

# THE CENTURION

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## 2005 MARINE CORPS 230<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

This year, the United States Proudly honors the Marine Corps and all Marines who have sacrificed and contributed in our Nation's service. Public Law 1008-290, signed August 6, 2004, authorizes the minting of a Silver Dollar to commemorate the 230<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. On November 10, 1775, the Continental Congress authorized the raising of two battalions of American Marines, thereby creating the legendary institution today known as the United States Marine Corps. From the Nation's birth to the present day, the Marines represent a proud culture of service and contribution in defense of the values and freedoms at the heart of the American experience. According to the United States Marine Corps Hymn, Marines have "fought in ev'ry clime and place" throughout our Nation's history. The story of the Marine Corps is the personification of American military history beginning with the American Revolution. The flag raising at Iwo Jima, represented at the Marine Corps War Memorial, is ingrained in the public mind as perhaps the enduring image of World War II. Today, the Marines continue to exemplify the warrior ethos that has made it a fighting force of international repute. The philosophy of the Corps – and of the hundreds of thousands of individuals who have earned the title "Marine" over the last 230 years – is simply stated in its core values: Honor. Courage. Commitment. Coins offered in both proof and uncirculated condition may be issued under this Act only during the one-year period beginning January 1, 2005. Surcharges from the sales of each coin are authorized for the creation of the National Museum of the Marine Corps at Quantico, Virginia, which is being developed as a partnership of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and the United States Marine Corps. Coins are tentatively scheduled to be released in summer of 2005.

**THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER**

*“Engineers are trying to build a car that will stop smoking.  
We would all like to own a car that would stop drinking”*

**DELAWARE VETERANS LOSE ONE OF THEIR FINEST**

Mr. Reese (Pappy) Phillips passed away on April 4, 2005, at the VA Medical Center, Elsmere, Delaware. Mr. Phillips was a great patriot, a veteran’s advocate and a friend to all. He served on the original Veterans Advisory Committee, a precursor to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) and as a Commissioner of the DCVA for over 14 years. He was involved in numerous veteran service organizations and held positions in local government as well. Throughout his life, Mr. Phillips strived to serve his community with professionalism and always with good word for all. We will truly miss this great patriot!

**WOMEN VETERANS SYMPOSIUM**

The Commission of Veterans Affairs will be hosting the first Women Veterans Symposium on Saturday, April 30, 2005 from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Buena Vista State Conference Center in New Castle, DE. There will be workshops on topics such as Federal/State veterans benefits, women’s healthcare, Vet Center Services, money management and more. See registration form on page 16, but hurry seating is limited. Registration fee is \$10.00. For more information or to request a registration form, contact the commission office at (800) 344-9900 or (302) 739-2792.

**“BRIDGE OF LIFE”  
CELEBRATION HONORING ALL OF OUR  
VETERANS AND CURRENT MILITARY  
SERVICE MEN & WOMEN  
SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO OUR RECENT LOCAL  
FALLEN HEROES**

Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, everyone is invited to participate in a “Bridge of Life” Celebration. Participants will line both sides of the Choptank River Fishing Pier carrying yellow glow

sticks, which will be available for a donation of \$1.00 each. Proceeds from this event will benefit local youth through a scholarship fund to be established in honor of our Fallen American Soldiers and in Memory of Capt. Adam G. Mooney. Shuttle buses will be available to the following locations: Dorchester Square (Blockbuster), Cambridge Plaza (Old K-Mart), and Composite Yachts (west side of Choptank Bridge). Additional parking is also available at the Cambridge Visitor’s Center.

*Demonstrate our unity and devotion. Thank our Veterans and current members of our Armed Forces for their sacrifices and our freedom.*

Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs

**DOD HEALTH PLAN FOR ELIGIBLE  
NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVE  
MEMBERS ANNOUNCED**

The Department of Defense announced that beginning April 2005 a new premium-based, health care plan will be available to eligible National Guard and Reserve members activated for contingency operations on or after September 11, 2001. According to Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, “This benefit compares most favorably with any health plan option available to our Reserve components.” He continued, “We hope that individuals will consider carefully the value of this benefit for themselves and their families as well as the commitment to our nation’s defense.” Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) is authorized under the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2005 and, when purchased by a TRS eligible member, provides comprehensive health care coverage similar to Tricare Standard and Extra for the members and his or her eligible family members. A National Guard or Reserve member’s personnel office will determine eligibility for TRS based on active service on or after September 11, 2001. The service period must be for 90 consecutive days or

more in support of a contingency operation and, prior to leaving active duty, the member must enter into an agreement with his or her Reserve component to serve in the selected Reserve for at least one additional year. For those members who already have left active duty, they must enter into an additional service agreement no later than October 28, 2005. Members are eligible for one whole year of TRS coverage for each whole year of service commitment in the service agreement, up to a maximum of one whole year of coverage for each 90 days of continuous active duty served in support of a contingency operation. For example, members who served a 360-day qualifying active duty period in the selected Reserve are eligible for four years of TRS coverage provided the member agrees to serve at least another four years in the selected Reserve. TRS coverage for members and covered family members will end when the service agreement ends or sooner if the member separates from the selected Reserve, voluntarily disenrolls from the TRS program or fails to pay the monthly TRS premiums. Updated information on the TRS program (including programs start date, eligibility, benefits and premiums) will be posted later in March on the Tricare Web site (<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/trs.cfm>). National Guard and Reserve and family members may subscribe to TRS updates by e-mail, which will be sent as information becomes available. To subscribe, go to the Tricare web site (<http://www.tricare.osd.mil/tricaresubscriptions/>). For those members who purchase TRS and also have health care coverage under the Transitional Assistance Management Program (TAMP), their TRS coverage will begin the day after their TAMP coverage ends. (*DOD News Release, March 24, 2005*)

**HOUSE VETERANS' AFFAIRS  
COMMITTEE ADOPTS SLIDING SCALE  
FOR ENROLLMENT FEES**

*Rejects doubling co-pays*

Ensuring that disabled, injured, low income and special needs veterans are given the highest priority, Chairman Steve Buyer (IN-04), on behalf of the majority of House Veterans' Affairs Committee

submitted its views and estimates of the President's FY 2006 budget submission to the Committee on the budget. Of the President's proposals, the Committee rejected the doubling of prescription drug co-payments and adopted enrollment fees of Priority 7 and 8 veterans on the sliding scale based on means. In total, medical services is increased by \$317.2 million over the President's budget. "In establishing priority categories for veterans' health care, Congress believes that the same military values that guided servicemembers on active duty should define how services and assistance are provided to them as veterans. These views and estimates take into consideration the present budgetary constraints, the aging veterans' population, as well as the influx of veterans into the system as this nation continues to fight the war on terror throughout the world," Buyer stated. The Committee recommends a \$230 enrollment fee for Priority 7 veterans to bring balance and equity into the system. The Committee recommends a four tiered enrollment fee for Priority 8 veterans based on their income above the geographic means test. The fees would be: Tier1 -- \$230; Tier 2 -- \$250; Tier 3 -- \$350; Tier4 -- \$ 500. The Committee will work with VA to achieve the appropriate income tiers. These enrollment fees would apply to both veterans who are currently enrolled and new enrollees. "The 1996 eligibility reform of Public Law 104-262 was based on assumptions that providing VA health care to lower priority veterans would be "budget neutral" and at best "revenue enhancing." These assumptions have now proven to be in error. The VA has \$3 billion in uncollected debts. Therefore, it is time for Congress to focus its commitment to veterans based on the clear priorities and ageless military values that should define the VA health care system," Buyer added. The Committee recommends an increase of \$12.6 million for medical and prosthetic research projects above the President's budget request, emphasizing his hope that research within the VA targets those who need it the most. To ensure that our national cemeteries are maintained as the shrines that they are, the Committee recommends an additional \$45.6 million in minor construction to begin a five-year, \$300 million National Shrine Commitment project

to repair and restore existing national cemeteries. Chairman Buyer's recommendations were made on behalf of the Republican members of the Committee. "These recommendations are in line with the objectives of this Committee-to ensure that the veterans most in need have priority for appropriate services and assistance. The Committee intends to protect the investment of tax dollars in veterans programs by holding executive departments accountable for their performance, by stressing quality and timeliness, and by streamlining programs and infrastructure," Chairman Buyer commented. (*Committee on Veterans' Affairs, February 23, 2005*)

### **TRICARE RETIREE DENTAL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY INCLUDES "GRAY AREA" RETIREES**

Eligibility for the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) extends to ALL retirees of the Reserve and Guard and their family members, including "gray area" retired Reservists who are entitled to retired pay but will not begin receiving it until age 60. Although eligibility for this group has been in effect since the TRDP first began in 1998, many retired Reserve and Guard Members and even more "gray area" retirees, still do not realize they are eligible. Premiums for the TRDP are regionally based on the primary enrollee's residence ZIP code. Title 10 of the United States Code, Section 1076c mandates that monthly premiums for the TRDP be deducted automatically from retired pay through one of six discretionary allotments. However, "gray area" retired Reservists who are younger than age 60 and who enroll in the program are naturally exempt from the mandatory government deduction, so alternative payment arrangements such as direct billing or EFT will be made. Today, over 810,000 retired members of the uniformed services, Medal of Honor recipients, unremarried surviving spouses, and their family members are enjoying comprehensive, affordable benefits under the TRDP. Enrollees in the TRDP can choose any licensed dentist within the TRDP service area or can select from a network of over 80,000 dentist locations nationwide. The TRDP service area

includes all 50 United States as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, and Canada. Retired Reservists and Guard members, including "gray area" retirees, who would like more information about the TRDP can visit the web site at [www.trdp.org](http://www.trdp.org) or call the contract administrator, Delta Dental of California, at 1 (888) 838-8737 for a complete TRDP enrollment packet. **Effective February 1, 2005**, the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will waive the 12-month waiting period for major services (Crowns, Bridges, Partials and Orthodontics) for all "gray area" retirees and their family members; if they had and/or will enroll within 120 days after their retirement date. Also, this new waiver will be applied retroactively to February 1, 2004 for all dental claims that qualify for this new benefit. The "gray area" enrollee will have to submit documentation that shows he/she enrolled in the TRDP within 120 days of their retirement date for dental claims adjustment. (*Lynn Jamroz, DDPCA*)

### **VA BUDGET TO BE GIVEN NEW SPOTLIGHT**

Washington, D.C.—House Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Steve Buyer (IN-04) praises the reorganization of the House Appropriations Subcommittees. The reorganization will end years of competition for funds that pitted the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) against the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA). The newly created Subcommittee on Military Quality of Life and Veterans' Affairs will be chaired by Congressman Jim Walsh (NY-25). "This new subcommittee will bring focus to the needs of our nation's veterans. No longer will there be a competition for funds between unrelated agencies. In this case, funding for our Nation's veterans will not have to compete with housing needs or the space station. Instead, this new appropriations panel will have a more narrow area of jurisdiction that will certainly be a benefit to veterans. I look forward to working with Chairman Walsh to ensure that priority is given to those who

have sacrificed so much in the name of freedom,” Chairman Buyer stated. The new Subcommittee will have jurisdiction over three areas formerly in the jurisdiction of VA-HUD Subcommittee. These areas are: Veterans’ Affairs, Arlington National Cemetery, and the Selective Service Commission. Similarly, the newly created Defense Appropriations Subcommittee will have the narrow jurisdiction over defense issues such as DOD health and environmental programs, basic allowance for housing and sustainment, and repair and modernization accounts. (*Committee on Veterans Affairs, February 15, 2005*)

### **LEGISLATION OF INTEREST**

#### ***Veterans bills, Resolutions, and Amendments related to legislation introduced in the 109<sup>th</sup> Congress not noted in previous Legislation of Interest***

S.614 (Sen. Arlen Specter, R-PA) would allow Medicare-eligible veterans who are not otherwise eligible for VA health care and services to have prescriptions filled at VA pharmacies for a fee not yet determined.

S.639 (Sen. Jon Corzine, D-NJ) would lower the age of reserve retirement eligibility from 60 to 55. Companion bill to HR. 783.

HR.558 (Rep. Tom Latham, R-IA) would amend title 10, United States Code, to expand health care benefits to all members of the Guard/Reserve and their families, and revise the age and service requirements for eligibility to receive retired pay for non-regular service. House counterpart to S.337.

HR.756 (Rep. John Culberson, R-TX) would exempt military pay and benefits, except for retired pay, from taxation.

HR.783 (Rep. Henry Brown, R-SC) would lower the age of reserve retirement eligibility from 60 to 55.

HR.808 (Rep. Henry Brown, R-SC) would end the dollar-for-dollar deduction of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (paid by the VA when the

member’s death is due to service-caused conditions) from the survivor’s military SBP annuity.

HR.848 (Rep. Scott Garrett, R-NJ) would allow the standard combat-zone tax exemption for troops in Iraq to include any income by a spouse paid during the period of deployment, making a family’s entire income free from federal tax.

HR.968 (Rep. Jim Saxton, R-NJ) would change the effective date of 30-year, paid up SBP from Oct 1, 2008 to Oct 1, 2005. House counterpart to S.185.

HR.1268 (Rep. Terry Everett, R-AL) FY 2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act would increase the military death gratuity to \$100,000 and maximum Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage to \$400,000. Currently coverage’s are limited to \$12,000 and \$250,000, respectively. The House approved HR 1268 during the week of 13 MAR including a survivor benefits increase for families of members killed on active duty. House counterpart to S.77.

HR.1366 (Rep. Bilirakis, R-FL) would expand CRSC to those who were medically retired with less than 20 years of service. The same CRSC rules would then apply for all Chapter 61 retirees regardless of years of service. The proposed effective date of the legislation is Jan 1, 2006. (*Various, March 29, 2005*)

### **VETERANS AFFAIRS TELEVISION (VATV) IS COMING TO DELAWARE ON PBS AFFILIATE WYBE PHILADELPHIA**

VATV is a communication outreach, with the goal of delivering state-of-the-art health and other information to veterans at their homes. Each 30 minute program conveys solid information couched in a light hearted, entertaining package that grabs viewers’ attention. VATV is primarily targeted to veterans. However, it is very suitable for their families and for the general public. The programs are polished, entertaining, and rich in information. Each VATV episode centers on a specific health issue. Segments provide viewers with tips on how to deal with or prevent that particular disease or

medical condition. A portion of each episode is directed at how veterans can seek help on the topic at hand from the VA. Each episode contains fast-moving segments:

■ **“The Healing Corner”** features an interview with a public personality who has dealt with the health issue being covered.

■ **“Panel Discussion with Experts”** presents experts in a certain field answering questions posed by the host and by a studio audience.

■ **“Window in Time”** discusses how a particular health issue has been approached, studied, diagnosed or treated throughout history.

To date, 16 PBS affiliates are broadcasting or having scheduled VATV for broadcast in the upcoming months. As of this date, 9 episodes have been filmed and are broadcast ready. The office of Special Projects actively works with VA Medical Center Public Affairs Officers to publicize VATV broadcast in their PVS Affiliate broadcast areas. *(VHA Office of Special Projects, March 15, 2005)*

### **NATIONAL VETERANS WHEELCHAIR GAMES IN MINNEAPOLIS**

More than 500 disabled veterans will compete in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games from June 27 to July 1, 2005, in Minneapolis. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the event, which has grown to become the largest annual wheelchair sports event in the world. “We are proud of these talented athletes, our volunteers who make these Games possible, and the communities that open their doors and their hearts to these heroes,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. The wheelchair games, presented by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), are open to all U.S. military veterans who use wheelchairs for sports competition due to spinal cord injuries, certain neurological conditions, amputations or other mobility impairments. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center and the PVA Minnesota Chapter are hosting the 2005 games. PVA National President Randy L. Pleva, Sr., said, “Year after year, the rehabilitative nature of the Games provides endless opportunities for our wheelchair athletes to pursue their athletic goals

and dreams. The Games also serve as a stage where we can show the world what we can do – to soar far beyond any physical limitations we might have and reach previously unimagined levels of success.” Sports are important in the therapy used to treat many disabilities. VA is a recognized leader in rehabilitation, with therapy programs available at VA health care facilities across the nation. For many injured veterans, the Wheelchair Games provide their first exposure to wheelchair athletics. At the Games, veterans will compete in track and field, swimming, basketball, weightlifting, softball, air guns, quad-rugby, 9-ball, bowling, table tennis, archery, hand cycling, a motorized rally, wheelchair slalom and power soccer. Trap shooting, golf and a power wheelchair relay will be exhibition events this year. The 25<sup>th</sup> National Veterans Wheelchair Games begin June 27 with a wheelchair basketball exhibition at Peavey Plaza on Nicolette Mall in Minneapolis, as well as the 2005 Disabled Sports, Recreation and Fitness Expo. The Expo is among the largest exhibitions of products and services related to the health, well-being, sports and recreational needs of people with disabilities. On June 29, a wheelchair sports demonstration will take place at the Mall of America, allowing the public to preview some of the sports taking place during the week. “Kids Day at the Games” is on June 30, when local children with disabilities can meet the wheelchair athletes, watch them compete and participate in their own wheelchair sporting events. Many of the events will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center, also the site for the opening and closing ceremonies. Other venues include South Town Bowl, Eden Prairie Bowl, McMurry field, Metro Gun Club, Braemar Gold Course, the University of Minnesota, the University of St Thomas, Lake Harriet, the Ft. Snelling soccer fields and Como Park. For more information about the National Veterans Wheelchair Games, or to follow events as they happen, visit the Games Web site at <http://www.wheelchairgames.org> *(VA News Releases, April 7, 2005)*

## **DNREC OFFERS FREE STATE PARK PASSES, FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES TO IRAQ WAR VETERANS**

The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is offering free one-year park passes and fishing and hunting licenses to Delaware's Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom veterans. "The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives while being separated from their families," said Secretary John A. Hughes. "DNREC is pleased to help express the State's gratitude for their service by offering them some much-needed relaxation and enjoyment." Veterans interested in taking advantage of the offer can get details by calling the Division of Parks and Recreation's Office of Business Services at (302) 739-4702 or the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Coordination Section at (302) 739-5296. (*First State News, February 2005*)

### **STATE REPOSITORY – DD FORM 214s**

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs is the State Repository for DD Forms 214 (Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty). If you served in the military between 1976 – 1986, we may not have your record on file. If you would like to bring a copy of your DD Form 214 to our office, it will be placed on microfilm for permanent record. A copy would be available to you or an authorized family member if required. Please call our office for additional information (800) 344-9900 or (302) 739-2792.

### **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 12) 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 13/14 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.

### **PTSD GROUP FORMING**

Joan Spencer, Counselor, located at The Vet Center, on the grounds of the Wilmington VA Medical Center, is interested in forming a Post Traumatic Stress Disorder Group in response to Military Sexual Trauma in support of women veterans. All Women Veterans that are interested in being part of this support group please contact the Vet Center by calling Joan Spencer at 302-994-1660.

## **WOMEN VETERANS ISSUE GROUP**

The group will meet the second Wednesday of each month, starting March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 9:30-10:30 am. RSVP or for questions call Kathy Oldham 992-2511 ext 4812.

## **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:

MAY 03	Georgetown Cheer Center
MAY 04	Ocean View Town Hall
MAY 10	Laurel Town Hall
MAY 17	Bethany Beach Town Hall
MAY 24	Seaford Service Center
MAY 25	Georgetown Service Center
JUN 01	Georgetown Cheer Center
JUN 02	Ocean View Town Hall
JUN 21	Laurel Town Hall
JUN 22	Bethany Beach Town Hall
JUN 28	Seaford Service Center
JUN 29	Georgetown Service Center

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:

APR 29	Nanticoke Post #6	629-9915
MAY 06	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post 28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
MAY 13	Walter L Fox, Post 2	674-3922
MAY 20	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
MAY 27	David Harrison, Post 14	653-1711
JUN 03	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post 28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
JUN 10	Walter L Fox, Post 2	674-3922
JUN 17	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
JUN 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, Dover the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Frederica the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and at the Home of the Brave on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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)**

James Withrow, Dept. Service Officer, VA  
Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21,  
Wilmington, DE 19805, (800) 461-8262 ext. 5326  
or (302) 633-5326.

1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (633-5326) 8:00-11:00 AM  
Milford VFW (422-4412) 1:30-4:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (633-5326) 8:00-11:00 AM  
Milton VFW (684-4975) 1:30-4:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (633-5326) 8:00-11:00 AM  
Rehoboth VFW (227-3469) 1:30-4:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (633-5326) 8:00-11:00 AM  
Seaford VFW (629-3092) 1:30-4:00 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (633-5326) 8:00-11:00 AM

NOTE: All persons interested in Outreach Services  
should first call our office so that some advance  
information may be obtained to accelerate the  
application process. Kent & Sussex County

residents may call 1-800-461-8262 ext 5326. New  
Castle County residents may call 633-5326.

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.

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC**

Air Force Sergeants Association

Tony Lee.....(302) 698-5144

American Ex-Prisoners Of War

Howard Melson.....(302) 539-1808

American Legion

Ed Phillips Jr.....(302) 628-5221

AMVETS

Michael Brown.....(302) 659-5111

DE/MD Paralyzed Veterans of America

Wayne Carter.....(302) 368-4898

Disabled American Veterans

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

Jewish War Veterans

Barry Newstadt.....(302) 475-2820

Korean War Veterans Association

Dave Gillan.....(302) 737-2242

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Bill Carroll.....(302) 655-3820

Military Order of the World Wars

COL (Ret) Eugene A. Hebert.....(302) 335-0110

E-Mail [gene@hebert.net](mailto:gene@hebert.net)

The Reserve Officers Association

CWO John V. Hawkins, Sr. (Ret)...(302) 328-8115

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

Vietnam Veterans of America

Ralph Hoag.....(302) 345-7997

WAVES Nat'l

Ruth Harden.....(302) 998-1373

**DELAWARE VETERANS  
MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

New Castle Co. Section (Bear, DE).....834-8046

Sussex Co. Section (Georgetown, DE).....934-5653

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Claims, Benefits, Veterans Services  
(Regional Office).....1-800-827-1000  
VA Hospital Scheduling.....1-800-461-8262  
.....302-994-2511  
Veterans Outreach Center  
(New Castle County).....302-633-5360  
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