduate of the Network Executive Healthcare Leadership Institute Program.

"We are excited to add Kathleen's leadership skills and experience to our Wilmington team. I am confident that she will add tremendous value to the care we provide directly to our veterans, the mentoring we offer to our staff, and our partnerships with the community to ensure we achieve the best outcomes for our veterans and their families," said Vince Kane, director of the Wilmington VAMC.

The Wilmington VAMC consists of the medical facility located in Elsmere, Delaware, and five outpatient clinics located in Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware, and Atlantic, Cape May, Salem, and Cumberland counties in southern New Jersey. Currently, Wilmington provides health care for more than 31,000 area veterans.

The medical center's primary mission is to provide world-class health care to America's veterans. If you are a veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs. To learn about VA eligibility and enroll for care, please visit <a href="www.vets.gov">www.vets.gov</a>. -James Coty, Public Affairs Officer

#### Wilmington Veterans Affairs Nursing Home Receives 5-Star Rating

Data Show VA Facilities Compare Closely With Private Sector Nursing Homes Overall

The Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center announced that its nursing home received 5-stars as part of its annual performance rating. Wilmington VAMC's announcement comes after VA extended its unprecedented 18-month record of transparency disclosures by making public for the first time its annual nursing home ratings for every facility in the country.

The data shows that, overall, VA's nursing home system – composed of more than 130 community living centers – compares closely with private sector nursing homes, even though the department on average cares for sicker patients in its nursing homes than do private facilities. In fact, the overall star rating for VA's nursing homes compared to the 15,487 private sector nursing homes rated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) shows that VA has a significantly lower percentage (34.1 percent lower) of one-star, or lowest rated, facilities than the rest of the nation.

Of note, 60 of VA's nursing homes improved their quality score from last year to this year (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY17 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter FY18). Only one facility had a meaningful decline in that metric, and that facility was already rated with four stars.

#### Extending VA's Commitment to VA Transparency, Quality Improvement

VA has become the first hospital system in the nation to post its:

- · Hospital wait times
- · Opioid prescription rates
- · Employee settlements and accountability actions
- · Chief executive travel





U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Wilmington VA Medical Center

"We believe this success has been achieved by focusing on the complex care needs of this very special population of veterans as well as the needs of their families. We are constantly trying to improve the quality of care we provide to our veterans and pleased with this outside review of our CLC. We realize we must continue to get better every day. Veteran and family satisfaction is critically important to us as we make every effort to put our veterans first - our veterans and their families are depending on us," said Vince Kane, director of the Wilmington VA Medical Center.

#### **How VA Nursing Homes Compare with Private Sector**

The best comparison of VA nursing homes to the private sector is in the overall star rating. Using that overarching and most important metric, VA's performance compares very closely with that of the private sector. See <a href="here">here</a> for a comparison of quality ratings using CMS' <a href="here">Nursing Home Compare</a> Five Star Quality Rating System as of April 2018.

#### VA's Unique Patient Base

Of note, VA nursing homes often serve residents with more numerous and challenging medical conditions than do private sector facilities. Specifically, VA nursing homes serve a much higher proportion of residents with conditions such as prostate obstruction, spinal cord injury, mental illness, homelessness, PTSD, combat injury, terminal illness, and other conditions rarely seen in private nursing homes.

Also, private sector nursing homes admit patients selectively, whereas – unlike the private sector – VA will not refuse service to any eligible Veteran, no matter how challenging the Veteran's conditions are to treat. In other words, VA nursing homes often house residents with more complex medical needs that private sector facilities will not accept, which makes achieving good quality ratings more challenging.

As a result, VA nursing homes at times rate lower than private sector facilities on specific metrics such as pain and type of treatment. Despite that fact, VA nursing homes compare well with private sector facilities in overall facility rankings.

#### **VA Nursing Homes Provide More Direct Nursing Care**

Additionally, VA nursing homes have a higher staff-to-resident ratio than private sector facilities, meaning residents in VA facilities get more direct attention from nursing home staff than do residents in the private sector.

To schedule an interview on this subject with Wilmington VAMC Director Vince Kane, email: James.Coty@va.gov.



#### MOAA awards JROTC scholarships

The Dover DE Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America recently awarded \$8,500 in college scholarship money to five graduating Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets in Kent County who also successfully completed their school's JROTC program. Award criteria was based on academic performance, JROTC accomplishments, community service and financial need. The winners are, from left, Marine JROTC Cadet Destiny Marshall from the First State Military Academy (\$1,500); Air Force JROTC Cadet Paige Raymond from Caesar Rodney High School (\$2,500 Col. George Findlay Scholarship); and Air Force JROTC Cadets Jose Colon-Silva, Soohan Kim, and Michael Desmond-Klim all from Dover High School (\$1,500 each). Chapter President retired. Col Ron Sarg (on the extreme right) is making the presentation who would also like to thank the corporate and individual donors whose outstanding generosity made these scholarships possible.

Veterans United Outreach is busy helping our fellow vets, and has started our annual fund raiser. Mark your calendars for our Fall Blast on Sep 22, 2018. It will be a fantastic night of great food, Live, silent and Chinese auctions and a DJ to boot. At the Fall Blast we will also be drawing the winning tickets for our third annual gun raffle. This year we are raffling off an Armalite Eagle-15 15EA01 and a Smith & Wesson M&P9 Shield M2.0 9mm 3" LST CT Red LaserINO safety. For Raffle or Fall Blast tickets please contact Mike Snyder 302-678-1285, Gary Kalmus 302-335-4045, Kathy Steele 302-223-8277 or Larry Ball 302-677-0261 or email us at email@vuoofde.com.

#### Come visit us at our upcoming events in Delaware:

7/14- Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club Annual Event at Walter Fox Post 2 in Dover

7/21- American Legion Post 28 Car Show in Millsboro

8/18 - Middletown Peach Festival in Middletown

9/8-2nd Annual Operation Jeeps For Wreaths at AMC Museum in Dover.

9/21- Delaware Veterans Stand Down at Schutte Park in Dover.

9/22-VUO Fall Blast, Hartly Fire Company in Hartly

9/29-Delaware Vet Fest, Town of Whitehall in Middletown



# "FALL BLAST"

Saturday, September 22, 2018

Doors open at 5:00pm
Dinner at 6:00pm
Menu: Roast Beef, Chicken, Veggies & Dessert
Tickets - \$22.00 per person
Cash Bar

Hartly Fire Co., Inc. 2898 Arthursville Rd. Hartly, DE 19953

DJ – E.C. Starr Silent, Chinese & Live Auctions, 50/50 and Gun Raffle

www.veteransunitedoutreach.com
Facebook page: Veterans United Outreach



WHAT: GOLD STAR MEMORIAL

WHY: HONOR AND REMEMBER THE

**SACRIFICE** 

WHO: JUDY C. CAMPBELL, GOLD STAR FAMILY

WHEN: GOLD STAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 / 11:00 AM AT THE DELAWARE RIVER & BAY AUTHORITY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

IF YOU WANT TO ASSIST WITH THIS MEMORIAL AND GOLD STAR EVENTS, PLEASE SEND YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION TO:



VVA CHAP 83 \* GOLD STAR PROGRAM \* P. O. BOX 8167 \* WILMINGTON, DE 19803

JUDY C. CAMPBELL \* DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES

#### **Helping America's Heroes**

Like anything effected by age our 20 year old 22 foot flagpole was in need of repainting. This beautiful master-piece was designed and built by 173rd Abn Div (Sep) SkySoldier Lou DeSeta, a survivor of Hill 875.

In lowering the pole we ran into an issue, which required removing and reinstalling, which we knew would be a job we could not handle. Within hours, the word spread and Delaware Chapter 2 of Hogs and Heroes Foundation came roaring in our quiet neighborhood on their Harley's.

A ceremony was held as the pole was put back in place and the American Flag and 173rd Flag were raised. These gentlemen thought they were answering a call to do a job, but the evening turned into a lovely backyard bbq thanks to Grill Master Richard Campbell.

For more information on how you can support this 501(C) (3) charity organization, contact Hogs and Heroes President Chuck "Wagon" Briton at: WagonDE2@gmail.com.

A heartfelt thank you to Hogs and Heroes! Judy Campbell





### FREEDOM 5K 2018 SPONSORS

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Larence Kirby, DCVA, Executive Dir; State Rep. Lyndon Yearick; Bill Farley, DCVA chairman prior to the 5K. Rep. Yearick donated \$250 to the Trust Fund.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS &
PARTICIPANTS— YOU HELPED US RAISE
OVER \$7,000 FOR THE DELAWARE
VETERANS TRUST FUND!!!





Ready to Run: Angela Mosley of Frederica; Nora Mayers of Centrevelle, MD; Christine and Kane McDermott of Smyrna.



Good Company: Kim McMullen of Camden; Dionie Bearse of Camden; and Bryan and Melissa Clark of Magnolia with the awesome, Jennifer 'Rambo' Davidson, with Dover's Thanks Jen!! This year's race drew 161 participants, the largest crowd ever, according to the organizers. We thank you in helping this program that benefits the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The Trust Fund was signed into law in 2013 under the Commission of Veterans Affairs. It provides emergency financial aid to honorably discharged veterans in proven need. It has prevented utility disconnections, vehicle repossessions, helped make emergency repairs to homes, stopped evictions, and sometimes puts food on the table during difficult times. Bills are paid directly to creditors.

# TIDE VATER UTILITIES, INC.

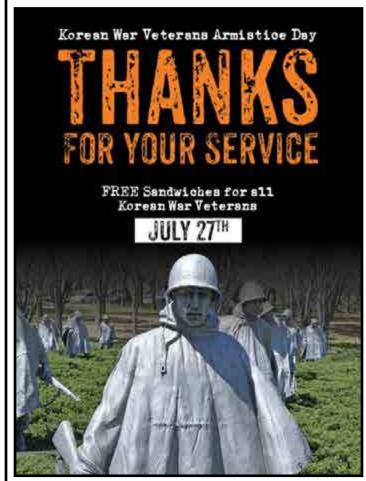
Thanks for the water & the continued support for the Trust Fund, Mr. Joe Cuccinello (Tidewater)!!

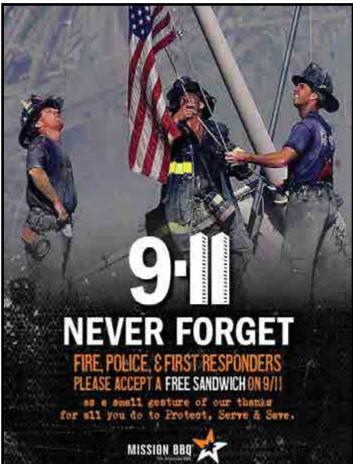


Derek Ross at 20:21 of Bethesda, MD.

Super Mom! Courtney Stewart, Deputy Secretary of State, in the house!! She also placed 1st for female 30-39, & pushing 2 kids!!

DCVA Commissioner, Anna Lopez, trying to direct the director!!







Delaware Public Archives

# GREAT WAR

Delaware's Role in World War I



The Great War & The First State is an exhibit created by the Delaware Public Archives to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of America's involvement in World War I.

The exhibit explores Delaware's important role in World War I. Although small, the First State answered the call with a BIG effort both overseas and here at home.

Exhibit highlights include World War I military records, soldier and civilian-made Trench Art, and the elegant 22-piece Silver Service presented to the USS Delaware battleship in October 1910.



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## Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation Speaker Program: Delaware and the Korean War presented June 9. LTC Carl Witte (USA Ret) June 26, 2018



On the second Tuesday of every month, the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation sponsors a Speakers Program at the Delaware Military Museum, First Regiment Road, Wilmington. The Museum is open from 12:00 to 3:00 pm on the same day. On June 9<sup>th</sup> the subject was "Delaware and the Korean War" presented by LTC Carl Witte (USA Ret). Witte began by answering the questions: What caused the Korean



War? And Why did North Korea invade South Korea? And Why did the United States get involved? Witte then described how Delaware National Guardsmen participated. He reviewed the role that air, ground and naval forces played in the War. Colonel Witte explained how the Armistice Agreement talks were initiated and finally ended after two years of negotiations. He shared a few humorous stories personally told to him by the Chinese interpreter for the United Nations team. Although some call the Korean War the "Forgotten War," over 36,000 American lives were lost from 1950 to 1953. Estimated Chinese and North Korean military deaths were 1.5 million, compared to South Korean military deaths of 415,000. Total civilians killed and wounded are estimated at 2.5 million. More than 600 deaths were from the greater Philadelphia area. Forty-three Delawareans and nearly 800 New Jersians died in Korea. Monuments dedicated to service members who died in the Korean War have been erected in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey, and northern Delaware. The names of all Delawareans and New Jersians who died fighting in Korea are engraved on a memorial in New Castle, Delaware, at the Delaware Memorial Bridge Park. *The next presentation will be July 14<sup>th</sup> by Wade Catts. The title of his presentation is "Battlefield Detective-Reconstructing Battlefields." The lecture begins at 1:00 pm.* 

#### 10th Annual Veterans Stand Down

Stand downs are events for veterans who need assistance, some of whom are homeless. The Stand Down is one of the annual projects carried out by the Veterans Awareness Center Foundation in Greenwood, Del, a 501c3 created by Liz Byers-Jiron, her husband Bill, and their daughter Mindy.

Last year more than 100 presenters provided basic services, information on benefits, clothing, housing, toiletry kits, a hot meal, barbers, dentists, a mobile medical van, flu shots, behavioral health, suicide prevention, legal advice and services from the motor vehicle department. The VA also provided information on available services. Local musicians added an upbeat atmosphere and were very well received, according to Ms. Byers-Jiron.

Her team of about 35 volunteers work for six months before each event. Contributors and volunteers from businesses, government, nonprofit organizations and others from across the state come together each year to help veterans in need of a friendly hand up.

"We encourage veterans to come out and avail themselves of what we have to offer and ask folks to spread the word. They deserve no less for their dedicated service. We truly appreciate the efforts of Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen and his staff in facilitating this important event."

More than 1,100 attended last year's stand down at Shutte Park. Retired Gen. Frank Vavala, Delaware's former adjutant general, provided opening remarks and will return again this year along with Dave Skocik of the Delaware Veterans Coalition.

**Photo Caption:** Volunteers and providers meet with Liz Byers Jiron (center) at the Commission of Veterans Affairs in Dover on June 21 to plan the 10th annual Veterans Stand Down.





# DELAWARE 2018 VETERANS' STAND DOWN

Friday 21 September 2018 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

> Schutte Park 10 Electric Avenue Dover, DE 19904

# **VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

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# Marine Corps Junior ROTC

#### 1st Annual Halloween Fun Run 5K - Camp Raider

Veterans and Veteran Business Owners:

The Woodbridge High School Marine Corps JROTC (CAMP RAIDER) is holding its "1<sup>st</sup> Annual HALLOWEEN FUN RUN 5K" on October 27, 2018 at the Woodbridge High School on 14712 Woodbridge Road in Greenwood, Delaware. The proceeds from the event benefit the WHS MCJROTC and help to establish better learning opportunities for these leaders of tomorrow. Following the event, the cadets, cadre, and the booster club will hold a small community fair with food, public safety equipment displays and even a "Trunk – or – Treat" event for the community.

The Raider cadets are currently looking for interested sponsors for all levels:

Eagle -\$1000 and above Globe- \$500-\$999

Anchor – \$499 and below

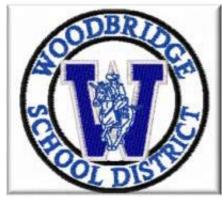
(They also offer a "Semper Fi" level of sponsorship for those who are not able to donate money, but can donate food, giveaways, etc., for the event.)

For information about how you can donate, or for details related to the event please email the WHS MCJROTC Boosters at <a href="mailto:mcjrotc.whs@gmail.com">mcjrotc.whs@gmail.com</a>.

We don't just expect to see Devil Dogs out there! So come out and join us at Camp Raider for a little early morning exercise and a great day of fun and community.

(Steve Chillas, MSG(ret) USA, WHS MCJROTC Boosters)







# THEY PROTECTED US. NOW IT'S OUR TURN.

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THEIR TIME ON THE BATTLEFIELD IS OVER.

# NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO PROTECT OUR VETERANS FROM SCAMS.



#### THE BATTLE OUR VETS DIDN'T SEE COMING

America's vetorans are warriors, trained to handle anything a battlefield can throw at them. But there's one foe many vetorans struggle to defeat; domestic fosual.



78% of our retired military men and women have been targeted by scams specifically crafted to exploit their military service bistory.

Sadly, veterans are twice as likely to actually fall for fraudulent schemes: In 2017, AARP research found that 16% of veterans have tost money to scammers, compared to only 9% of the non-military public.

Why? For starters, veterans implicitly trust follow members of the military, making them winerable to impostors. Veterans also have a PTSD rate more than double the general public's, where can make if more difficult for them to recognize and combat the emotional manipulation used by scam artists.







#### THE FRONT LINES AGAINST FRAUD

Now, AAPP and the U.S. Postal inspection Service (USPIS) are joining forces for Operation Protect Veterans. We're fighting back against fraudulent sourn artists — and we resid your help. Good intelling crucial component of this battle: if you've seen a scarr targeting veterans in the past 12 months, report it by calling 877-908-3360.



REPORT VETERAN SCAMMING



877-908-3360



AARP.org/fraudwatchnetwork

#### KNOW THE ENEMY: HOW SCAMMERS TARGET VETERANS:

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#### - AID AND ATTENDANCE SCAM

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#### - VETERANS MAY ALSO ENCOUNTER UEHERAL SCAMS

in antifition to some that specifically target versions, there are an abundance of sceme aimed at the general public to which veterans are more susceptible. These include phasting (attempts to gen account to francist accounts), take tech-support calls, fraudulent credit cand / loan schemes, attempts to "collect" flottious tax table, fraudulent charities, eveletment account, pyramid actemps, and more

If you or a loved one has encountered a financial scam in the past 32 months, please help us keep lighting for our warrans by natting 677-908-3360.



The Department of Defense announced the creation of the Korean Defense Service Medal, capping a years-long effort at recognizing those who have served in South Korea since July 1954.

"The KDSM is a service medal to give special recognition for the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the U.S. Armed Forces who have served or are serving in the Republic of Korea," read a Pentagon news release announcing the creation. "The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles, and all air spaces above the land and water areas."

The announcement means hundreds of thousands of current and former U.S. service members are eligible for the bronze-colored disc, suspended from a green ribbon with blue, gold and white stripes.

The effort gained steam about three years ago, when a member of the Korean Defense Veterans Alliance and constituent of Rep. Elton Gallegly wondered why those who served in South Korea after the war weren't awarded a campaign medal. Gallegly sponsored a 2001 bill to create the medal. After the Senate passed a similar measure, President Bush signed it into law in December 2002.

Veterans and those who have served in South Korea hailed the decision. More than 37,000 troops serve in South Korea each year, across a heavily fortified border from the million-man North Korean military. Since 1953, there have been 40,000 reported armistice breaches, and more than 1,200 service members have died on peacetime duty.

It has taken until now for the Pentagon's approval process to complete the creation, officials said. Soldiers in South Korea seemed pleased, though a bit nonplussed, about the announcement.

According to the Pentagon, each military department will make its own regulations for processing, awarding and wearing of the medal. That includes provisions for veterans, retirees and next of kin for deceased service members.

The two-sided medal has a Korean "circle dragon" on the front, encircled by the words "Korea Defense Service Medal" and sprigs of bamboo and laurel. The four-clawed dragon is "a traditional symbol of Korea and represents intelligence and strength of purpose," the Pentagon release said. The sprig of laurel symbolizes "honorable endeavor and victory." The bamboo is a reference to Korea, officials said.

The reverse side of the medal has two crossed swords superimposed on a map of the Korean peninsula, ringed by a circle "garnished with five points." The swords signify defense of freedom and the readiness to engage in combat to protect that freedom, officials said. The five points are meant to evoke a traditional five-petal symbol found on Korean armor.

The medal hangs from a ribbon of green (symbolizing Korea), blue (indicating overseas service and commitment to peace), gold (excellence) and white (idealism and integrity).



www.stripes.com/news/dod-announces-korea-defense-service-medal

#### **Transportation Networks**

- There is **No Charge** by any of the networks.
- Except for legally blind veterans, there is **No door-to-door** pickup.
- All locations require <u>ONE WEEK</u> advanced request. All trips depend on the availability of volunteer drivers.

#### This is a courtesy, not an entitlement!

#### DAV Hospital Service Coordinator at Wilmington VAMC

Dispatcher: Thea Kersey

(800) 461-8262 x5414 or (302) 633-5414 Mon. thru Thurs. 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### **DAV Seaford, DE**

Dispatcher: John Syvertsen

(302) 943-5420 or (302) 632-1165 Cell Call between 7:00 AM – 9:00 PM

Van service to Wilmington VAMC: Mon. & Weds.

#### American Legion Post 28, Oak Orchard, DE

Dispatcher: Bob Worrell

(302) 947-2914 or (302) 945-1673

Van service to Wilmington VAMC: Mon. thru Thurs.

#### People's Place Veterans Outreach Service, Milford, DE

Program Manager: Mike Rowe (302) 422-8033 x173 Van service to Wilmington VAMC: Thursday

#### **DAV Dover, DE**

Dispatcher: Mark Wishmann:

(302) 697-9061 or Fax (302) 697-9041

Van service to Wilmington VAMC: Mon. thru Thurs. *Dover & Smyrna Pick-up Points:* 

- 183 South Street, Camden
- Magnolia Fire Department
- McDonald's RT 10, Dover
- IHOP-Safeway Shopping Center, Dover
- Luther Towers, Kings Hwy, Dover
- Smyrna Rest Area, Smyrna

#### DAV Chapter 44, Cape May, NJ

Dispatcher: Susan Haskin (609) 390-3577

Chapter 44: (609) 886-8383

Van service to Wilmington VAMC:

Monday thru Wednesday

Van service to Philadelphia VAMC: Thursday

Veterans must pick-up their ride at the meeting place or on the highway.

All vans try to leave the Medical Center between NOON and 1:00pm for the return trip. So make sure that your appointment is scheduled appropriately.

\*Please let DCVA know if any information above needs to be updated. <u>Sable.vance@state.de.us</u> Thank you!





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 <a href="https://www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors">www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors</a>.

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:
<a href="https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/">https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/</a>
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**

New Castle County: 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







#### **2018 Quarterly Scheduled Post Visits:**

#### Friday, July 13, 2018:

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

Friday, July 27, 2018

Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover

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

#### Friday, August 3, 2018:

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

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

**Friday, August 17, 2018:** 

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 – Dover

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

#### Friday, September 7, 2018:

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

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

Friday, September 14, 2018:

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 -Dover

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

Friday, September 21, 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-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri : Walk-in Basis Appointments Recommended

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: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM



#### 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 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL	(302) 993-7260
1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483	(302) 422-4412
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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

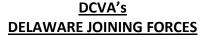


#### **HOME OF THE BRAVE**

HOB I for Men: (302) 424-1681

HOB II for Women & Children: (302) 422-4146

Jessica Finan (Executive Director) Denise Dudley (Case Manager)



Christine F. Kubik
DE Nat'l Guard
Community Relations
(302) 326-7582
christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil

Please visit our website www.delaware.gov/djf/



#### **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



#### **Commissioners' Organizations:**

William Farley (Chairman)Marine Corps League Angela Showell (Vice Chair)At Large-DE Nat'l Guard
Charles T. ArmbrusterAmerican Legion Charles W. BaldwinVVA
Eugene BradleyAMVETS
Edward JohnsonKWVA
Paul Lardizzone DAV
Anna LopezAt Large-DELVETS
Richard MagnerMOPH
William "Bill" McMullenAFSA
Mark NewmanVFW
Barry NewstadtAt Large-JWV
Dr. Ronald SargMOAA
Earl E. Seppala At Large-MOWW
Jason StewartAt Large

#### **Veterans Outreach Programs:**

**People's Place**: Listening Post Lower Delaware

Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

## SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families *Connections:*

(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co:

(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 <u>Veteransawarenesscenter.org</u>
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 <u>Delaware.widener.edu</u>

#### **Veteran Organizations:**

<b>Veteran Organizations:</b>				
Air Force Sergeants Association				
Alexander Collazo, MSgt(302) 677-5264				
American Legion				
Richard "Ric" Santos (302) 628-5221				
AMVETS				
Eugene Bradley(302) 945-2170				
Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America				
Ron Hoskins(302) 861-6671 <b>Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)</b>				
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Post 1(302) 475-9891				
Post 2(302) 674-9956				
Delaware Veterans Coalition Days Skroik (202) 736 8500				
Dave Skocik(302) 736-8500 E-mail: <u>delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com</u>				
Disabled American Veterans				
Paul Lardizzone(302) 697-9061				
First State Military Women Warriors				
Paula Witcher(302) 505-0849				
Fleet Reserve Association				
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Gold Star Families				
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Gold Star Mothers				
Judith Faunce				
40 & 8				
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Jewish War Veterans				
Len Markovitz(302) 234-4785				
Korean War Veterans Association				
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Marine Corps League				
William C. Farley(302) 242-7926				
Military Officers Association of America				
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Ron Sarg (Kent Co.)(302) 678-1603				
Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)(302) 519-0611				
Military Order of the Purple Heart				
Gary "Mo" Morris(302) 422-6760				
Military Order of the World Wars				
Earl Seppala(302) 239-0641				
E-mail: <u>eseppala@aol.com</u>				
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Nolan S. Lewis(302) 345-6911				
The Reserve Officers Association				
LTC Richard Chappell (Ret)(302) 234-1418				
E-mail: <a href="mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net">rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net</a>				
Veterans of Foreign Wars				
Paul Phillips Jr(302) 656-5022				
Vietnam Veterans of America				
Paul Davis(302) 697-8384				



# DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS Certificate of Appreciation Application

Veterans Name:				
First	Middle	Last	Last	
Address:				
Street	City	State	Zip	
Phone: (Home)		(Work or Cell)		
Date Entered Service	Date Separa	ated	Branch of Service	
Date of Birth	Type of Discharge	Highest R	Highest Rank Achieved	
		(Only requir	red if requesting rank on certificate)	
Is Veteran Deceased?	Yes or No ( <u>please circle one</u> )			
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 applic Discharge from Active D	cation with a copy of Certificat outy, (DD-214) to:	te of Release or		
Delaware Commission of Robbins Building 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Sui Dover, DE 19904 Phone: (302) 739-2792		ıly)		
Signature of Veteran/spouse or next of kin			Date	
Print Name and Relationship if not veteran				
Provide alternate addre	ss if different from above			
NOTE: Please anticipate 2	to 3 weeks in receiving your Cer	tificate		
TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA:	Approved	Pending	Disapproved	
Name/Title:	ame/Title:Date			
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