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Director's Corner

You're going to get me some of that trust fund money, right? I served more time than you, let me speak to someone else! What can you get for me, I'm a veteran? These are a few statements our staff and I receive on a routine basis. These are not statements with politeness or inquiry, they are the demands of those who don't understand service. I truly believe veterans served to protect our country and to defend our colors without thinking of reimbursement. Veterans receive from the emotion of placing their hand over their heart during the national anthem, by reading the grave markers of veteran friends, or by attending Veterans Day services.

During our military careers, we focused on mission accomplishment and teamwork, not about what we'd receive after leaving the military. I understand that we served our country, but whether drafted or selective service, it doesn't entitle us to anything. Now please note, this demanding attitude only applies to a few, but when witnessed by our civilian counterparts, it projects a negative veteran perception for all. Fortunately, agencies and society provides for our veterans ensuring compensation for service. If you incurred an illness or injury while serving, yes, you should be service connected. If you shop at a store that provides a veteran discount, yes, you should take advantage of it. If someone recognizes you for your service, yes, you should acknowledge it and reflect back on your achievements. My point is veterans' compensation and acknowledgements are well deserved and will continue...they just don't need to be demanded. For the majority who are not mentioned in the first sentences, thank you for your service and for leading by example.



For more information: DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com • 302-739-2792

Maj. Gen. Michael Berry to keynote Annual Trust Fund Dinner

Maj. Gen. Michael Berry, Cabinet Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs, will keynote the 6th Annual Friends of Delaware Veterans Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 9, at Dover Downs Hotel and Casino Rollins Center.

The annual black tie optional fund-raising dinner, hosted by the Friends of Delaware Veterans, is the primary event that benefits the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The 6 - 9 p.m. affair includes entertainment, a plated dinner and silent and live auctions. Tickets are \$100 each or \$1,000 for an 8-person sponsor table.

Under the auspices of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Trust Fund assists veterans residing in Delaware with emergency financial aid. Its one -time hand up grants have prevented cutoff of utilities, repossessions, made emergency repairs to homes and sometimes put food on the table. The Friends' board is comprised of 11 military veterans who work pro bono in collaboration with the Commission.



"We are honored to have Delaware's top military leader as our guest," said Dave Skocik, Friends president. "General Berry's more than three decades of military service includes Afghanistan, where he was attached to the 86th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He understands the challenges faced by those in uniform."

General Berry assumed his duties as Delaware's Adjutant General on March 1, 2019. He is responsible for the mission readiness of all Delaware National Guard units, including over 1500 Soldiers and 1100 Airmen for both federal and state missions. His military career began in September 1988 when he enlisted in the Delaware Army National Guard under the Reserve Officers' Training Corps Simultaneous Membership Program. He received his commission through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University of Delaware in May 1989.

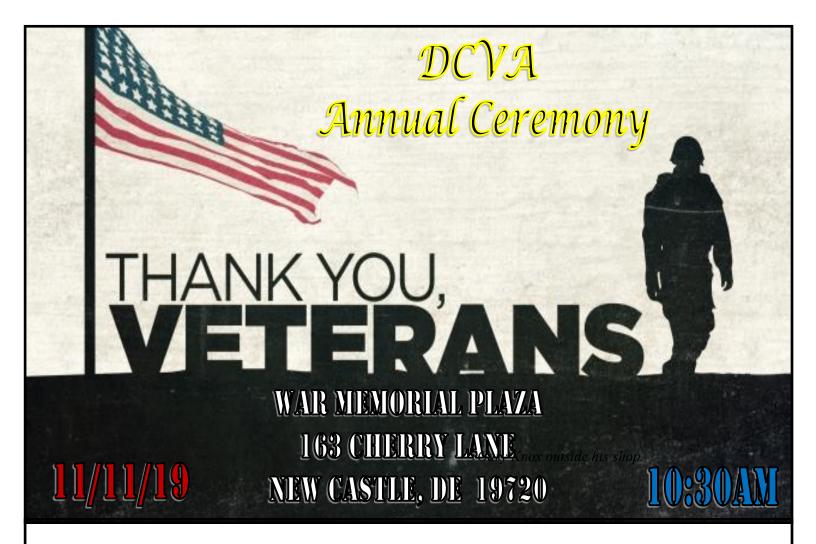
General Berry earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from University of Delaware in 1989 and is a 1990 Delaware State Police Graduate obtaining his Law Enforcement Certification. He is also a 2008 graduate of the United State Army War College, receiving his Masters in Strategic Studies. He has served in numerous command positions, including 262nd Heavy Equipment Maintenance Company, 160th Engineer Company, Delaware Army National Guard Officer Candidate School, 193rd Regiment Regional Training Institute, 72ndTroop Command, Land Component Commander, as well as Director of Joint Staff and Special Assistant to the Adjutant General, Joint Force Headquarters, Delaware.

Visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com or contact Sherri Taylor at 302-257-3117/sherri.taylor@delaware.gov.

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We bid you farewell and many well wishes to Ed and Dolores Johnson. Thank you to both for your continuous support with the DCVA and our Delaware Veterans through the work you've done with KWVA and personal dedication to our Delaware community. You will be missed!





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Confidential help for Veterans and their families



Start Confidential chat by going to: www.veteranscrisisline.net

You may also text 838255



I CHALLENGE RUN FOR LIFE. IN 22 DAYS.

#22ADayIs22TooMany

Every day over 22 veterans decide to take their own lives. 22in22 is designed to raise awareness and to shine the light on hope.

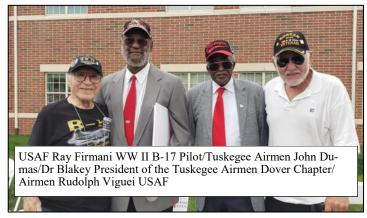
This was our 4th year for VET FEST and the biggest year yet. Over 2000 people attended the one day Vet Fest. JP Morgan/Chase sponsored Remembering our Fallen Towers which holds over 5400 names of those lost since 9/11 either in theater or suicide.

There was a 5K, 10K Ruck, a family walk, a bike run, a parade with 18 WW II, Korean and Tuskegee Airmen rode in Military Jeeps and Humvee's through the streets. Veterans age from 87-101 years old. The oldest Mr. Arthur Goldstein who was under General Patton and contributed to the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp in Germany. A great event for all, with music, food and fun; for a great cause to bring awareness of Stop Soldier Suicide.

-Rosely Robinson- A Hero's Welcome Delaware









22in22 was started in 2015 by Jacob DiSabatino while he was a junior at St. Mark's High School as a way to draw awareness to the epidemic of soldier suicides. According to 22in22, approximately 120,000 have died at their own hand since September 11th while less than 7,000 have died from enemy fire. DiSabatino, now a senior at The Citadel, chose the organization Stop Soldier Suicide as his partner and together they have been able to raise \$50,000 in Delaware and \$100,000 nationally. The initiative asks participants to create an activity for 22 straight days, to raise awareness about the epidemic via the #22adayis22toomany hash tag, and collect funds. Participants run, walk, do yoga, pray, lift weights, or walk dogs. Delaware Technical and Community College joined the cause in 2015 and has all three campuses participating annually. Supporters are also creating campaigns on Facebook, supporting non-profit Stop Soldier Suicide. -Delawaretoday.com



Gold Star Mother Judy Faunce, Gold Star Sister and Wife Kathy Mosher along with members of A Hero's Welcome Delaware, members of Legislative Hall and others, welcomed Gold Star Mother Cathy Powers to Legislative Hall in Dover. American Legion Riders Smyrna Post 14 escorted the runners. The 4 mile run was put together by Trevor Derr and others from DAFB to Legislative Hall. Gold Star Mother, Cathy Powers, is "Running Fir Wreaths". 1,000 miles, 50 states and a goal of 7,777 wreaths sponsored - the number of days her son, Senior Airman Bryce Kenneth Powers was alive on earth before being killed in action.

For more information, please visit this site: https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/

Annual State Capital Evenz



Monday, December 9th at 11:30am Legislative Hall - Dover, DE

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program

Each day our American Gold Star Families live with the loss of their loved one. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program understands the sacrifice borne of our Gold Star Families and continues to be the model to the Nation on how we honor and remember our Gold Star Families who reside within our State.

Recently they hosted a night at the Blue Rocks. Delaware Patriot Guard escorted our Gold Star Families onto the field for pre-game recognition. The loved one of those in attendance were called by name, rank, unit served with and location of service. The Gold Star Families were honored by a standing ovation. The game concluded with a fabulous array of fireworks. Thank you Blue Rocks, VVA Chapter 83 Gold Star Program and Delaware Patriot Guard.

Governor John C. Carney and Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long honored and remembered not only our Gold Star Families with a Proclamation on Gold Star Mothers and Families Day, but also Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program. Thank you Governor Carney and Lt. Gov. Hall-Long for recognizing the sacrifice and service of our Gold Star Families.

VVA Chapter 83's work continues with Phase II of the Hershel "Woody" Williams Gold Star Memorial Garden. Anticipated completion date is May 25, 2020. We need to raise \$10,000. The Memorial Garden will be home to walkway, two granite benches and scenic landscaping, which will provide a serene place for Gold Star Families to sit and reflect on the sacrifice of their loved one. Phase I was the dedication of the memorial, which took place November 11, 2018, at the Delaware River Bay Authority Veterans Memorial Park. You may support this initiative with a purchase of the Gold Star Memorial t-shirt and coin. Each sells for \$20.00 plus a flat rate of \$4.95 for shipping and handling. A discounted price of \$35.00 is offered if you purchase both. Send order requests to:

Judy C. Campbell: Gold Star Representative VVA Chapter 83, PO Box 8167, Wilmington, DE 19803

REMEMBER, to include \$4.95 for shipping and handling and what size shirt (M, L or XL). Include: Your name, email, phone number and make payment payable to V V A Chap 83 Gold Star Program

For more information visit: https://delawarevva.com/newsy/GSCoin/Coin-TShirt.pdf







WHAT: Gold Star Families

WHEN: Blue Rocks - August 2, 2019
Proclamation - September 29, 2019
Gold Star Memorial - November 11, 2018
Ground breaking - April 9, 2018
Phase I - Dedication - November 11, 2018
Phase II - targeted by Memorial Day 2020

WHY: Honor the Service of our Fallen and their Families, our Gold Star Families



Delaware indeed leads the way on how to honor and recognize Gold Star Families.

VETERANS[®] PORTRAIT PROJECT



Shout out to Mission BBQ for providing lunch for Stacey, her assistant and our office during this event! Thank you Jennifer!!

Stacy L. Pearsall got her start as an Air Force photographer at the age of 17. During her time in service, she traveled to over 41 countries, and attended the Military Photojournalism Program at S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University from which she is a 50 Forward distinguished graduate. During three combat tours, she earned the Bronze Star Medal and Air Force Commendation with Valor for combat actions in Iraq. Though combat disabled and retired from military service, Pearsall has not let her disabilities hold her back. With her service animal America's VetDogs Charlie by her side, she continues to work worldwide as an independent photographer and is an author, educator, military consultant, BRAVO748 public speaker and founder of the Veterans Portrait Project.

For more information on Stacey, her project and more pictures; please visit:

www.veteransportraitproject.com/

Harry T. Grandel - WWII





We had the opportunity to surprise Veteran Harry Grandel with a birth-day cake to help celebrate his 97th birthday, exactly on the day of the photo session, August 14th!! Through a little planning with his daughter, Susan Scott, we were able to get the rest of the family to join in on the surprise. Thank you everyone that stayed to sing happy birthday to Harry! He still has a great sense of humor, because he asked where were all the 97 candles!?

Warner Schlaupitz - WWII





Jeffrey "Brendan" Mackie **OEF/OIF**



Commissioner at DCVA

Charles W. Baldwin







Vietnam





Office of Senator Coons

Please visit the site to view more portraits of veterans in Delaware and around the country through this project.





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Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center opens in Middletown



Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long congratulates retired Army Lt. Col. Bill Conley on the opening of the Brian Conley Veterans Resiliency Center in Middletown. Lt. Col Conley is the father of Brian Conley and Kevin Conley who started the center. —Ben Mace/GateHouse Media Delaware.

The project was led by Kevin Conley, a U.S. Army veteran who was injured in a truck roll-over accident in Afghanistan and experienced the difficulty of readjusting to life after surgeries and post-traumatic stress disorder.





https://www.middletowntranscript.com/news/20190502/brian-conley-veterans-resiliency-center-opens-in-middletown

Thanks to all! After almost three years of renovation to the 1881 home we are open.. Our homeless vets. Resiliency Center on 104 South Broad Street in Middletown currently has nine veterans living there and we have been open only five months. We have placed another three vets in V.A. supported independent housing already!! Great things are happening for great vets who just needed a safe place to rebuild their lives. We have hired a staff of three folks to oversee and support the Conley family...Our biggest challenge now is finding supportive donors for personnel salaries...Major Kevin Conley and Specialist Dylan Conley are taking them on a fishing trip tomorrow!!! Food donations are coming in steady and we just received a load of Bear Meat!!! (Killed in Pennsylvania not Middletown!!!!)

Victory Village: "Serve those who have honorably served our country."

Victory Village, a transitional home for Veterans in Middletown, is celebrating five years of helping Veterans make the transition from the military to civilian life. To date, over 50 veterans have experienced the bucolic setting of an 1850 Georgian Plantation home situated on five acres with a beautiful Chapel, donated by the Pettinaro Development Co. and an in-ground pool serviced by Progressive Pool Co. The Home can accommodate 24 veterans and four homeless individuals needing shelter during 'code blue' winter times. The property has been developed through the generosity and caring of the community. The entire residence was restored and decorated by donations of furniture and clothing as well as hundreds of hours by volunteers who took on the work of mechanics, painters, landscapers, cooks and transportation drivers. Since there are no paid employees, the Home has been maintained by volunteers who understand and appreciate the role that our veterans have played in protecting not only our country but allowing everyone to live in the land of the FREE and the HOME of the brave.

During this summer, I was reminded of the great quote, "A Friend in need is a Friend indeed" as we had several situations that made me recall the cry for help when we were trying to restore the place and align it with local and state codes. First, there was three years of accumulated clearing that the county informed us that it had to be removed. Then, there was a break in the underground water line and; then, the main holding tank for water burst! WHAT TO DO! Well! I went back to the people who stepped up the first time when I put out the call for help (knowing that it had to be volunteers and pro bono). I called upon Mike McCarthy and John Jacklyn, two Viet Nam Veterans who have been our on- site volunteers and 'Jack of all trades' for years, if they would take the lead and help get things squared away. First, I called Ed Capadano, American Builders and Contractors who immediately sent a mechanic, named Jayson and a piece of equipment that allowed them to repair the pipe. Then a call to Steve Masterson, Waste Masters, who donated and delivered four large containers to take away all the debris, that was gathered by Mike O'Neil and his band of merry men from Christ the Cornerstone Church.



Then, I called Joe Fiducioso, Climate Solutions Services, Inc., who generously replaced our heat pumps two years ago during the winter. He, personally came and replaced our water tank as well as recruiting the Defiant Brotherhood MC of Delaware came and donated food for the veterans.

This is what it is all about! People helping people because they care! I apologize to all who I have not mentioned, but I realize that you did if for the veterans and not for selfish, self- serving personal recognition. THE VETERANS AT VICTORY VILLAGE THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!

- Nick Callazzo, who has enjoyed the journey.







The Wall That Heals Was Displayed In Sussex County A Program of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund – Founders of the Wall





The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7234 was honored to have hosted "The Wall That Heals" for the local communities in Delaware and Maryland. We could not have accomplished this successful and memorable event without our hard working Volunteers and all our generous Sponsors. We hope that hosting "The Wall That Heals" has brought healing and inspiration to those who lost loved ones, friends, and neighbors who served in the Vietnam War; and to all those Vietnam Veterans who returned and still carry the wounds of war. These heroes were a model of Service, Valor, and Sacrifice. Please keep and respect the American ideals and freedoms these heroes fought for.

A Candlelight Memorial Service and a Ceremony Honoring the Service and Sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans, including presentation of Quilts of Valor, were heavily attended. Officials estimated over 8,500 visitors came to Ocean View to learn about the Wall, heal as they paid respects, and attend ceremonies.





On a hot Fall day, Thursday, October 3rd the official "Wall That Heals" was trucked in from Dover to lower slower Delaware. It remained in place at Ocean View, for 5 days, 24 and 7. Sponsored mainly by VFW Post#7234 and backdropped by the Indian River Bay, the 146 interlocked panels etched with names of 58,200 plus casualties from the War in Vietnam would stand proudly, inviting all to come, honor and marvel at the bravery of our American fighting men and women. Called specifically, the "Wall That Heals", the main intent of it's presence is to offer healing and peace to the many who remain troubled and grieving.



Sussex County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1105 provided much of the heavy lifting and support. Many VFW 7234 members are also VVA 1105 members as well, so a strong comradrie was already evident. The VFW auxiliary lent amazing grace and gentleness to the scene. Standard military protocol governed the public program, ending with "TAPS". Both organizations shared wreath laying, the reading of names and hospitality.

Kent County VVA Commissions Veterans Park 10th Anniversary Coin

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edition \$10 coins will go toward maintaining the memorial park.

"It's been a long process," said Chapter VP Paul Davis, who will serve as keynote speaker at the chapter's annual Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 11, at 2 p.m. In brief overview, after being ceded 1 ½ acres by Kent County in 2007, the chapter raised private funds through brick sales to honor Kent Countians lost in Vietnam.

Dedicated on a snowy Veterans Day in 2009, the park grew to include memorials to Gold Star Mothers and Families, and to those lost in Korea and the Middle East. Later inclusions were a Huey 'Dustoff' helicopter, a War Dog memorial, and a POW/MIA Chair of Honor that completed the park in 2017. "It was our way of living up to the VVA motto, 'Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another," said Mr. Davis.

The park is a source of community pride with the city and state adding signs to direct visitors to it. One of those signs attracted an out of state visitor who, along with her children, spent a summer afternoon visiting and learning about the memorials and their history. Her visit was followed by a heartfelt letter of thanks and a contribution. The chapter responded by offering an invitation for her and her children to lead the crowd in the pledge of allegiance at the coming ceremony, which she accepted.

The coins can be purchased at the Nov. 11 ceremony or, beginning Sept. 18, at **Forney's Too** Gift Shop, 102 W. Loockerman St. Dover. "We are proud to be part of this effort," said Gary Knox, store owner.



Gary Knox outside his shop.

Masonic Charities of Delaware contributes to Veteran Service Dog program

"Service dogs make a dramatic difference in the lives of disabled veterans and we are extremely grateful for this donation," said Joe Startt Jr., president of Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, as he accepted a \$5,000 donation from Curtis Cole, president of Masonic Charities of Delaware.



The CASH (Canines Assisting Service Heroes) program is a 501(c)(19) entity that trains service dogs for disabled Delaware veterans. It has resulted in multiple dogs having been donated and four in training with the number of applicants growing. The presentation was made August 19 at Masonic Lodge Union 7, Wyoming Mill Road, Dover.

It takes about a year and \$10,000 to train a service dog. "To be very honest, our trainer and we grow very close to the dogs and giving them away is difficult, but we know the difference they make to the recipients," said Mr. Startt. The dogs are covered for inoculations, and health care in follow up to their donation to ensure they are well cared for, according to Nelson Miller of Riedel K-9 Training in Middletown, the contracted trainer for the program.

Call 302-242-8708 or email joanstartt@comcast.net for more information on the program.

Photo: Curtis Cole, Joe Startt, Jr., and Ken Bodine with service dog in training Duke

Lewes Military Banner Project Celebrates Veterans and Reunites Local Sister with her Brother

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 17—inspired by the 100th Anniversaries of the American Legion and its Auxiliary as military service organizations—began planning last spring to make a visual impact in the community. Volunteers appeared before the City of Lewes and Bureau of Public Works with an idea: display actual photos of our hometown heroes on the town's utility poles. The Military Banner Program was approved, and these banners—proudly saluting local veterans—were installed mid-May 2019, just before the arrival of the Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall and the Lewes Memorial Day Parade. Thirty banners were showcased along Savannah Road and Cape Henlopen Drive.





Sandy and half-brother Bob, both at 4 years old. [Sandy4.jpg and Bob4.jpg]





For complete story please visit: www.capegazette.com

Avoiding Scams

We all receive calls from phone solicitors asking for contributions to charitable causes like support for veterans, schools, fire companies, police, cancer research, and even hunger campaigns. State area codes and local prefixes are displayed. The reality is the majority come from out of state phone banks spoofing local numbers. If you ask what percentage of your contribution will go the cause they represent they will admit it's only 10 cents on the dollar -- none of which may ever reach local charities.

But more ominous are the scammers who steal or compromise our identity. It's more common than you may think. It's happened to me multiple times. Scammers compete on ways to steal from us. They regularly use social media, text messages, computer alerts, phone calls – and even snail mail. Most are based on making us think we can get something for nothing or by fooling us into surrendering data that can be used to create fake accounts in our name or capturing personal information that's sold to others. Some common tactics include:

- "Click bait" offering the user a benefit or prize for clicking on a link. The link may include a virus that allows the scammer to access the owner's list of contacts and use the account as a slave robot that markets scam products to friends.
- "You've been named beneficiary of a multi-million dollar estate" (of someone you've never heard of); or "You've won a foreign lottery" (you never entered). Of course all you've got to do is send a substantial sum to cover delivery or taxes.
- A supposed police or IRS official calls to inform you a warrant has been issued for your arrest because of unpaid fines or taxes. The problem can be solved by paying over the phone with a credit card or by wiring money.
- A grandchild is in a foreign jail and needs money wired to pay for an attorney.
- A more financially devastating one is conning the victim into providing access to their bank account, including passwords, so a supposed refund for a past service can be "deposited directly" into the victim's account. The account is then emptied. Any voluntary submission of information that allows 3rd party access to an account negates any claim against the bank.
- A call from "Microsoft" informing you your computer has been compromised and is sending out your private information that can be fixed by turning control over to the scammer who will fix it for a fee.
- An email from a bank advising your account has been suspended because of fraudulent attempts to access it -- and all you need to do is confirm your access information. Your bank or the government will never request confidential information online or over the phone because they already have it. (See note above.) Looking at the sender's address provides a clue. They usually end in two letters like .fr (France) or .ru (Russia) or other country identifiers, or even .edu (education) that's been stolen. Incidentally, for financial transactions secure websites incorporate an S -- httpS//
- A text or email from a friend you trust (whose identity has been hacked) about a can't-miss offer that directs you to a website so you too may take advantage of the offer. **Hint:** there's no free money. Last year a friend phoned to thank me for telling him about the \$50,000 grant he would receive by wiring \$3,200 to a private account -- as I supposedly had. He insisted he and I had been exchanging text messages all day. We hadn't. His call saved him a lot of money.

-Dave Skocik, president, Delaware Veterans Coalition

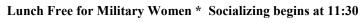






Holiday Luncheon Meeting * Saturday, Dec 14, 2019 * 12 noon - 1:30 pm

DCVA-DE Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd Dover, DE 19904 (entrance in rear, blue awning w/ flagpoles)



RSVP by November 26, 2019
To Ms. Janice Squibb at 302-731-0075 or dozendogs@verizon. net

Please mention Special Dietary Needs When you RSVP Questions, contact Pat Cerchio: 302-387-1309/Pat@NavyWN.com

Come Share YOUR Ideas for Future Events & Projects & bring a friend!





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

<u>Sussex County:</u> 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 Wilmington, DE 19805

Please call to set up appointments.

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> **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 8:00-11:00 AM (Walk-ins)

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Quarterly Scheduled Post Visits: *Times/dates are subject to change.



Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

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

Thursday, October 11, 2019

Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover

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

Friday, November 1, 2019

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

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

Friday, November 8, 2019

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover

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

Friday, December 6, 2019

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

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

Friday, December 13, 2019

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 – Dover

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

Friday, December 20, 2019:

Post #6, Seaford, DE

10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 629-9915



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Blue Hen VFW Post 6483: (302) 422-4412

1st Thursdays: 1:30-4:00 PM

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

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File online with eClaims at www.benefits.va.gov.







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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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*For all medical facilities

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| • Burial | 1-800-827-1000 |
| • Death Pension | |
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| Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices | |
| • Disability Compensation | |
| • Disability Pension | |
| • Education | |
| Home Loan Guaranty | |
| • Medical Care | |
| Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment | |
| CHAMDVA M. J. L. M. 1 | 1 999 295 0225 () 1 966 220 7290 |
| 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) | 1-877-345-8179 (or) |
| Spina Bifida Health Care Program | 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: | 1-800-419-1473 |
| Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs | 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:

Newark Branch 14 Garfield Way Newark, DE 19713 Phone: 302-292-1305 Fax: 302-292-1309 Milford Branch 1040 Mattlind Way Milford, DE 19963 Phone: 302–424-3301 Fax: 302-424-4160

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/

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE SIU EXTENDED CAMPUS 436 FSS/FSDE 261 CHAD STREET, SUITE 304 DOVER AFB, DE 19902

Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Degree

SIU offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Management and Applied Engineering as a traditional campus program and through distance education. Through distance education, our program is offered both online and in a weekend format offered locally at Dover AFB in Delaware. Information on our distance education offerings can be found within the Technology Off-Campus Degree Programs.

Our program is one of the longest-accredited programs in the U.S. by the Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering (ATMAE). Visit <u>atmae.org</u> for more information about our accreditors.

The Industrial Management and Applied Engineering major has as its objective the training of qualified personnel who can develop and direct the production and distribution of products and services. The major is designed to prepare management-oriented technical professionals in the economic-enterprise system.

About a third of the total hours will be in the University's Core Curriculum (courses required of all students pursuing a bachelor's degree) and will provide students with a broad background in the liberal arts and sciences to improve communication skills and to help them understand the world in which they will be making decisions.

The majority of the time will be spent taking Industrial Management and Applied Engineering Core requirements and technical electives that will help students meet their career objectives.

Industrial Management and Applied Engineering focuses on the management and business aspects of manufacturing. Highly demanded technical areas of the Industrial Management and Applied Engineering program include lean manufacturing, six sigma, supply chain, computer-aided manufacturing, manufacturing processes, and robotics. A well-rounded curriculum provides graduates with a variety of career options as engineers, managers, and supervisors.

Students will be well trained in the high-demand technical and managerial areas of:

- Six Sigma
- Lean manufacturing
- Quality control
- Computer-aided manufacturing
- Industrial robotics
- Manufacturing processes
- Industrial safety
- Facilities planning
- Cost estimating
- Personnel supervision



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Web Page: www.engr.siu.edu/tocdp

https://extendedcampus.siu.edu/off-campus-locations/dover-air-force-base/index.php



Veteran Employment Services

Wilmington / Allen Jones : (302) 761-8141

Newark / Freddy Rodriguez : (302) 451-3456

Dover / Danny Mosby: (302) 857-5881

Georgetown/ Gail Gartner: (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



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Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

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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

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 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

ax for the veterans freat

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

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.

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)



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

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 | |
| 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 | |

Volunteer Transportation Network

This program is providing courtesy transportation to our Delaware veterans. Please remember this is NOT AN ENTITLEMENT. Reservations must be made 2 weeks prior to your appointment. Trips depend on availability of volunteer drivers. Veterans need to travel to designated stops. All vans leave the VAMC between noon and 1pm for return trips. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

- 1. Hospital Service Coordinator Wilmington VAMC
 Thea Kersey
 302–633-5414
 800-461-8262 X 5414
 Mon-Thurs 8am—noon
- DAV Seaford, DE
 Dispatcher: Henry Tifft
 302-629-3759
 302-858-7588 cell
 Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm
- People's Place Veterans Outreach Service Milford, DE Director: Mike Rowe 302-422-8033 X 173 Thursday—van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am
- 4. American Legion Post 28
 Oak Orchard, DE
 Dispatcher: 302-945-1673
 Monday-Thursday
 Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

- 5. DAV—Dover, DE
 Dispatcher: 302-697-9061
 Fax: 302-697-9041
 Monday—Thursday
 Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am
- 6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE Dispatcher: 302-539-9981 Monday—Thursday Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am
- 7. DAV Chapter 44—Cape May, NJ Coordinator: Fred Trasatti Jr. 215-778-5599 (cell) 609-886-8383 (Chapter Monday-Wednesday VAMC Thursday—Philly VAMC
- 8. VTS Salisbury, MD
 DAV—Ed Elder (410) 845-0933
 Coordinator: Jim Boston
 (443) 366-6316
 Departs VFW Post 194 (Tues. & Thurs)

Coatsville HSC: Al Gerhart - (610) 384-7711 X 3368

Pick-Up Points:

- Camden: DAV, 183 South Street
- Dover: McDonald's Route 10
- Dover: Luther Towers, Kings Hwy
- Magnolia: Fire Department
- Dover: IHOP/Safeway Shopping Ctr.
- Smyrna: Rest Area

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his community-level effort directly supports military service members, veterans and their families by addressing critical issues and needs including: Financial and legal assis-

tance: training and iob employment; homelessness housing; and behavioral health and wellness; 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.



larence.kirby@delaware.gov



delaware.gov/djf

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





he 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 | t | | |
| Address: | | | | | | |
| Street | City | | State | Zip | | |
| Phone: (Home) _ | | (Work or Cell) | | | | |
| Date Entered Serv | ice | Date Separated | | Branch of Service | | |
| Date of Birth | Type of Disc | harge | Highest R | ank Achieved | | |
| | | | (Only requi | red if requesting rank on certificate) | | |
| Is Veteran Decease | ed? Yes or No (ple | ease 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 co | opy of Certificate of | Release or | | | |
| Discharge from Ac | tive Duty, (DD-214) t | to: | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Delaware Commis | sion of Veterans Affa | airs | | | | |
| 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 Veter | an/spouse or next o | f 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:A | pproved _ | Pending | Disapproved | | |
| Name/Title: | | | Date | · | | |

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