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Director's Corner

On a stop in Washington, DC, I rushed to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to gain some inner peace. On panel 15E, Row 84 my cousin's name Steven Kirby is emblazoned. In 1967, an explosive device killed him in Tay Ninh Province two days after his 19th birthday. His bravery reminds me of veterans who did not return home. Each April I celebrate my father, William Kirby's birth date as he is no longer with us. He was sent to the Korean Peninsula in 1953 at the end of the Korean Conflict to help maintain a presence. His actions remind me of all veterans who selflessly accepted the draft to defend our nation. Periodically, I think of my Afghanistan deployment where we performed security missions protecting crews during in-flight operations. That duty reminds me of those still in Southeast Asia, participating in our nation's longest running conflict. With connections to three conflicts, I identify with veterans from various eras. I also relate to veterans who were not in conflicts and proudly served our nation in support missions. It is important to recognize all veterans from differing eras, differing service components, and differing genders. Veterans are 72,000 strong or eight percent of Delaware's population, coming from multiple facets and corners of this state. Our agency understands to never forget veterans' service and how we helped make our nation a better place. Finally, people wonder why I identify by and refer to myself by my last name of Kirby. Part of it is, Kirby's, like other families, stood up to defend our nation and it is a name that ties me to a strong military lineage. So thanks to all families with strong veteran ties and memories and thanks for reading about mine.



DCVA's Annual Ceremonies

MEMORIAL DAY

WE WILL NOT FORGET

*Northern Cemetery Ceremony
Saturday, May 25th, 2019
at 10:30am*

*DE Veterans Memorial Cemetery
2465 Chesapeake City Rd.
Bear, DE 19701*

*Bridge Ceremony
Thursday, May 30th, 2019
at 10:30am*

*War Memorial Plaza (DE Bridge)
163 Cherry Lane
New Castle, DE 19720*



Southern Cemetery Ceremony

Friday, June 14th, 2019 at 10:00am

*DE Veterans Memorial Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966*

FLAG DAY

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs wins national award



Photo Caption: DCVA Dir. Larence Kirby (CTR) receives the Abraham Lincoln Award from Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs, Randy Reeves (R), and NASDVA President, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos.

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs Executive Director Larence Kirby accepted the “Abraham Lincoln Pillars of Excellence,” award during the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) conference in Alexandria, VA.

The award recognizes a state veterans agency’s positive impact on veterans and Delaware was recognized for their Delaware Joining Forces (DJF) efforts. “This award recognizes the ongoing, hard work of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs staff,” said Mr. Kirby. DJF gathers veteran-centric agencies, in person and electronically to highlight resources for assisting Delaware veterans. The resources are then made available for veterans and their families. Visit delaware.gov/djf for more information.

The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA) is an organization with a history dating back to 1946. In the aftermath of World War II many veterans earned State and Federal benefits which required coordinated efforts to assure that veterans received these entitlements.

NASDVA members represent all fifty states and the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Nationally, they are the second largest provider of services to veterans and their roles continue to expand.

DCVA’s newest VSO for New Castle Co.

Please welcome Lisa Smith, formerly with DOL, now our VSO for New Castle County. Lisa wanted to share an annual event she attends in DC. The Women Veterans Rock 2020 Delegation Public Policy Day on Capitol Hill. The day was filled with Civic Engagement, Public Leadership, Public Policy Briefing, Congressional Briefing, Congressional Office Visits and a tour.

The topic of discussion was: Comprehensive Health Care for Today’s Women Veterans Mental Health & Wellness for Military Families Caring for our Aging Veterans Guest Speakers included Jacquelyn Hayes-Byrd (Director of the Center for Women Veterans), Miranda Franco (Senior Policy Advisor at Holland & Knight Law Firm; Founder 131 & Counting), Kathleen Silvia, (MAJ), US Army Pennsylvania State Ambassador, Women Memorial), Dr. Serelda Herin, (National Military Attache-Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated), Mary Lowe Mayhugh (Colonel President John P Mayhugh Foundation), Rochelle Crump (Founder & President of National Women Veterans United), Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon (PA-D), and Congresswoman Madeleine Dean (PA-D). Just to name a few.



The Women Veteran Rock is a coalition of Women Veterans Organizations and Women Advocacy Organizations supporting America’s Women Veterans and Military Families. We support them in the areas of housing, employment, Education, financial stability, health and wellness. The leader of the Women Veterans Rock is Deborah Harmon-Pugh, National Campaign Chair.

Vietnam Veterans Day in Georgetown



Commissioners Eugene Bradley, Charles Baldwin, Bill Farley, and MCL Department of Delaware Commandant Chuck Landon

March 29th, 2019

The war in Vietnam continues to carry much speculation and highly charged emotion. Many American service men and women shed their blood; many others had their lives turned upside down because of this conflict. Many have died.

VVA Chapter #1105 President Joe A. Moore, retired Army Vietnam Veteran presided as Master of Ceremonies. Sussex Central High School Junior Army ROTC Cadets presented the Colors and honored each Sussex County hero. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vietnam Army Nurse, Rhona Prescott, the National Anthem sung by Cadet 1Lt Patricia Diaz, an invocation offered by Chaplain Colonel Charles E. Covington, Sr., keynote speech gave by Senator George H. Bunting, some background history shared by Vietnam Veteran Bruce Graber and a wreath laid by Veterans Rodger Rose and Michael J. Malachi. TAPS and Benediction followed. After closing remarks, bagpiper William B. Corcoran offered the traditional military farewell, "Amazing Grace". The Colors were retired by Army JROTC Cadets led by SFC Jovani Castaneda.



Vietnam Veterans Day

in Dover



March 30th, 2019

Brigadier General Michael R. Berry, Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard, served as the keynote speaker at Kent County Chapter 850 VVA's annual Vietnam Veterans Day at Kent County Veterans Memorial Park in Dover.

Gen. Berry assumed his duties as the Adjutant General, Delaware, on March 2, 2019. As Adjutant General, he is responsible for the mission readiness of all Delaware National Guard units, to include over 1500 Soldiers and 1100 Airmen for both federal and state missions.

"We are honored to call this man friend," said Chapter President Joe Startt Jr. "He represents the men and women who protect us from harm not only in Delaware but as part of the most effective military the world has ever known." State VVA Council President Paul Davis agreed. "We look forward to welcoming Gen. Berry back downstate in his new role."

The Kent County Veterans Memorial Park honors those lost in Vietnam; Korea; the Middle East; and Gold Star Mothers and Families. The park also contains a POW/MIA Chair of Honor, the War Dog Memorial and the Vietnam era UH-1 "Huey" medivac helicopter elevated on an 18-foot post.

Each of the three annual events hosted by Chapter 850 -- Vietnam Veterans Day, Memorial Day, and Veterans Day -- are open to the public who are encouraged to attend with their children. Each event begins with a Jr ROTC color guard and a child is selected from the audience leading the pledge of allegiance.



Vietnam Veterans Day



Delaware Gov. John Carney and Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long signed a proclamation observing Friday, March 29, as Vietnam Veterans Day honoring those who served during that conflict. The signing took place following tributes on the floor of both houses of the Legislature to assembled veterans. Paul Davis, President, Delaware State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America, and fellow Vietnam veteran Dave Skocik, President of the Delaware Veterans Coalition, were invited to provide remarks in both chambers.

L to R: Sen. Dave Lawson, Rep. Bill Carson, Gov. John Carney, Paul Davis, Dave Skocik, Rep. Earl Jaques, Sen. Bruce Ennis, and Judy Campbell, Gold Star Sister of Keith Campbell.

Retired Adjutant General Frank Vavala honored by Catholic Charities

April 3rd was a night of the stars at the Riverfront's Chase Center when Brig. General Mike Berry, Delaware's Adjutant General, and retired Maj. General Frank Ianni, and former adjutant general, joined retired Maj. General Frank Vavala, Delaware's former adjutant general, to honor General Vavala's receipt of the 2019 Annual Monsignor Thomas J. Reese award at the Catholic Charities Annual Tribute Dinner. The Monsignor Thomas J. Reese award "honors exemplary individuals who have demonstrated a deep commitment to addressing human suffering and promoting and restoring the well-being of people."

Cited was Gen. Vavala's 50-years of service in the Delaware Army National Guard, and the programs he initiated on behalf of those who have served in the Army and Air branches of the 2,700 member organization including his establishment of the Delaware National Guard and Reserve Emergency Assistance Fund (DNGREAF) to help members in financial emergency. He was joined by his wife Jane of 50 years, siblings, former military colleagues, community leaders, long time friends and past and present clergy of the Guard's chaplain corps, who congratulated Gen. Vavala for his community and military service.



Brig. Gen. Mike Berry with retired adjutant generals Maj. Gen. Frank Ianni and Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala at the Riverfront's Chase Center.



Saturday, March 16 marked the running of the 20th Annual Korean War Memorial Ruck March at the Dover Air Force Base. Approximately 50 men and women participated over the 6.2 mile course with an additional weight of a 30 pound Ruck Sack worn over their backs. The march commemorates the Battle of the Chosen Reservoir from November 26 to December 13, 1950 in North Korea.

The fastest time recorded this year was less than 54 minutes by 2nd Lt. Henry Hill of the Security Detachment at the base. Pictured (l to r) is Mick Schroeder, Commander of KWVA Chapter 2; keynote speaker this year, Lt. Hill; Walt Koopman, Programs Director of Chapter 1; Joann Sedei, Vice President of Chapter 1; and David Miller, Treasurer of Chapter 1.

Approximately \$800 in earnings was recorded from the Admission Fees of the runners and was donated to the KWVA Chapters for their charitable causes.

New Delaware Veterans License Plate Release by DMV

Delaware's honorably-discharged veterans whose service did not include deployment to specific overseas operations already identified by other specialty plates, now have a license plate honoring their own service.

HB298 was signed into law in August 2018 and the design of the plate began shortly thereafter by Marinah Carver of the Division of Motor Vehicles. The tag is now available at DMV locations across the state for veterans with official documentation indicating the vehicle owner is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States military.

For questions regarding plate purchase, including required credentials, contact the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles at 302-744-2500.

"It's essentially for those veterans whose faithful service didn't include being deployed to one of the many overseas areas involved in conflicts or recognized for specific medals associated with valor or special achievement," said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc.

The Friends is a volunteer organization comprised of veteran leaders from across the state devoted to raising funds for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The Trust Fund, maintained by the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, provides one-time grants to honorably discharged veterans in financial emergency.

It has saved veterans from vehicle repossessions, shut off of utilities, evictions, and other life disrupting events. Contributions are tax deductible. Visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com for more information.

The first 20 MV (Military Veteran) tags will be auctioned off at veteran related events with the proceeds benefitting the Veterans Trust Fund. "We appreciate the elected officials who proposed this and the DMV folks who followed through on its implementation," said Mr. Skocik.

Photo Caption: Dave Skocik, Marinah Carver, and Rep. Charles Postles (33rd Rep. District) who introduced the legislation. Photo by Joe Fulgham.



CMSgt. (Ret.) William (Bill) McMullen, Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) and DCVA Commissioner, was awarded the 2018 AFSA Division 1 Presidents Award for his work for the division and over 35 years of dedicated service to AFSA. He currently serves as International Lifetime Trustee, Division 1 Trustee for Legislative Affairs and Chapter 201, Dover AFB, DE as Trustee Retired/Veterans & Parliamentarian. Commissioner McMullen also took home the Division 1 Individual Legislative Award for his work for spreading legislative information to members and veterans as well as championing legislation in the Maryland & Delaware Legislature. He will represent the Division at the AFSA Professional Airman's Conference in San Antonio, Texas for the International Individual Legislative Award in August.

Chapter 201 Dover AFB will have two other members competing for international Awards MSGT. Joseph Moran in Volunteer Personnel Service Award and A1C Maria Linaje as First Term Airman of the Year.



Vietnam Veterans of America -Sussex County Chapter #1105



Members of Sussex County Chapter #1105, Vietnam Veterans of America, conducted a successful clothing and supplies donation drive, benefiting Immanuel Homeless Shelter in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware from mid-December 2018 until mid-February 2019. The drive was done in partnership with Sussex AMVETS Post 2 in Millsboro, Delaware.

Immanuel Shelter is a winter Code Purple shelter that provides a variety of men and women nighttime lodging, a hot home cooked meal, snacks and a continental breakfast when the temperature is very cold.

Roughly 10% of the guests were veterans who do not receive care at the VA. Chapter #1105 proposes to make this a yearly event. *(Submitted by Rhona Prescott, VVA)*



Happy Retirement Kevin Gunning!!



The Military Women's Tea, held 30 March 2019, turned out to be a wonderful event honoring all female service members while spending several hours building camaraderie and enjoying great snacks, tea, and receiving some wonderful door prizes donated by local organizations.

The Tea was held at the Dover Elks Lodge Post 1903. The theme was Health and Wellness. The Guest Speaker Colonel Retired Angela Showell, Chair Commissioner for the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, did an excellent job with the deliverance of her speech. In keeping with the theme, she resonated with the audience about finding "Balance" in our lives in all aspects; spiritually, mentally, and physically. Several other speakers promoted women's wellness, easy ways to exercise, meditate in ways that can help reduce stress, and Sound Therapy.

A big thank you to Jennifer Coy, VA Hospital Women's Program Manager, Nancy Hawkins Rigg, Owner, Forever Fit Foundation, and Mary Lampert, Sound Therapy, for sharing your expertise with the group. There were close to 100 attendees including several special guests, Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Brigadier General Karen Berry, and WWII Veteran Ann Russell. Before the start of the official program, our Girl Scout volunteers did a great job of posting the colors. As the Program went along, women were served tea and snacks by several Girl Scout troop young ladies and their parents. This truly made the event even more special! It was great to see all attendees enjoying themselves.

The Committee worked very hard to make this a special and great event for our female service women! Liz Byer-Jiron (Chair), Mindy Bacchus, Annette Fletcher, Anna Lopez (MC), Donna Gandy, Gail Gartner, Mary Lampert, Faye Lingenfelter, Andrea Maucher, Beth Tarrant, Sable Vance, Suzzette Moore, Keith Beaufort – Photographer, Aaron Hedges - Video and Sound, John Hedges - Live Music.





The American Legion Post 17 Fall Fishing Trip attendees.
 [Photo by Murt Foes, image: "PierGroupMurtCreditCrop.jpg"]



The Auxiliary kitchen staff preparing lunch for the returning fishermen and women. Pictured (left to right) are Barb Catts, Gail Sellazo, Tom Murray (SONS), Pat Schneider and Shay Nipper.

[Photo by John Guenther, image: "kitchenbyJohn.jpg"]



Maria Linaje, an active-duty volunteer from Dover AFB, holds a Northern Puffer fish.

[Photo by Kellie Bergen, image "KellieDSCF1414.jpg"]

American Legion Post 17
 113 American Legion Road
 Lewes, DE 19958
 302-645-9965

For information on the annual fishing trips, please contact the post. Thank you!

NEWARK MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY & PARADE SUNDAY, MAY 20

**1 P.M. CEREMONY
 ON UD GREEN**
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**2 P.M. PARADE
 ON MAIN STREET**



Attention Veterans!



We're coming to see you!

April 16, 2019 --- DelTech Terry Campus in Dover	9AM to 3:30PM
April 17, 2019 --- AMVETS Post #2, 32592 Long Neck Rd. in Millsboro	9AM to 3:30PM
April 18, 2019 --- DelTech Owens Campus in Georgetown	9AM to 3:30PM
April 19, 2019 --- Dept. of DE, Department Headquarters in Camden	9AM to 1:30PM

Housed in a fleet of well equipped "offices on wheels" DAV's Mobile Service Offices (MSOs) travel to communities across the country to counsel and assist veterans to educate veterans and their families on the benefits and services to them in thanks for their service.

Aided by Department and Chapter Service Officers, the MSO program provides support to veterans developing, filing and winning claims for benefits administered under federal, state and local laws. National Service Officers counsel and assist with the development of evidence, completion of required applications and prosecution of claims, bringing benefit and services education to veterans and their families where they live.

*For more information, please contact: DAV Dept. of Delaware at 302-697-9061
Paul Lardizzone at 302-382-3448 or Mark Wichmann at 302-382-3449*



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The Wall will be Open and Staffed 24 Hours Each Day

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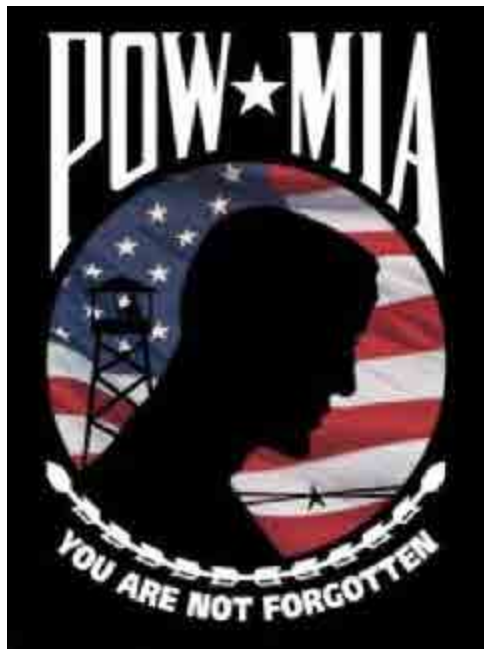
113 American Legion Road
Lewes, DE 19958

*Dedication of Nobles Pond
POW/MIA Chair
Rolling Thunder Ceremony
June 1, 2019*

The Nobles Pond Veterans Association announces a dedication ceremony of their POW/MIA chair to take place in front of the Nobles Pond community clubhouse at 13 Nobles Pond Crossing on Saturday, June 1st at 11am. The ceremony will be performed by Rolling Thunder, South Jersey– Chapter 2 in conjunction with the Nobles Pond Veterans Association and Regal Builders.

The POW/MIA chair is a simple, yet powerful reminder of the more than 82,000 service men and women who, since WWII, are still being held as prisoners of war or who are listed as missing in action. This chair is in their honor until they come home. They will not be forgotten.

To quote the plaque on the Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor, "This unoccupied chair is in honor of those that are still Prisoners of War (POW) or Missing in action (MIA), and symbolizes there will always be a place in this community awaiting their return.



Contact: Robert Sly, Vice President
Nobles Pond Veterans Association
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Bsly142@aol.com



**Jamesha Eaddy Named
Veterans Coalition Sussex Rep**

Jamesha Eaddy, MBA, has been named Sussex County representative of the Delaware Veterans Coalition.

Ms. Eaddy, Human Resources Administrator for the City of Milford, served in the United States Air Force from 2003-07. She has worked in Human Resources at Bank of America's Corporate Office, and TIAA both in Charlotte, NC, and most recently at Burris Logistics in Milford. She holds an associate and bachelor's degree from Strayer University as well an MBA with a concentration in Human Resources and a Master of Science in Leadership from Trident University.

"We are truly fortunate to welcome Jamesha as our Sussex County representative. She reflects the training, initiative and focus of our current veterans and will be a wonderful connector to them," said Dave Skocik, Coalition president.

Founded in May 2011, The Delaware Veterans Coalition is a statewide, non-profit, lobbying organization that advocates with elected and appointed public officials on issues that affect all generations of Delaware veterans.

It meets at FOP Lodge #3 at 1584 Kitts Hummock Rd., Dover, on the 4th Monday of every other month beginning each January.

The Coalition's slogan is "Veterans are our only business." Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans residing in Delaware and meetings are open to eligible veterans regardless of membership.

Visit www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com or call 302-697-8384 for more information.

Photo Caption: Paul Davis, left, Coalition VP, and Dave Skocik, president, welcome Jamesha Eaddy aboard as Veterans Coalition Sussex County representative.



Freedom

5K Run/Walk

Benefits the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund

Saturday, July 6, 2019

Silver Lake Park, Dover

(Use Washington Street entrance off of State State)

Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship includes your Company or Organization listed on the Freedom 5K t-shirt.

Company/Organization Name _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

_____ *Gold Level Sponsor (\$500) - Includes 3 free registrations*

_____ *Silver Level Sponsor (\$300) - Includes 2 free registrations*

_____ *Bronze Level Sponsor (\$100) - Includes 1 free registration*

SPONSORSHIP Application must be received by June 17, 2019.

(Date is to allow time to process T-shirts with sponsors' information)

PAYMENT INFORMATION: Please make checks payable to: Veterans Trust Fund and mail/drop off to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904.

Thank you for your support!



20th Annual
Citibank
Freedom
5K Run/Walk



TriSportsEvents.com *Benefits the Veterans Trust Fund*

When: Saturday, July 6, 2019, 9 a.m., Rain or Shine. Healthy Kids Run (kids 8 & under) starts at 8:55 a.m.

Where: Silver Lake Park, Dover, DE. Use Washington Street entrance off of State Street.

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

Registration: \$25 until June 29, \$30 after and on event day. Registration starts 8 a.m. Kiddie K race is FREE! Make checks payable to Veterans Trust Fund & mail to TriSports, 2772 Hazletville Rd, Dover, DE 19904. Contact Ray at 302-674-3213 or email: Races4u@TriSportEvents.Com. Register online at TriSportsEvents.Com.

Silent Hero: Can't make the race but would still like to support this event? Register as a Silent Hero!

Awards: Unique awards for overall male, female and master's winners and top 3 male & female runners in 10 year age groups starting with 14 & under, thru 70 & over. 5K walk awards for top 3 male & female finishers. AWARDS to most patriotic male & female participants. Ribbons to all Kiddie K finishers.

Amenities: Quality "Freedom 5K" TECH SHIRTS to all participants and volunteers. Post-race festivities include free food and beverage. [Results/photos posted at TriSportsEvents.Com](http://TriSportsEvents.Com)

Benefits: The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis.

This is a TriSports Events MyLaps Chipped Timed Production

ENTRY FORM

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the Freedom 5K & Kiddie K Run/Walk, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the TriSports Events Management, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, the City of Dover, The State of Delaware and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. By signing this waiver and release I certify that I fully understand its significance. No refunds will be issued.

Age Day of Race _____ Sex: M F T-shirt Size: XS S M L XL XXL

Print Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____
(Street or P.O. Box) City State Zip

Phone: () _____ Circle One: 5K Run 5K Walk Silent Hero

Signature: _____
(All participants must sign waiver - parent or guardian signature required if entrant is under 18)



New Castle County: Lisa Smith
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



New Castle County:

Gerald Loudon: (302) 993-7258

1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Bldg. 13, Room 27
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9:00 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM
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Appointments Recommended

Kent County:

DAV Dept. Service Officers: (302) 697-9061
Paul Lardizzone: (302) 382-3448
H. Mark Wischmann: (302) 382-3449

DAV Headquarters Building
183 South Street
Camden, DE 19934

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

Sussex County:

(302) 856-5230
Dept. of Labor
Div. of Employment & Tng.
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (Walk-ins)

Kent & Sussex evening appts. prescheduled by request only.



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

Quarterly Scheduled Post Visits:

Friday, April 5, 2019:
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, April 12, 2019
Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, May 3, 2019
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, May 17, 2019:
Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, June 7, 2019:
Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, June 14, 2019:
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, June 28, 2019:
Post #19, Laurel, DE
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 875-9948
**Times/dates are subject to change.*



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

2114 S DuPont Hwy, Suite 2, Dover DE
Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 12 PM

Dover CBOC:
1st & 3rd Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

Georgetown CBOC :
2nd & 4th Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS: VFW and VVA

David Hilliard,
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Wilmington, DE 19805

(302) 993-7260

**Please call for appointments.*



Terry Baker
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1601 Kirkwood Hwy
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1st Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

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2nd & 4th Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

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3rd Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM



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U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Wilmington - Regional Benefit Office
(Claims & Benefits)

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

Wilmington - VA Medical Center

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

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



**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

Patient Advocate: (302) 633-5556

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Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
<p style="text-align: center;">Benefits (VA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burial • Death Pension • Dependency Indemnity Compensation • Direct Deposit • Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices • Disability Compensation • Disability Pension • Education • Home Loan Guaranty • Medical Care • Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment 	1-800-827-1000
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
Combat Call Center	1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	1-800-827-0648
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Spina Bifida Health Care Program	1-877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Dept. of VA (CHAMPVA) CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI)	1-800-733-8387
eBenefits Technical Support	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Health Care Benefits	1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance: Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs	1-800-419-1473 1-800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline	1-888-492-7844
Smoking Cessation Counselors	1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	1-800-749-8387
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	Dial 711
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
Vets.gov Help Desk	1-855-574-7286
White House VA Hotline	1-855-948-2311
Women Veterans Hotline	1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)

24/7 Housing Help for Veterans 877-424-3838

If you are a veteran who is homeless and need somewhere to sleep tonight...

Referral to Shelter

Housing Alliance Delaware:
(302) 654-0126 X122

The Department of Veterans Affairs
(302) 994-2511 X 2445

If you are a veteran who is homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless and you need help...

SSVF- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Programs

Connections Community Support Programs:
(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co.
(302) 518-5338 Kent Co.
(302) 332-0913 Sussex Co.

VMC -Veterans Multi-Service Center:
Statewide: (302) 668-7331

Other Resources

www.DelawareHousingSearch.org
877-428-8844

Delaware 211
www.delaware211.org

Delaware Joining Forces
<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>



Are you in need of emergency food assistance? The Food Bank of Delaware does not directly distribute to the public. To find assistance, please dial 2-1-1 for Delaware 2-1-2. They will refer you to a local organization that can assist.

Food Bank of Delaware locations:

<u>Newark Branch</u> 14 Garfield Way Newark, DE 19713 Phone: 302-292-1305 Fax: 302-292-1309	<u>Milford Branch</u> 1040 Matlind Way Milford, DE 19963 Phone: 302- 424-3301 Fax: 302-424-4160
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Our hours:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Food donations are accepted M-F / 8:30am 4:30pm)

For general email inquiries, please email
foodbank@fbd.org



Stand By Me can help you reach financial well-being at every stage of your life.

Personal financial coaching is available free of charge to Delawareans from all walks of life.

For more information, please contact us at:

302-255-9621
info@standbymede.org



Transitional home for homeless veterans.

HOB I for Men:(302) 424-1681
HOB II for Women & Children: (302) 422-4146

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

Home Repairs

Statewide Emergency Repair Program (SERP)
Housing Development Corporation
302-491-4010
Toll Free: 844-413-0038

VA's Adapted Housing Grants
for Disabled Veterans
1-800-827-100
www.eBenefits.va.gov

Please visit our DE Joining Forces website to research more resources available to veterans:

<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>



Veteran Employment Services

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

Todd Hilliker (Dover): (302) 857-5866
Gail Gartner (Georgetown): (302) 858-5232
Division of Vocational Rehab. : (302) 761-8275



VA Disability &
Social Security programs

For more information please visit:
<https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/>

Call or visit your local Social Security Office:
1-800-772-1213

Defense Finance and Accounting Services Retired Military & Annuitants

1-800-321-1080

Retirement Pay Questions



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
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

Delaware State University

VA Advisor: (302) 857-6376

Delaware Technical Community College

Dover: Rebecca Craft
(302) 857-1056
rcraft@dtcc.edu

Georgetown: Angela Showell
(302) 259-6073/
ashowel3@stcc.edu

Stanton: Wilford Oney
(302) 454-3926
woney@dtcc.edu

Wilmington: Joe Limmina
(302) 571-5307
jlimmina@dtcc.edu

University of Delaware

Suzanne Staley
302-831-6592/
sstanley@udel.edu

Wesley College

Erin Elsberry
302-736-2434/ Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu

Widener University School of Law

Pattie Donoghue
302-477-2710/ pmdonoghue@widener.edu

Wilmington University

Jim Webb / Jennifer Bacci
302-342-8669 / 302-356-6962
james.s.webb@wilmu.edu
jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu



Brain Injury Trust Fund

State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) currently has funding available for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund & encourages people who may benefit to apply.

Applying for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
**Applications are available here:

<https://scpd.delaware.gov/brain-injury-funds.shtml>

For additional info., please contact Director John McNeal.
at (302)-739-3620 or John.McNeal@state.de.us

Please visit our DE Joining Forces website to research more resources available to veterans:

<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

302-575-0660 (New Castle Co.)
302-674-8500 (Kent Co.)
302-856-0038 (Sussex Co.)
<http://www.declasi.org/>

Provides free legal services to: People with disabilities, older citizens (60+), housing discrimination (HUD), low-income, & victims of domestic violence.

Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.

302-478-8850 or 302-734-8820
Offering Legal Advice & Assistance to low-income Delawareans.

Widener University Delaware Law School Veterans Law Clinic

302-477-2090
Delaware.widener.edu
Pro Bono Representation for veterans benefits appeals.

Veterans United Outreach of Delaware

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

<http://www.veteransunitedoutreach.com/>

*We are a mobile educational unit, with a variety of information for all veterans and their family.
We go out to the veteran community.*

People's Place: Veterans Outreach

Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

<http://www.peoplesplace2.com/>

Services range from career counselling; guidance to access state and federal VA benefits, such as medical care and treatment; psychotherapy referrals; mental health counseling; and door-to-door transportation to medical facilities in the region.

Veterans Justice Outreach Program

Program is to avoid unneccarry criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration.

For more information please call: 302-468-5670

Veterans Treatment Court Program

Assist justice-involved veterans with mental health & substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services & reduce recidivism.

302-255-0800 (New Castle Co.)
302-735-1900 (Kent Co.)
302-855-7055 (Sussex Co.)

**Please ask for the Veterans Treatment Court*

Delaware Veterans Awareness Center

12385 Sussex Hwy
Greenwood, DE 19950

Liz & Bill Jiron: (302) 349-4898

Veteransawarenesscenter.org

Veterans' Stand Down

Military Women's Tea

"Give a Vet a Smile" (Dental Program)



New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434
Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430
Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110
(Readjustment Counseling)



100 Delaware Veterans Blvd
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 424-6000
Veterans Nursing Home

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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
Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)	Post 1 Post 2	(302) 475-9891 (302) 674-9956
Delaware Veterans Coalition	Dave Skocik delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com	(302) 270-7145
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
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.) Gene Thornton (Kent Co.) Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)	(302) 834-9659 (302) 335-1655 (302) 519-0611
Military Order of the Purple Heart	Gary “Mo” Morris	(302) 422-6760
Military Order of the World Wars	Earl Seppala eseppala@aol.com	(302) 239-0641
Nat’l Association of Black Veterans	Nolan S. Lewis	(302) 345-6911
Paralyzed Veterans of America	Elmer (Art) Titus	(302) 284-4719
The Reserve Officers Association	LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net	(302) 234-1418
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Paul Phillips Jr.	(302) 656-5022
Vietnam Veterans of America	Paul Davis	(302) 697-8384

This community-level effort directly supports military service members, veterans and their families by addressing critical issues and needs including: Financial and legal assistance; job training and employment; homelessness and housing; behavioral health and wellness; and education. Veterans can use this website to search for resources listed above. Our website is growing weekly with service providers that are registering their services to our veteran community. To include attending our quarterly meetings. For more information, POC are below.



delaware.gov/djf

Larence Kirby
DCVA-Executive Director
302-739-2293
larence.kirby@delaware.gov

Christine F. Kubik
DNG/Community Relations
(302) 326-7582
chritine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil



The Delaware Trust Fund, signed into law in September 2013, is administered by the DCVA. The Friends of DE Veterans, Inc. was established in 2014 to serve as the fund raising arm of the Trust Fund. For more information and how to donate please visit: delawareveteranstrustfund.com

To apply for “emergency” financial assistance through DVTF, please contact any of the following offices:

New Castle Co. - 302-365-8231
Kent Co. - 302-739-2792
Sussex Co. - 302-648-3068

**Please allow 5-7 business days for processing.*

Delaware State Veterans Cemeteries

Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, their spouses, and dependent children (under 21 years of age and not married or having a verifiable life-long dependency on eligible Veteran) may be interred at the DE Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. Please contact the cemeteries or DCVA for an application or further questions.



2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 834-8046

Administrator: Barbara A. Cooke



26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 934-5653

Administrator: Greg A. Bee

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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