

THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

“There are a lot of books telling you how to manage when you retire. What most people want is one that’ll tell them how to manage in the meantime.”

WORLD WAR II STORYTELLING WINE AND CHEESE

White Clay Creek State Park is hosting a WWII story-telling wine and cheese at the historic Judge Morris Estate in honor of Veterans Day on Saturday, November 13th, 2004, from 1-4 PM. We are looking for volunteers to tell their stories, or stories of someone close to them, about World War II or life on the home front. Were you in combat, working for the war effort, managing a home and family, or maybe even still in school during the era? Would you like to share your story with others and join in this timeless event? If so, please contact Angel Rosauri at (302) 368-6560. The Judge Morris Estate is located on Polly-Drummond Hill Road, in Newark Delaware. All stories will need to be reviewed prior to the program. Storytellers receive 2 free tickets to the Wine and Cheese.

The Judge Morris Estate is a beautiful place for a hike, leisurely stroll, house tour, or special program! The estate became part of White Clay Creek State Park in 1998 and includes an exquisite mansion built in the 1790’s. Currently the mansion is decorated as it may have looked in 1939 when Judge Hugh M. Morris completed renovations to his newly-purchased farm house.

Bring your best companions to this nostalgic wine and cheese social. It is sure to be an afternoon of romance with stories focusing on World War II and life on the “Home Front.” Come listen to these timeless stories so that they may be shared for years to come. Afterward, enjoy a wine and cheese social in the lovely 1930’s decorated mansion. Tickets are \$15 per person. Call the Park Office at (302) 368-6900 to register.

PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATE

The Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) is an engraved paper certificate signed by the current president that recognizes the memory of honorably

discharged deceased veterans. Eligible recipients include veterans and veterans’ next of kin. More than one certificate may be provided to the recipient.

How do you apply for the PMC?

Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply in person at any VA regional office, by fax, or by U.S. mail. Requests can’t be sent via e-mail, and there is not a specific form for requesting a PMC. Please enclose a copy of the veteran’s discharge papers and death certificate with a request and submit copies only, as the VA will not return original documents. If you have any questions about a request, or the program, please e-mail the VA at PMC@mail.va.gov or call (202) 565-4964. If you would like to request a PMC, fax your request, a copy of the discharge papers, and a death certificate to (202) 565-8054, or mail these documents to:

Presidential Memorial Certificates
Veterans Affairs (41A1c)
810 Vermont Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20420
(Military Officer, July 2004)

VGLI UPDATE

VA announced on June 25, 2004 that veterans will be able to access their Veterans’ Group Life Insurance (VGLI) accounts 7/24 from any computer or telephone. Using a secure Web site, the VGLI Online Account Access system allows veterans to obtain basic information on their account through the VA insurance Web site at www.insurance.va.gov. Veterans can view their current amount of coverage, premium rate, and billing method, as well as change their billing address. In the future, veterans will have access to additional online tools allowing them to change their method and frequency of payment. Also available on VA’s insurance Web site is a new life insurance calculator that allows veterans to

calculate a recommended amount of life insurance based on their financial information. Veterans can also access their account information through a new VGLI interactive voice response system that allows veterans to obtain account information through the telephone. Veterans can call VA at 1-800-419-1473 any time, day or night and by using their telephone keypad, hear recorded information on their accounts. They can also request certain changes to their VGLI accounts, such as billing frequency and payment method, as well as order certain forms via mail or fax. (*Psychological Operations Veterans Association VSO, June 27, 2004*)

MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT

The Department of Defense (DOD) has established MILITARY ONE SOURCE, a “one-stop” place to go whenever family members or service members need assistance with any kind of problem. MILITARY ONE SOURCE is available anytime worldwide and augments family services now available at each major military installation. MILITARY ONE SOURCE is also available to National Guard and Reservists being called to duty for Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Services include help for common everyday difficulties to life’s most complicated situations. Asking for help is not a weakness; it’s really a sign of being smart...like putting out a small fire before it gets bigger. MILITARY ONE SOURCE enables DOD officials to provide help to families and service members by a toll free number or via the Internet. Toll free numbers for MILITARY ONE SOURCE are:

Within the United States: (800) 342-9647
Outside the United States: (800) 3429-6477
International Collect: (484) 530-5747
MILITARY ONE SOURCE can be accessed on the Internet at:

Army: Armyonesource.com
USER ID: Army...Password: Onesource
Marines: Marineonesource.com
USER ID: Marine...Password: Onesource
Navy: Navyonesource.com
USER ID: Navy...Password: Onesource
Air Force: Airforceonesource.com

USER ID: Airforce...Password: Onesource
Staff members of MILITARY ONE SOURCE responding to calls for help are trained specifically to deal with military issues and can respond in over 100 languages. Each staff responder holds at least a Masters Degree in social work or some type of counseling service and is sensitive to whatever is asked. People should not feel either afraid or embarrassed to ask for help. The staff member on the phone won’t be judgmental about your situation. Requests for medical care or mental health counseling are not accepted and must be directed to local military or government healthcare providers. A timely, comprehensive medical response is available by accessing the local healthcare system. (*DOD News-MILITARY ONE, July 09, 2004*)

VA BENEFITS PAMPHLET

In recent years a number of changes have occurred in veterans benefits as a result of legislation or other requirements. A quick source for current Federal benefits available to veterans and their dependents can be found in the Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents VA Pamphlet 80-04-01 P94663. If changes occur after the latest edition’s publication, the VA updates their site www.va.gov to reflect them. It contains links to sections on compensation and pension benefits, health care benefits, burial and memorial benefits, home loan guarantees and other information, which is also included in the annual pamphlet update. The latest edition (2004) of this booklet can be viewed or downloaded as a PDF file from <http://www1.va.gov/pubaff/fedben//fedben.pdf>. A hard copy at no charge can be obtained at your local VARO. If not available, it can be ordered for \$6.00 from the Superintendent of Documents, PO Box 371954, Pittsburgh PA 15250-7954 or online at www.bookstore.gpo.gov. (*Various, May 2004*)

TFL WPS NEW CONTRACT

All beneficiaries who are eligible for TRICARE for Life (TFL), including those under age 65 and dual-eligible for TRICARE and Medicare will soon receive a letter from the new TFL claims processor

Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS). Beginning April 1, 2004, WPS phased in as the new centralized claims processor for all TRICARE regions and the approximately 1.7 million TFL beneficiaries in the United States, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the American Samoan Islands and the North Mariana Islands. The introductory letter contains contact information and frequently asked questions on TFL, WPS, and the automated claims processing system that services all TFL beneficiaries. The new contract integrates the services previously provided by each of the regional managed care support contractors, providing a single source for claims processing, customer service and administrative claims services. The WPS TRICARE For Life (WPS TFL) contract is part of the DOD's next generation of contracts and is designed to optimize the delivery of claims and associated customer services. TFL claims processing is currently in a state of transition. The outgoing regional claims processor will continue to process claims for services beneficiaries receive until WPS TFL is implemented in the beneficiary's state. For information about current claims processors and to find out what region a beneficiary is in, see www.tricare.osd.mil/main/chart.html. WPS TFL is being phased in as follows:

Region 11: April 1, 2004

Regions 2/5: June 1, 2004

Regions 9/10/12: July 1, 2004

Regions 3/4: August 1, 2004

Region 1: September 1, 2004

Regions 7/8: (Central): October 1, 2004

Region 6: November 1, 2004

Because the Medicare program is administered on a state-by-state basis, WPS TFL will be implemented by state. In cases when parts of a state are included under two separate regions, WPS TFL will be implemented when the largest part of a state is scheduled to be implemented. For example, Idaho falls under region 7/8 (Central) and Northern Idaho falls under Region 11; all of Idaho will be phased in with Region 7/8 (Central). A complete list of phase in dates by state will soon be available on www.tricare.osd.mil. On the above implementation dates, beneficiaries who are under age 65 and are

eligible for both Medicare and TRICARE due to disability or end-stage renal disease will no longer need to directly file claims to a managed care support contractor. All claims filed with Medicare for these dual-eligible beneficiaries will go to WPS TFL. Each Medicare carrier has agreements with WPS that allow Medicare to directly submit claims to WPS TFL once implemented in the state. If the provider currently submits claims electronically on the beneficiary's behalf to Medicare, Medicare will now submit this claim directly to WPS TFL. Beneficiaries will receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from WPS TFL once processing has been completed. Once implemented in a region, beneficiaries may call WPS TFL at (866) 773-0404 or TDD (866) 773-0405 for information and/or claims processing assistance. For more information, go to www.tricare.osd.mil/faqs/default.aspx; under "Word Search" type in "TRICARE For Life" or under the "Advanced Search" use the drop down menu, and choose category "TRICARE For Life/Dual eligible", subcategory "All" and then hit "GO". Beneficiaries may also access TRICARE for Life information on the TRICARE Web site at www.tricare.osd.mil/tfl and on the WPS Web site at www.tricare4u.com. (*Tricare News Release No. 07-09, April 7, 2004*)

VA PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is an ailment resulting from exposure to an extreme stress involving direct or indirect threat of death, serious injury or a physical threat. The trauma may be experienced alone, as in rape or assault, or in the company of others, as in military combat. The events that can cause PTSD are called "stressors." They include natural disasters (floods, earthquakes), accidents (car accidents, airplane crashes, large fires) or deliberate man-made disasters (bombing, torture, death camps). Symptoms include recurrent thoughts of a traumatic event, reduced involvement in work or outside interests, hyper alertness, anxiety and irritability. The disorder apparently is more severe and longer lasting when the stress is of

human design. More than 185,000 veterans were listed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in 2003 as having PTSD as a service-connected disability.

Vet Centers

VA readjustment counseling is provided through 206 community-based Vet Centers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Vet Centers are located outside of medical facilities, often in shopping malls and other community settings. The Vet Center mission features a mix of direct counseling and help accessing other programs, such as psychological counseling for veterans exposed to war trauma or who were sexually assaulted during military service, family counseling, community outreach and education, and extensive social services and referral activities to help veterans improve their social and economic prospects after the military. Vet Centers are staffed by interdisciplinary teams that include psychologist, nurses and social workers. Vet Center teams reflect ethnic and gender diversity and include many veterans, most having served in a combat theater of operations. Eligibility for Vet Center services includes all Vietnam theater veterans, other Vietnam era veterans who accessed Vet Center care prior to January 1, 2001, and any other veteran who served in any war, armed conflict or peace keeping mission. Eligibility for sexual trauma counseling at Vet Centers is open to any veteran regardless of period of service. In 2003, Vet Centers saw approximately 130,000 veterans and provided over 999,000 visits to veterans and family members. For many veterans who would not otherwise receive VA assistance, the Vet Centers make more than 100,000 referrals a year to VA medical facilities and another 120,000 referrals annually to VA regional offices for disability compensation, pensions or other benefits. For the third consecutive year, 99 percent of veterans using Vet Centers reported being satisfied with services received.

Veterans Being Compensated for PTSD

Period	Feb 04	Sep 99
Pre-WWII	2	1
WWII	24,030	15,879
Korea	9,258	5,412

Vietnam	147,739	90,695
Gulf War	11,533	5,592
Peacetime	<u>7,584</u>	<u>4,491</u>
Total	200,146	122,070

(VA News Release, July 13, 2004)

RESERVE CALL-UP UPDATES

Officials within the Pentagon say that, in response to the Global War on Terrorism, the current Guard and Reserve call-up is the largest since World War II; it appears that DOD officials may have overlooked the forgotten war: Korea. A quick ROA review finds that at least 533,683 Reservists were called up during the Korean War, many being individual Reservists. The numbers are: Army Reserve 240,000, Air Force 146,683. Of the nearly 6 million Americans in uniform during the war, more than 900,000 were Guard members and Reservists. Approximately 375,000 Reservists have been called up since 9/11. This is the largest call-up since Korea. ROA advocates on behalf of our contemporary citizen soldiers, but we don't forget our warriors from the past.

(ROA Weekly Update, April 23, 2004)

21ST CENTURY CITIZEN SOLDIER BENEFITS ACT INTRODUCED IN SENATE

A bill extending the Montgomery GI Bill education benefits to Reservists or National Guard members called to Active duty for two years during any five-year period was introduced in the U.S. Senate on April 1. The bill, S 2274, among other things, would also give employers 50 percent Tax credits for every dollar in pay they provide to their activated workers. To read more about this bill, visit <http://thomas.loc.gov>. *(ROA Weekly Update, April 23, 2004)*

RETIREE VOLUNTARY RECALL

The Army's Casualty and Memorial Affairs Operations Center (CMAOC) is seeking qualified retired Soldiers for voluntary recall to active duty for a one-year tour of duty, with possible extension. CMAOC is the Army's policy proponent and

operations center for world-wide casualty reporting and casualty notifications to Soldiers' families. CMAOC oversees all aspects of providing casualty assistance and mortuary support to the families of our fallen Soldiers, to include assisting with the return of fallen Soldiers to their loved ones, ensuring coordination for funeral honors, and tracking the return of personal effects to the family. This is a sensitive mission that requires professionalism, sensitivity, good communication skills and tact, especially when communicating with the families of Soldiers who are injured, ill, missing, or deceased. Duty locations include: Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Virginia (managing the notification process; assisting casualty assistance officers during the initial stages of their duties; etc.); Joint Personal Effects Depot at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland (preparing Soldiers' personal effects for a prompt and dignified return to the family); and Port mortuary at Dover, Delaware (preparing fallen Soldiers for their final journey home and briefing the unit escorts on their responsibilities). Government housing and dependent travel are not authorized. However, full per diem and housing allowance may be authorized depending on the location of your primary residence. Refer to https://www.2xcitizen.usar.army.mil/soldierservices/mobilization/retireemob_vol.asp for specific retiree recall requirements. Contact MSG (Ret) John Melville john.melville@hoffman.army.mil Tel: (703) 325-2897 or LTC Elaine Anzevino elaine.anzevino@hoffman.army.mil Tel: (703) 325-5307 if you are interested in a possible tour with Army Casualty. (82nd Abn Div, June 9, 2004)

ARMY ANNOUNCES REVIEW BOARDS AGENCY ONLINE APPLICATIONS

The Army announced the Army Review Boards Agency (ARBA) to begin accepting online applications for the Board for Correction of Military Records and for the Discharge Review Board starting Monday, April 26, 2004. ARBA is implementing this state-of-the-art electronic online application process to expedite applicants' requests for changes to their military records and to comply

with the Government Paperwork Elimination Act. The web-based application allows the Boards' customers to securely apply via an electronic DD Form 149, Application for Correction of Military Records, and DD Form 293, Application for Review of Discharge or Dismissal from the Armed Forces of the United States. Customers can check the status of their requests using the Internet. Access the web site at <http://actsonline.army.mil/>. The program guides the customer through the application process and provides additional help that is unavailable on the printed form. The data entered goes directly into ARBA's tracking system and analysts begin gathering case information. Due to current legal mandates, a signature is required to complete the application process. The signature page must be printed at the time of application, signed and mailed to the address listed on the signature page. If the signature page is not received by ARBA within 30 days, the submitted application will be deactivated. For those individuals who are either unable to use the web-based application or prefer a hard-copy document, paper DD Forms 149 and 293 remain available and will be processed in the current manner. The Army Review Boards Agency's online application process is another innovative tool to serve the Soldier and veteran in an efficient, courteous and timely manner. (U.S. Army News Release, April 22, 2004)

KOREAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL UPDATE

Personnel seeking verification of their eligibility from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) to receive the Korean Defense Service Medal (KDSM) could be in for long delays and possibly disappointment taking into consideration the following:

-Generally the tour of duty in Korea was for one year and the bulk of the personnel were Army. Considering 40,000 soldiers stationed there each year for 50 years means about 2 million are eligible for this medal. A typical request rate would be between 10 and 30% of those eligible, so 200,000 to 600,000 requests are projected.

-Many of these people are no longer serving on active duty so the National Personnel Records Center will be the agency that must verify eligibility for this medal.

-The implementing instructions do not list specific source documents to verify eligibility, thus records must be screened for evidence to meet eligibility requirements. While records may contain assignment orders, many of these orders do not specify Korea. Instead they list something like, APO SF CAL 96012 or FPO 92109. Both would indicate an assignment in the Pacific area but a list of APO/FPO zip code locations inclusive of which years they applied would be required to establish in country assignment. NPRC does not have this list.

-A personnel record does not contain documentation of participation as a regularly assigned air crewmember flying sorties into, out of, within, or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties are flown counts as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement; so verification of this requirement will be very difficult, if not impossible.

-NPRC does not have a listing of the ships that were within 12 miles of Korea and the dates, so verification for Navy personnel based on the personnel records will be difficult. Generally, the Navy Liaison office in St. Louis will process requests for awards from former U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, and U.S. Coast Guard personnel. That office may have ship location information.

-Being on TDY in Korea may not meet the award criteria. TDY does not generally mean assigned, attached, or mobilized to a unit. Even if TDY is accepted as the basis for this award it will be almost impossible to verify from the personnel records because TDY orders are generally not permanent personnel documents.

-Although verification of assignment may be possible through screening of finance records, these are not available at NPRC.

In view of the above, it is suggested that if the veteran or retiree has any supporting documentation of their time in Korea, that it be included with the request. Only one or two documents would be sufficient; submitting more is redundant and discouraged. *(NPRC E-mail, June 07, 2004)*

THE DEFENSE ENROLLMENT ELIGIBILITY REPORTING SYSTEM CHANGES FOR FORMER UNREMARRIED SPOUSES

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is a computerized database of military sponsors, families and others worldwide who are entitled under the law to TRICARE benefits. DEERS registration is required for TRICARE eligibility. Active-duty and retired service members are automatically registered in DEERS, but they must take action to register their family members and ensure they're correctly entered into the database. Mistakes in the DEERS database can cause problems with TRICARE claims, so it is critical to maintain DEERS information. Veterans and dependents can verify DEERS information by contacting their regional TRICARE managed care support contractor, their local TRICARE service center or the nearest uniformed services personnel office (ID card facility). Sponsors or registered family members may make address changes, however, only the sponsor can add or delete a family member from DEERS, and proper documents are required such as a marriage certificate, divorce decree, and/or birth certificate. To update your DEERS information:

- Visit your local uniformed services personnel office or contact the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) at 1-800-538-9552. You can find the nearest uniformed services personnel office at: www.dmdc.osd.mil.

- Fax address changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317.

- Mail the address change to the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gigling Road, Seaside, CA 93955-6771.

- Go online at: www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS [Address](#) to update your information.

The Social Security Number (SSN) used to verify TRICARE eligibility in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for unremarried former spouses has changed. As of October 1, 2003, DEERS reflects TRICARE eligibility for these beneficiaries using the

unremarried former spouse's own SSN and not the former sponsor's. Health care information is filed under the unremarried former spouse's own SSN and name. These beneficiaries now use their own name and SSN to schedule medical appointments and file TRICARE claims. The current Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card, DD Form 1173, held by the unremarried former spouse is still valid until it expires. Upon renewal, the unremarried former spouse will be issued a replacement Department of Defense/Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card, DD Form 2765. Unremarried former spouses may contact or visit the nearest identification card issuing facility (locations may be found online at <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/> for questions or assistance). Unremarried former spouses should always keep their DEERS information current and up-to-date. For questions regarding their medical records, they should contact the military treatment facility and medical records department where their DOD medical records are stored. (*National Veterans Service, May 5, 2004*)

DID YOU KNOW?

The Year 1904:

The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.

Only 14 % of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.

Only 8 % of the homes had a telephone.

A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars.

There were only 8,000 cars in the U.S., and only 144 miles of paved roads.

The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.

Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million residents, California was only the 21st most populous state in the Union.

The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower.

The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents an hour.

The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per

year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year.

More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home.

95% of all US physicians had no college education. Instead, they attended medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard."

Sugar cost 4 cents a pound. Eggs were 14 cents a dozen. Coffee was 15 cents a pound.

Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

Canada passed a law prohibiting poor people from entering the country for any reason.

The 5 leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii, and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the Union yet.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was 30!!!

There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day.

Two of 10 U.S. adults couldn't read or write; only 6% of all Americans had graduated high school.

Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at corner drugstores. According to one pharmacist, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (shocking!)

18% of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic.

There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.

HELP NEEDED IN NEW CASTLE, KENT AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

Volunteers are needed to drive veterans to the VA Medical Center, Elsmere, DE. The Disabled American Veterans are looking for driver volunteers, Monday thru Thursday 6 AM to 3 PM, schedules are flexible. Individuals will have to fill

out an application and take a physical at the VA Medical Center. If interested, please call the DAV Headquarters and leave a message (302-697-9061 for Mark Wischmann, or 1-800-461-8262 ext 5414 for Margot Brennan, or 302-629-6879 for Ruth McBride).

DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

Veterans Home contributions can be made with a check payable to: Delaware Veterans Home Fund, and sent to the Department of State, 401 Federal Street, Suite 3, Dover, DE 19901. Your donation is tax deductible.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO DELAWARE VETERANS

In January 1946, Walter W. Bacon, then elected Governor, authorized a state award to those who served in World War II. To honor this commitment to Delaware Veterans, Governor Ruth Ann Minner has announced that the State of Delaware will provide a "Certificate of Appreciation" to all Delaware residents who shall have served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during time of peace, conflict or war. To request a "Certificate of Appreciation" the veteran/spouse or next of kin must submit the enclosed application (see page 17) along with a copy of a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, (DD Form 214). DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL.

WWII VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

In support of Lt. Governor John C. Carney, Jr.'s and Secretary of State Harriet Smith Windsor's WWII Veterans History Project, we are soliciting your participation and support in creating and preserving a permanent record of your personal wartime experiences for future generations of Delawareans and other Americans to share and consult. The effort also will be used in support of the National Veterans History Project of the Library of

Congress. Some questionnaires will be selected for a videotaped oral history, while all will be used to create a volume of written histories of WWII veterans from Delaware. Those selected for the videotaped portion of the project will be chosen based on the uniqueness of their questionnaire and the narrative they provide. If you are selected for the videotaped portion of this project, a Veterans History Project staff member will contact you to arrange for a personal interview. To participate in this preservation effort, please complete the attached questionnaire on pages 15/16 and return it to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. If you need assistance or further clarification on completing the questionnaire, please call 1-800-344-9900 or (302) 739-2792.

HUNTING, TRAPPING AND FISHING LICENSES

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Division of Fish & Wildlife is now issuing Hunting, Trapping and Fishing ID cards for those Delaware veterans and members of the Armed Forces who meet the exceptions to requirements for licensing under Title 7, Chapter 5, Section 502 of the Delaware Code.

- Any veteran having at least a 60% service-connected disability (certified by the Veterans Administration);
- Or 65 years or older;
- Or blind

For more information, please call (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, 11:00 AM, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE. The meeting schedule varies for June and December of each year. These meetings are open to the public.

Any individual requiring special accommodations, shall contact this office one week prior to the meeting date. If you would like to attend, please call 1-800-344-9900 (in State) or (302) 739-2792.

MOBILE VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

Ms. White will be providing services for veterans from the mobile Service Center at the following locations:

AUG 03	Seaford Service Center
AUG 04	Bethany Beach Town Hall
AUG 10	Georgetown Cheer Center
AUG 11	Fenwick Island Town Hall
AUG 17	Bridgeville Town Hall
AUG 18	Ocean View Town Hall
AUG 24	Laurel Town Hall
AUG 25	Georgetown Service Center
SEP 14	Seaford Service Center
SEP 15	Bethany Beach Town Hall
SEP 21	Georgetown Service Center
SEP 22	Fenwick Island Town Hall
SEP 28	Bridgeville Town Hall
SEP 29	Ocean View Town Hall

For more information, contact Ms. White at the Pyle State Service Center, (302) 732-9560.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

(Kent County) – Ms. Melanie E. Bronov - Dover office - may be reached Monday –Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM, (302) 739-2792 or (800) 344-9900 (in State). Please call for an appointment.

(Sussex County) - Ms. Laurie A. White - Pyle State Service Center located in Roxanna, DE, may be reached Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, (302) 732-9560. Please call for an appointment.

American Legion

Robert McBride, Dept. Service Officer, (302) 633-5323, will visit the following posts between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on the following dates:

AUG 06	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post 28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
AUG 13	Walter L Fox, Post 2	674-3922
AUG 20	David Harrison, Post 14	653-1711
SEP 03	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post 28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
SEP 10	Walter L Fox, Post 2	674-3922
SEP 17	Laurel, Post 19	875-9948
SEP 24	David Harrison, Post 14	653-1711

Paralyzed Veterans of America (DE/MD PVA)

Darrell Johnson, Sr., National Service Officer, VA Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 26, Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 633-5325 or (302) 633-5392. Mr. Johnson will make home visits upon request for vets who do not have transportation to the VA. He will be in the Oak Orchard area the 1st Monday, Dover the 2nd Monday, Frederica the 3rd Monday and at the Home of the Brave on the 4th Monday of each month. In addition to our service officer at the Wilmington VA Regional Office, we also have a representative David Timberman, National Liaison Service Officer, at the Home of the Brave on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The Home of the Brave is located at 6632 Sharps Rd, Milford, DE (302) 424-1681 or 1682.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Paul Lardizzone, Dept. Service Officer (DAV).
Every Tuesday: DAV Headquarters Building
& Wednesday 183 South Street
(Kent) 8:00-12:00 Camden, DE 19934
(302) 697-9061
Every Thursday: Department of Labor
(Sussex) 8:00-12:00 Div. of Emp & Trng
(302) 856-5230 600 N. DuPont Hwy.
Georgetown, DE 19947

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

Richard Magner, National Service Officer, VA Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 633-5508.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

Terry Baker, National Service Officer, VA Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 633-5357

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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4th Thursday

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NOTE: persons desiring assistance at the Thursday-downstate locations should be at the Delaware DOL no later than 9:00 AM or at the afternoon locations by 2:00 PM. The VFW provides services to veterans and their dependents without respect to veteran service organization affiliation; membership in the VFW is NOT required for service.

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