



## DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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**Anna Lopez**  
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**Mark Newman**  
**Barry Newstadt**  
**Dr. Ronald Sarg**

New commissioner leadership: Chairperson Angela Showell, retired Colonel with the Delaware Army National Guard and Vice Chair Jason Stewart, Military Police and Iraqi War veteran. Both leaders are primed to increase commissioner awareness, ensuring all Delaware veterans are represented. Congratulations to both!

I was fortunate to speak to Arthur Lane an energetic 97 year old World War II veteran. As I sat beside him, he spoke of his missions in France where he engaged German soldiers. Veteran Lane drew me in describing one mission where he led his team through the brush. They had difficulty discerning the enemy, yet they pressed on. Veteran Lane vividly remembered picking off multiple enemies with his rifle as they moved onward. As I looked into his eyes, he then depicted the moment a mortar round landed close, giving him just enough time to get into a prone position, as it exploded. He recalled his disorientation, desire to move forward, but mostly how he could not hear. He received medical attention but the hearing loss was permanent as he transitioned from the war. Veteran Lane then told me "the VA" provided hearing aids and how "thankful" he was for that service. I thought, he got it backwards because it was me and a grateful nation who are forever "thankful" to Veteran Lane for his service.

Thanks to my team from the cemeteries, service officers, to administrative, for putting Delaware veterans first. They bend over backwards to help others and I want our readers to know how proud I am of them.







### Commissioners of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

Front row (L-R): Paul Lardizzone (DAV), Charles 'Chuck' Baldwin (VVA), Vice Chair—Angela Showell (At-Large), Chairman—William 'Bill' Farley (MCL), Earl Seppala (At-Large) and Barry Newstadt (At-Large)

Back Row (L-R): Anna Lopez (At-Large), Charles 'Chuck' Armbruster (American Legion), Jason Stewart (At-Large), William 'Bill' McMullen (AFSA), Dr. Ron Sarg (MOAA), Edward Johnson (KWVA), Eugene 'Gene' Bradley (AMVETS), Richard Magner (MOPH), *Mark Newman (VFW) - Not present for picture.*

*Picture taken: 15 May 2018*

We ended September's Commission Meeting with former Chairperson, Bill Farley handing off the gavel to our new Chairperson—Angela Showell. Angela has gracefully stepped up from Vice Chair to Chair. Next to Angela is our new Vice Chairman, Jason Stewart.

In her final military assignment with the Delaware National Guard (2016-2018), Angela served as Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and led efforts to stand up the Delaware National Guard's participation in the National Guard Youth Challenge program, an alternative education program designed for high school dropouts or youth that are not progressing in a traditional high school setting.

Angela Showell earned a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from Delaware State University, a Master of Education in School Counseling from Wilmington University, and is a graduate of Command and General Staff Officer College. She is employed with Delaware Technical Community College, Owens Campus, as Academic Counselor for Veterans and Service Members. In her spare time she enjoys reading and traveling with her husband, Dennis.

Jason Stewart was born and raised in Magnolia, DE. He graduated from Caesar Rodney High School and attended Goldey-Beacom College. He joined the Army Reserves as a Military Police Officer in 2007, and was deployed to Iraq in 2009. After returning from Iraq in 2010, he remained in the Army Reserves and joined the Inter-Con Security team for the U.S. Department of State in diplomatic security. In 2015, he returned to college at Wilmington University where he completed a BA in Business Management.

Jason's sense of service has not ended. He currently serves as the Vice Chairperson for Delaware's 34<sup>th</sup> Representative District, Kent County Representative for the Delaware Veterans Coalition, and Secretary for Wilmington University's military organization. He also is the Vice President for "Cyber Streets". Through Cyber Streets, he works directly with local youth to provide them with the necessary tools and training to be successful in the world of IT. Jason also enjoys spending a portion of his time teaching martial arts to both youth and adults, at Premier Martial Arts in Dover. He currently resides in Camden, DE, with his wife, two children, and family dog.



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On October 4, the leaders of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, an organization created to support the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, stopped by the Commission of Veterans Affairs Dover headquarters to express their support for the Commission's newly elevated top leadership. The Trust Fund is a restricted account controlled by the Commission. "We look forward to working with Chairperson Angela Showell and Vice Chair Jason Stewart as we have in the past," said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends. The Friends was formed to raise money for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, signed into law five years ago to assist veterans in financial emergency. Paul Davis agreed. "Because the Trust Fund is not part of the state budget, working closely with the Commission is crucial," said Mr. Davis, "and we've already seen the results of their efforts." Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for more information on the fund, its efforts and its board.



*Seated:* Paul Davis and Dave Skocik, Friends co-founders.  
*Standing:* Larence Kirby, Executive Director, Commission; Angela Showell, Commission Chair; Jason Stewart, Commission Vice Chair.

## Delaware Vets Post 2 and VA host Town Hall Meeting

Delaware Veterans Post 2, Dover, and the Veterans Administration hosted a Resource Benefits Fair and Town Hall Meeting on August 8th to address the needs of veterans across the state.

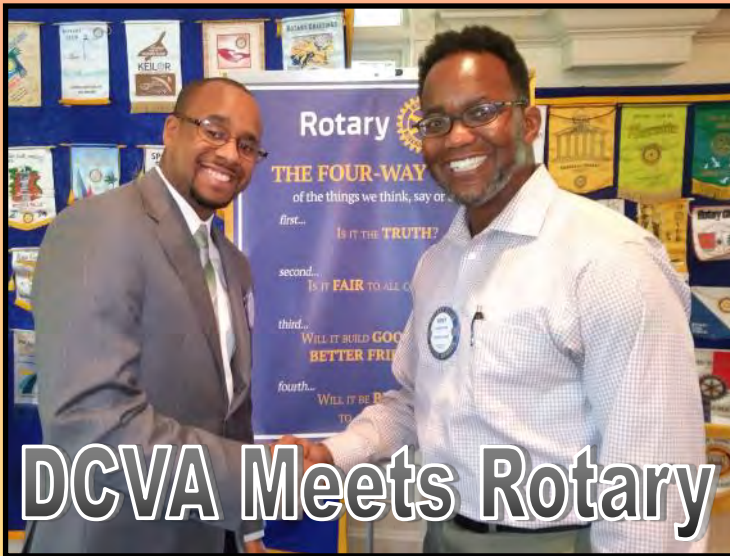
Veterans Administration outreach coordinator Mark Taylor and Delaware Veterans Post 2 Commander Anna Lopez coordinated the event.

"Because it is often difficult for veterans from across the state to visit the Regional VA Medical Center in Wilmington, we invited the VA to come to us," said Ms. Lopez, who also serves on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. Multiple organizations assisted veterans with enrollment in MyHealthVet, ebenefits, claims, healthcare, and multiple resources to address the concerns and questions of attendees.

"Thanks to all of the participants who made this event successful," said Ms. Lopez. Photo by Dave Skocik

**Photo Caption:** Front Row: Mark Taylor, Veterans Administration; Liz Byers-Jiron and Bill Jiron, Veterans Awareness Center, Greenwood. Back Row: Freddie Allen, Jim Beaver, Suzzette Moore, John Richter, Randy Schuman, Anna Lopez.





## DCVA Meets Rotary

outreach during the past five years, including its involvement with Delaware Joining Forces, a network of related and outside providers offering additional assistance to veterans and their families. It also administers the Veterans Trust Fund. **Dover Capital City Rotary Club** meets every Thursday for lunch at Maple Dale Country Club, Dover. Visit [www.dccrotary.org](http://www.dccrotary.org) for more information on the club or call John Kotzun at 302-674-4138.

**Photo Caption:** Chris Smith, (left) Dover Capital City Rotary Club president, welcomes Larence Kirby, executive director of the Commission of Veterans Affairs.

Larence Kirby, executive director of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, addressed Dover Capital City Rotary Club about the Commission and its outreach to Delaware's veterans of all generations at the club's July 19 luncheon.

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) was established in 1987 to provide assistance to Delaware's veterans, their spouses and dependent children. The Commission is a Department of State agency consisting of approximately 30 state employees. The Commission also consists of 15 Commissioners (advisors) representing veteran service organizations and appointed by Delaware's governor for 4 year terms. About 6,800 women are included in the state's 72,000+ veteran population.

The Commission manages two state cemeteries at Bear and Millsboro and has veteran service officers in each county. The Commission has expanded its

## New Castle Police Officer welcomed as Veterans Coalition representative

New Castle County Police Officer First Class Nicholas Hurst, who has been recognized for his work with fellow military veteran police officers through the Veterans Response Team (VRT) has been appointed New Castle County co-representative for the Delaware Veterans Coalition at the Coalition's bi-monthly meeting in Dover on September 24.

"We are very pleased to have Nick come aboard. He will serve with long-time member Tom Daws of Newark. These men create a span of service and shared values from Vietnam to our current conflicts and will help us to better connect with our fellow veterans," said Dave Skocik, president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition.

Officer Hurst, a former Marine who served two combat tours in Falujah, Iraq, explained how the VRT works with the Green Alert Bill, which was signed into law on August 29 by Gov. John Carney. The Green Alert program aids in locating missing members of the armed forces, including veterans, who have a physical or mental health condition related to their service. The law is modeled after Delaware's existing Gold, Amber, and Blue Alert Programs.

The Veterans Response Team complements the already existing New Castle Police Department's Crisis Intervention Team by providing officers who have served in the military with an extra tool in reaching fellow veterans in need. Officer Hurst was one of four New Castle County police officers who attended veterans response training in North Carolina and shared their training with local agencies, including the Wilmington Police Department, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Police Service in Elsmere, and the Delaware State Police.

The Delaware Veterans Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization created in May 2011 to advocate with Delaware elected officials on issues that affect all generations of First State veterans. All honorably-discharged Delaware veterans are eligible to join.

Visit [www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com) for more information or to download a membership application.







## Vietnam Veterans and Smyrna partner on WWII Memorial

The Vietnam Vets Legacy Vets Motor Cycle Club came together with the Town of Smyrna, state officials and local contractors to break ground at Smyrna's Lake Como on August 10 for a memorial that will commemorate the December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

The memorial will be dedicated on Friday, December 7th at noon.

The project is a collaboration of funding from the state, the motorcycle club, the Delaware State VVA Council, and the contribution of a 3,000 lb. anchor from a 1942 destroyer by the U.S. Navy that will become part of the memorial with a traditional stone marker depicting an image of the attack on 'battleship row' in 1941.

President Roosevelt's words, "A date which will live in infamy," will be inscribed at the top, with VVA's national logo, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," at the bottom.

"It's important that succeeding generations are aware of what these rapidly disappearing veterans and their peers went through to preserve our freedoms," said Terry Baker, VNVLM/C coordinating chairman.

The annual event commemorating the attack that pulled the United States into WWII was originally hosted at Lake Como by another veteran's organization but the WWII veterans who organized it aged out and three years ago the VNVLM/C, which includes members of New Castle VVA Chapter 83, began hosting the event and inviting other veterans and the public to attend.

**Photo caption:** Paul Davis, president, State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America; Tony DeFeo, Smyrna councilman; Gary Stulir, Smyrna town manager; John L. Embert III, Smyrna mayor; Bruce Ennis, state senator; Mark S. Eschelweck, Vietnam veteran; Bill Pressley, Smyrna councilman; Terry Baker; Bill Carson, state representative.

Recently, the Bill Carr Chapter #1, Sussex County, donated \$1,000 scholarships to six very qualified JROTC graduating students attending three local high schools. The schools were Sussex Tech, Sussex Central and Cape Henlopen all in the southern part of Delaware.

The purpose of the program is to assist these students with their expenses as they progress on to institutions of higher learning. The winners have been in the JROTC Program for all four years of High School and have consistently earned top grades in the classroom and have developed proven leadership qualities.

*Pictured at the one of the Awards Ceremony for Sussex Tech are Alex Angell, who will attend the Air Force Academy (l) and Aron Carrow, who will attend the University of Delaware. Jack McGinley, President (l) and Walt Koopman, Programs Director presented the awards in front of many student friends and relatives at the Georgetown CHEER Center.*



## KWVA Scholarship Funds

Anyone wishing to join the KWVA Chapter may contact Jack McGinley at [jomcgin@aol.com](mailto:jomcgin@aol.com) or call 302 945 0698 for more information.

## POW/MIA Chair of Honor dedicated at Middletown Hospital

On September 19, a POW/MIA Chair of Honor was dedicated at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Middletown. The ceremony included opening and closing prayers, a patriotic song by vocalist Tim Hurtt from MOT Charter H.S., the National Anthem by Dana Brennan from the hospital, presentation of the colors by First State Military Academy and a welcome by Mathew Gooch, hospital CEO.

Rosely Robinson, creator of A Hero's Welcome, served as emcee. This was her 22nd dedication of the 28 that had been placed across the state. Her ultimate goal is to have one in every high school in Delaware as a means of educating our youth about the sacrifices made in our behalf.

That theme was echoed by guest speaker Dave Skocik, president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition, who noted its connection not only to the Vietnam War but to current conflicts. After the dedication ceremony the chair on its specially created platform was placed in the facility's entrance foyer.

*Photo Caption: Dave Skocik, Larence Kirby, Rep. Bill Carson, and Sen. Stephanie Hansen.*



## Stockings for Soldiers

We are all getting ready for our upcoming 15th year of our fabulous and fun **Stockings For Soldiers** community project. Our volunteers are keeping very busy planning for this upcoming year of our community effort to send personalized Holiday greetings to our brave young men and women in uniform serving their Country half-way around the world, in addition to sending some smiles and hugs.

We hope that you all, our wonderful Volunteer Elves, are also getting ready to work with us again this year. We really need your help and support. THANK YOU for all that you have done for us and our troops over the years.

We have some very exciting news: Our Stocking Store will be in a NEW LOCATION starting October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Thanks so much to the generosity of Louis Capano & Sons, the wonderful owners of Branmar Plaza Shopping Center who allowed us to use their empty office space for the past 12 years. They have now rented that space but have given us another nearby space for our 8 week project. Our NEW LOCATIONS will be:

Plaza III Shopping Center - 1851 Marsh Road, just north of Silverside Road, North Wilmington

Anytime Fitness Gym, located next to the Goat Restaurant and  
the Comic Book Shop at 1851 Marsh Road, in Wilmington.



For more information please visit: [www.stockingsforsoldiers.org/](http://www.stockingsforsoldiers.org/)



## Delaware Veterans Coalition presents two speakers at July meeting

**State Rep. Bill Carson** updated the membership on veteran-related legislation passed during the recently completed 149<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Legislative Session, including restoration of grants that were cut 20 percent last year; legislation that created license plates for women veterans in conjunction with the coming November 3, dedication of a Delaware Women Veterans Monument at Legislative Hall; legislation for a dental suite at the veterans home in Milford and plans to adjust nursing salaries there; a coming Pearl Harbor memorial at Lake Como in Smyrna; and license plates identifying Delaware veterans not associated with specifically named conflicts.

**Beth Rosebrooks**, a US Navy veteran, is Community Engagement for the Dover chapter of Team RWB (Red White and Blue) that has about 450 members from Kent and Sussex counties, with about 100 members in its Northern Delaware Chapter. RWB's nationwide mission is to enrich the lives of America's veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activities. Their bright red shirts with the white and blue eagle are often seen at local 5k races, volunteering at community events or just walking briskly through Brecknock Park in Camden every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. carrying Old Glory with pride. Visit [www.teamrwb.org](http://www.teamrwb.org) for more information. Mrs. Rosebrooks is Land Services Manager for the Delaware Department of Transportation and a member of the Delaware Women Veterans Monument Committee. She also served on the planning committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Stand Down on September 21, in Dover.

The DE Veterans Coalition is a non-partisan statewide organization that communicates 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. Visit [www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com). The Coalition is seeking a Sussex County representative. Call 302-697-8384 or email [pauldavis5233@comcast.net](mailto:pauldavis5233@comcast.net) for more information.



**Photo Caption:**  
State Rep. Bill Carson;  
Beth Rosebrooks,  
Community Engage-  
ment Director of  
Team RWB;  
and Dave Skocik,  
Veterans Coalition  
president.

My fellow veterans and I have partnered with Carman Ford of New Castle and M&T Bank to help Vietnam Veteran Ron Elliott replace his 18Yr Old Special F-150. He uses it to transport Deceased Veterans to VA Cemeteries including Arlington. He also uses it at public events and has been to schools to inform of his experience and keep the word out about Forgotten Veterans. Ron can't afford to buy a used truck let alone a new one, so we began a campaign to get him a nice used one. Goal is to present it to him at Vet Fest 2018. A GoFundMe site is up and running titled A Veterans Dream, Team Name Ron's Brigade. A Tax Deductible Account has also been set up at M&T Bank where people can stop into any branch office and donate under the account name A Veterans Dream. We are also organizing two outdoor fundraisers, 1 near Smyrna sometime in August and 1 above the canal sometime in September, with the help of VVA 850, 83 and Veterans Outreach of Delaware. Anything you can do to help us have successful mission completion is Deeply appreciated.

MITCHELL G. GAUGE, MSgt  
USAF/DEANG (Ret)302-242-1435



On Sept. 26, 2018, the Delmarva Hand Dance Club donated \$2,000 to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 850 to help sponsor a service dog to be trained to assist a disabled Veteran. The program is entitled "Canines Assisting Service Heroes".



Group Pic of Members of the Delmarva Hand Dance Club with Joe Startt, President, (center) Vietnam Veterans of America, Barbara McArdle, Judy Martin, Board Members, Eileen Smith, President, kneeling, Sgt. Bob with trainer Nelson Reidel and Howard Simons, Board Member.



## Delmarva Hand Dance Club

**DANCING EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
5:30 TO 9:00 P.M.  
**ELKS LODGE**  
13708 Sinepuxent Ave., Ocean City, MD 21842  
*e-mail: [dance@delmarvahanddancing.com](mailto:dance@delmarvahanddancing.com)*  
*Website: <https://delmarvahanddancing.com>*

### Kent County Vietnam Veterans Contribute to Friends of the Fallen

Vietnam Veteran Fred Rowe presented a \$500 check to the Friends of the Fallen at Dover AFB on August 30 on behalf of Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America.

"This contribution reflects the high esteem our chapter holds for the outstanding and difficult work these volunteers do," said Mr. Rowe. Friends of the Fallen is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing service and assistance to families who come to Dover Air Force Base to witness the Dignified Transfer of their loved ones.



Visit [www.Friendsofthefallen.org](http://www.Friendsofthefallen.org) for more information.

**Photo Caption:** LtoR: Janet King, Donation coordinator; Laura Bashista, Secretary; Fred Rowe, VVA Chapter 850 member and former Friends of the Fallen volunteer; Karen House, President; Vanessa Wallace, Vice President.  
Photo by Herb Welday.





*Committee Members*

I am so proud of each of you for working so graciously over the last nine months to make the Delaware 2018 Veterans' Stand Down the huge success that it was!

Every detail was complete without a flaw and it continues to be a pleasure working with each of you. Watching the veterans' faces, seeing the smiles and accepting the "Thank You's," for each of you is just overwhelming. It is amazing to see the faces of our veterans, when at the end of the event they realize what they can accomplish for themselves. Hard work the day of the event but it all pays off to see a Veteran Smile!!!

Once again "Thank You" for a most enjoyable day and more importantly "Thank You" from our veterans!

Respectfully,  
Liz Byers-Jiron





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## License Plate for women veterans signed into law

Delaware's women veterans who served during any conflict will be recognized with a special license plate that acknowledges their service. Gov. John Carney was surrounded by women veterans as he signed the law authorizing the creation of the special plate on July 17 in Dover.

The license plate will feature a woman in uniform with a red poppy behind her. It will be issued in conjunction with the dedication of a Women Veterans Monument to be dedicated at noon, November 3, on the southwest corner of Legislative Hall in Dover. A special commemorative lapel pin will also be provided to women veterans. The dedication will be preceded by a parade at 10 a.m.

Women veterans who wish to sign up for one of the new plates at that event are asked to bring with them documentation of their military service with a DD Form 214, a military ID, or similar document. The Delaware Women's Veterans Monument committee has been meeting since January to gather information that will recognize Delaware women veterans and the roles they played in all branches and periods of service. More than 700,000 American women served our country during World Wars I & II, Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. That includes 40,000 who served during Desert Storm.

The General Assembly and the Department of State are the lead agencies on the monument and the Heritage Commission has been working with the Delaware Public Archives and the Commission of Veterans Affairs in soliciting information and photographs for the project.

**Photo Caption:** Gov. John Carney, State Sen. Bruce Ennis, Delaware's Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Carol Timmons, Donyale Hall, and retired Navy Cmdr. Pat Cherico Vieira listen to remarks made by retired Maj. Gen. Frank Iaini about women's long engagement in the military at the bill signing on July 17 in Dover. Behind Sen. Ennis is state Sen. Stephanie Hansen and Orlando Short J., designer of the plate and a commemorative pin. State Reps. Earl Jaques, Harvey Kenton, Dave Wilson and Lyndon Yearick also participated in the ceremony.



### Vietnam service nurse to keynote Veterans Day Event in Dover

Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, will host one of its own in its Veterans Day ceremony Saturday, November 10, at 2 p.m. at the Kent County Veterans Park on S. Little Creek Road in Dover. Its keynote speaker will be Rhona K. Prescott, a nurse who served multiple roles in Vietnam beginning in Saigon in 1967 assisting with thoracic and brain surgery, later serving as acting chief nurse in a tent hospital in the central highlands, and finally being assigned to a POW hospital before rotating home in 1968.

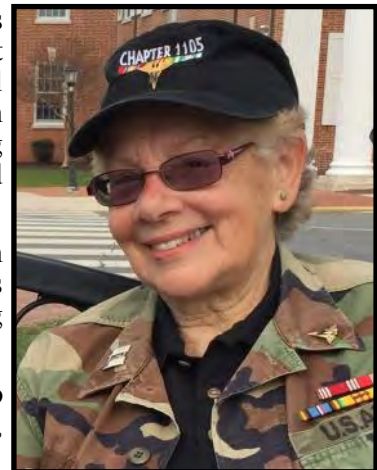
After licensing as an R.N., she was commissioned into the Army Nurse Corps in 1961 and served as an operating room nurse in a number of stateside assignments followed by a year in Korea. She received orders for Vietnam after completing an administrative and management course.

After returning with nearly seven years' service she resigned her commission to become a mother and officer's wife. Her husband Stephen, a Vietnam veteran, later died from a service related condition.

When she graduated school at the University of Houston she began a second career as a clinical social worker, eventually retiring from the VA Readjustment Counseling Service, known also as the Vet Center system. Ms. Prescott's specialty was and remains PTSD. She joined private practice and began publishing professional articles, including writing about her experience in Vietnam, with parts of six books and a play to her credit.

After retiring she became involved with the homeless population, helped found a shelter in New York State and is working on one in lower Delaware. She is a member of VVA Chapter 1105, Millsboro.

"We are very much looking forward to welcoming Rhona Prescott to this event along with our fellow veterans from all generations. There's no one who appreciates and honors what she did more than her fellow Vietnam veterans," said Chapter 850 President Joe Startt, himself a Purple Heart recipient.





Fellow Veteran:

Do you want to learn more about the different rights and array of benefits you earned through service to your country? Do you want straight answers as well as free, professional assistance with claims from a highly trained expert?

The DAV Wilmington, Delaware National Service Office is inviting you and your family to attend a DAV Veterans Information Seminar. During the seminar, a DAV National Service Officer (NSO) will discuss facts which will strengthen your knowledge and understanding regarding the benefits and services you earned.

So many injured veterans feel confused about their benefits and services, which is why *DAV is leading the way in providing you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you and your family can get.* Our NSOs are rigorously and professionally schooled in the full range of benefits for military veterans, retirees and their families. Also, like you, DAV NSOs are veterans.

There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next. Here are the details on this seminar:

**Thursday, October 18, 2018  
8:30 A.M. till 10:00 A.M.**

**Department of Delaware DAV Headquarters  
183 South Street  
Camden, DE 19934**

In conjunction with the seminar, **between the hours of 10:00 A.M. till 4:00 P.M.**, our NSOs will be providing claims assistance, so don't let this opportunity pass you by.

**JIM MARSZALEK**  
National Service Director, Washington, DC



**Use your smartphone  
to view this message.**

**Please mark your calendars and join us  
for these great events in Dover on November 3rd!**

**The Delaware Veterans Parade at 10am**  
**DE Women's Military Monument Dedication at 12:30 pm**  
**DE Veterans Trust Fundraiser Dinner at 6pm-9pm**

*Flyers and information are in this current DCVA Newsletter or  
you can contact DCVA office at 302-739-2792 for more information.  
Thank you!*



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The Delaware General Assembly, the Delaware Department of State, the Delaware Commission on Veterans Affairs, the Delaware Heritage Commission, Dover Air Force Base, and the City of Dover will honor Delaware Women Veterans with this year's veterans parade. The parade will begin at 10:00 A.M. winding through downtown Dover ending at the site of the dedication ceremony. Following the parade, the Women's Military Service Monument will be dedicated at noon on the Northwest corner of Legislative Hall.

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Veterans Parade

*This year's theme:*

Honoring the service and sacrifice of those Delaware Women who have served their country.

Saturday, November 3, 2018

8:30 A.M. Registration & Line-up at the Duncan Center

At the corner of W. Loockerman & Slaughter Streets

Parade Begins – 10:00 A.M.

For more information please contact Colinda Marker in Legislative Council  
at 302-744-4303

Please provide all of the information requested on the back of this form and return to Colinda Marker, Legislative Council via mail at 411 Legislative Avenue, Dover, Delaware 19901, or e-mail [colinda.marker@state.de.us](mailto:colinda.marker@state.de.us) or fax 302-739-7553.

**Registration Deadline is Monday, October 29, 2018.**

**\*\*\*No political campaigns allowed only elected officials currently serving may participate.**





The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Delaware Veterans Parade  
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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 (for person on site the day of the event)

Brief description of your unit to be announced as you pass the reviewing stand:

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**Parade Registration Deadline is Monday, October 29, 2018.**

Please provide all of the information requested on this form and return to Colinda Marker, Legislative Council via mail at 411 Legislative Avenue, Dover, Delaware 19901, scan and e-mail [colinda.marker@state.de.us](mailto:colinda.marker@state.de.us) or fax 302-739-7553. You will receive a follow-up letter with more information regarding the parade details.

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**For inclement weather information please call 744-4114  
 after 8:00 A.M. the day of the event.**



# Chicks for Charity

Chicks for Charity hosted a warm and sunny fundraiser on a rainy night in Lewes to benefit the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund.

Chicks for Charity has aided residents of Sussex County beginning with their first dinner in July 2010. They have helped community resource agencies that aid kids, families, the elderly, abandoned animals, and the underserved.

The September 18th dinner included silent and Chinese auctions and a 50/50 that raised \$1, 600.00 for the fund that assists Delaware's honorably discharged veterans in financial emergency. The Veterans Trust Fund provides one-time hand up grants to qualified veterans and has prevented cutoff of utilities, repossessions, evictions, and even put food on the table.

**Photo Caption:** Chicks for Charity cofounders Kari Ainsworth and Marcie Urgo with event organizers Angela Showell, incoming chairperson of the Delaware Veterans Commission; and Bonnie McCann.



## Masons Sponsor Veterans Trust Fund Annual Dinner

In conjunction with the 5th anniversary of the Sept. 17, 2013, signing of the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund into law, The Friends of Delaware Veterans held a press conference on September 13, at Dover's Masonic Lodge, 1478 Wyoming Mill Rd., Dover.

S. Curtis Cole, President, Board of Managers of Masonic Charities of Delaware, presented a \$5,000 donation to the Friends as a major sponsor of the coming November 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Friends of Delaware Veterans Dinner at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino.

The Friends board is comprised of military veterans who work without compensation or reimbursement so all of what is raised goes to help Delaware Veterans through a dedicated account at the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

"Masonic Charities of Delaware is a philanthropy offering assistance to local charitable organizations. It was created several years ago as a result of selling our Masonic Home in Wilmington. It served for over 100 years but because there weren't enough needy brothers and sisters to continue the home was sold with the proceeds being used to assist other organizations," said Mr. Cole. "I am a disabled Vietnam Veteran and I wanted to find veteran groups that could benefit."

"This generous contribution not only brings attention to the good works of the Masons but also underscores the ongoing need of a small number of Delaware's veterans and families who find themselves in temporary financial difficulty and will hopefully encourage other organizations to contribute," said Dave Skocik, Friends president.

The annual dinner is the major fundraising event for the Veterans Trust Fund. All contributions to the fund are tax deductible. The fund has stopped repossessions, evictions, made emergency repairs on homes and vehicles, and sometimes put food on the table.

A numeric list of veterans by county who have been assisted by grants from the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund during the last quarter was distributed at the press conference.





Retired Air Force Col. return from a leave of Capital City Rotary reserve the first table at Fifth Annual Veterans Downs with a \$1,000

Mr. Chabbott made the luncheon meeting of the Maple Dale Country

The Trust Fund was der the Commission of a hand up to honorably en need. It is not part of must come from contri- events coordinated by Veterans, Inc.

The Friends' board, all veterans and all volunteers, work with community groups, individuals and other donors to help their fellow veterans of all generations. Last year more than \$80,000 was approved for payment to prevent utility disconnections, evictions, repossessions, make emergency repairs on homes and sometimes to put food on the table.

"All of the money stays in Delaware, all of it goes to veterans, and contributions are tax deductible," said Dave Skocik, Friends' president. "We invite other businesses and individuals to support the men and women who serve and protect our state and nation. Military service runs in families. How we treat our veterans determines future recruitment."

Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for information on the Trust Fund. Call 302-739-2792 or email [Sherri.Taylor@state.de.us](mailto:Sherri.Taylor@state.de.us) about dinner sponsorship.

*Photo caption: Left to right: Larence Kirby, executive director, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs; George Chabbott; Dave Skocik, president, Friends of Delaware Veterans. All three are members of the Rotary club.*



George Chabbott used his absence from the Dover Club as an opportunity to the coming November 3, Trust Fund Dinner at Dover check.

contribution at the August 9 club that meets weekly at Club, Dover.

signed into law in 2013 un- Veterans Affairs to provide discharged veterans in prov- the state budget so revenue butions and fundraising the Friends of Delaware

## Keynote speaker for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund annual Dinner announced

Retired Navy Command Master Chief Charles 'Chuck' Baldwin will keynote the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund at Dover Downs Rollins Center on November 3.

"Mr. Baldwin also serves as a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs representing the state's Vietnam veterans, but his contributions to Delaware and his fellow veterans go far beyond that," said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, the fundraising organization of the Trust Fund.

During his 28-year Navy career Mr. Baldwin served as the top enlisted man on the 5,500 member crew of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), and was a finalist for MCPON (Master Chief Petty Office of the Navy).

His focus on leadership and education continued after his retirement. He served as president of The Charter School of Wilmington. Founded in 1996 it is one of the first charter schools in the nation.

In 2003, he co-founded the Delaware Military Academy in Wilmington, raising more than \$15 million for its construction. Its mission is to prepare young men and women for their next level of education and to provide them with a foundation that leads to good citizenship. It has been recognized by the U.S. Department of the Navy as a Distinguished NJROTC Unite with Academic Honors.

Mr. Baldwin later advised the founding committee of the First State Military Academy in Clayton, whose students participate in Marine Jr. ROTC. In May it featured its first graduating class.

In 2017 he authored "Carrier to Classroom," with book signings at Barnes & Noble in Wilmington resulting in a \$2,700 contribution to the Veterans Trust Fund. The book encourages military veterans to enter teaching. It details '10 Deckplate Leadership Lessons' for all teachers, whether military or civilian. He is a regular speaker at official U.S. Navy events in Washington and beyond. "Carrier to Classroom," can be ordered on Amazon.com.

"We encourage veteran leaders and their posts to be part of this annual event that benefits all generations of Delaware veterans," said Mr. Skocik. Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for information on the Trust Fund, its volunteer board of community leaders, and how to become a dinner sponsor or participant.



5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# Delaware Veterans Trust Fund *Dinner*

*Benefiting Delaware Veterans in Need*



Saturday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6-9pm

Dover Downs  
Hotel & Casino

*Black Tie Optional*

## *Sponsorship Opportunities!*

- ★ **PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000**  
*Includes a plaque & 8-person table near the front*
- ★ **GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000**  
*Includes an 8-person table*
- ★ **SILVER SPONSOR \$750**  
*Includes five tickets*
- ★ **BRONZE SPONSOR \$500**  
*Includes three tickets*

*Deadline for  
Sponsorships: 10/20*

**TICKETS: \$100 per person**

Mail check to:

Delaware Veterans Trust Fund / DCVA  
802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100  
Dover, DE 19904

Memo area: Trust Fund Dinner

**Deadline for reservations: 10/27**

Pick up tickets at Will Call table at event.  
*No tickets will be sold at the door.*



For more information: [DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) • 302-739-2792



# Veterans Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11th @ 10:30 am

War Memorial Plaza  
163 Cherry Lane  
New Castle, DE 19720



Hosted by MCL & DCVA



**FREEDOM  
ISN'T FREE**

**VETERANS DAY II.II**

**Veterans Eat FREE on Veterans Day!**

Free Sandwich and Cake  
for American Heroes - for Veterans

**MISSION BBQ**  
The American Way

Shout out to Jennifer Davidson-Rambo and her crew! Thank you for your continuous support with our veteran community and our law enforcements/first responders. There's been many times we've called for help and without hesitation, you answered our call. Especially, with our homeless vets. For that we salute you and thank you for your kind heart!



**Dover, DE**  
365 North Dupont Highway  
Dover, DE 19901





# Veterans Day Celebration

Friday, November 9, 2018 • 5 to 9 p.m.

Warren L. & Charles C. Allen, Jr

**CHEER Community Center**

20520 Sand Hill Road • Georgetown, DE



## *Dinner and Dancing*

Dinner Served From 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment by: Sky Brady • Cash Bar

**Call Now for Tickets: 302-515-3045!**



**WREATHS**  
— across —  
**AMERICA**

## *Wreaths Across America Ceremony*

*December 10th*

*11:30 am*

*Legislative Hall  
411 Legislative Avenue  
Dover, DE 19901*



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# Elizabeth Dole Foundation

CARING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

The Elizabeth Dole Foundation is the preeminent organization empowering, supporting, and honoring our nation's 5.5 million military caregivers; the spouses, parents, family members, and friends who care for America's wounded, ill, or injured veterans. Founded by Senator Elizabeth Dole in 2012, the Foundation adopts a comprehensive approach in its advocacy, working with leaders in the public, private, nonprofit and faith communities to recognize military caregivers' service and promote their well-being.

**Mission Statement:** Strengthen and empower America's military caregivers and their families by raising public awareness, driving research, championing policy, and leading collaborations that make a significant impact on their Lives.

Please visit:

[www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/hidden-heroes/](http://www.elizabethdolefoundation.org/hidden-heroes/)



# PSYCHARMOR<sup>®</sup>

Institute

PsychArmor Institute is a Non-profit that provides FREE EDUCATION and support for all Americans to engage effectively with the military community.

PsychArmor is the only national institute of its kind, dedicated to bridging the military-civilian divide through FREE ONLINE EDUCATION. Additionally, PsychArmor provides a Support Center staffed with mental health experts that are ready to support you.

PsychArmor recruits nationally recognized subject matter experts to create and deliver online courses about issues relevant to the military and Veteran communities. Our self-paced courses are delivered within nine topic areas geared toward military culture, healthcare providers, employers, K-12 educators, higher education, volunteers, caregivers and families, transitioning service members, and communities serving Veterans. We provide critical resources to all Americans who work with, live with, and care about Veterans.

More info.—<https://psycharmor.org/>

## Delaware Veterans Business Assistance

*help with new or current veteran owned businesses*



contact



### Small Business Unit

POC: Ken Anderson

Director, Entrepreneurial and Small Business

(302) 577-8496

[kenneth.r.anderson@state.de.us](mailto:kenneth.r.anderson@state.de.us)



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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 expedite 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 SS 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, SS is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security’s Wounded Warriors website is at: [www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors](http://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 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**  
<http://www.veteransunitedoutreach.com/>



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## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

**New Castle County:** Vacant  
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



## 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.*

## American Legion

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



## 2018 Quarterly Scheduled Post Visits:

### Friday, October 5, 2018:

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

### Friday, October 12, 2018

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

### Friday, November 2, 2018:

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

### Friday, November 9, 2018:

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

### Friday, December 7, 2018:

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

### Friday, December 14, 2018:

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

### Friday, December 21, 2018:

Post #19, Laurel, DE  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 875-9948

*\*Times/dates are subject to change.*



## Paralyzed 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> Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

Georgetown CBOC :  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM



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### **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.*



Dover DOL: (302) 993-7260  
1st – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: 8:30-11:30 AM

Blue Hen VFW Post 6483: (302) 422-4412  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961 - (302) 629-3092  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

Rehoboth VFW: (302) 227-3469  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

### **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



HOB I for Men: (302) 424-1681  
HOB II for Women & Children: (302) 422-4146  
Jessica Finan (Executive Director)  
Denise Dudley (Case Manager)



### **DCVA Program:**

Christine F. Kubik  
DE Nat'l Guard  
Community Relations  
(302) 326-7582  
[chritine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:chritine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil)

*Please visit our website  
[www.delaware.gov/djf/](http://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



U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

### **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



**Community Based  
Outpatient Clinic**

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

Angela Showell (Chair).....At Large  
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Eugene Bradley.....AMVETS  
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Edward Johnson.....KWVA  
Paul Lardizzone .....DAV  
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Richard Magner.....MOPH  
William "Bill" McMullen.....AFSA  
Mark Newman.....VFW  
Barry Newstadt.....At Large (*JWV*)  
Dr. Ronald Sarg.....MOAA  
Earl E. Seppala..... At Large (*MOWW*)

### Veterans Outreach Programs:

**People's Place:** Listening Post Lower Delaware  
Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

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

**Connections:** Mindy Bacchus  
(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co.  
(302) 518-5338 Kent Co.  
(302) 332-0913 Sussex Co.

#### **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 & Bill Jiron: (302) 349-4898

[Veteransawarenesscenter.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://Delaware.widener.edu)

### Veteran Organizations:

#### **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

#### **Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)**

Post 1.....(302) 475-9891

Post 2.....(302) 674-9956

#### **Delaware Veterans Coalition**

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

E-mail: [delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com)

#### **Disabled American Veterans**

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

#### **First State Military Women Warriors**

Paula Witcher..... (302) 505-0849

#### **Fleet Reserve Association**

Philip Pushel..... (302) 322-0681

#### **Gold Star Families**

Judy Campbell..... (302) 593-5991

#### **Gold Star Mothers**

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

#### **40 & 8**

Eugene "Chip" Rosan..... (302) 678-8077

#### **Jewish War Veterans**

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

#### **Korean War Veterans Association**

Edward Johnson..... (302) 933-0228

#### **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**

Gary "Mo" Morris.....(302) 422-6760

#### **Military Order of the World Wars**

Earl Seppala..... (302) 239-0641

E-mail: [eseppala@aol.com](mailto:eseppala@aol.com)

#### **Nat'l Association of Black Veterans**

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

#### **The Reserve Officers Association**

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

E-mail: [rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net](mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net)

#### **Veterans of Foreign Wars**

Paul Phillips Jr.....(302) 656-5022

#### **Vietnam Veterans of America**

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



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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) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work or Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Entered Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Discharge \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Rank Achieved \_\_\_\_\_

(Only required if requesting rank on certificate)

Is Veteran Deceased? Yes or No (please circle one)

*ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A current resident of the State of Delaware or resident when he or she entered the Armed Forces of the United States and honorably discharged.*

Please submit this application with a copy of Certificate of Release or

Discharge from Active Duty, (DD-214) to:

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

Robbins Building

802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100

Dover, DE 19904

Phone: (302) 739-2792 or 1-800-344-9900 (in State only)

Signature of Veteran/spouse or next of kin \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name and Relationship if not veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Provide alternate address if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks in receiving your Certificate

TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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