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CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

My Fellow Veterans,

As of this writing the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs has been granted oversight of the new Delaware Veterans Home. There had been numerous discussions between the Commission and our respective organizations to obtain a true sense of what the veteran community desired. Those discussions had the rank and file veteran and the Commission in constant communication with our elected officials. The main concern has always been that the care of our veterans must come first and with approximately 80,000 veterans in Delaware, we firmly believe that oversight by this representative group was the right way to go. The Commission accepts this responsibility with the understanding that we will all work diligently to insure that proper care and treatment of our veterans is considered in every decision. We have begun a process of discussions concerning how we will interact with the various branches of government and state agencies. Other steps of our involvement include establishing guidelines, policies and procedures for the new facility. We look forward to the Veterans Home dedication ceremony scheduled for December 7, 2006. With construction on track, this will be one of the most important events for veterans in many a year. I encourage all of you to pass this information on and invite as many veterans to be there as possible. I want to issue a personal invitation to all of Delaware’s veterans but especially to the WWII and Korean War Veterans that constitute the 65 years of age and over group that are most in need of the services of our new Veterans Home. All have fought the hard fight and we must care for them that cannot care for themselves. The Commission must continue to direct its attention to all other issues affecting veterans. We know that this is the end of the 143rd General Assembly and that there still remains veterans’ legislation that should have proceeded further in the legislative process. We will work harder for those issues in the upcoming 144th General Assembly.

Gary “Mo” Morris
Chairman

THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

“Science can predict an eclipse of the sun many years in advance, but cannot accurately predict the weather over the weekend.”

VA EXPANDS SERVICE BY OPENING 25 NEW CLINICS

World-Class Health Care Brought Closer to More Veterans

To provide world-class health care closer to where more veterans live, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs announced plans to open 25 new community-based clinics in 17 states and American Samoa. “VA has established itself as one of the top health care organizations in the country,” said the Honorable R. James Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans Affairs. “By putting health care facilities in more communities, we’re enhancing veterans’ access to VA’s world-class health care.” With 156 hospitals and more than 700 community-based clinics, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates the largest integrated health care system in the country. VA’s health care budget of nearly \$30 billion this year will provide health care to about 5.4 million people during nearly 600,000 hospitalizations and 55 million outpatient visits. “Community-based medicine enhances preventative care, allows for closer doctor-patient relationships and makes it easier for follow-up for people with chronic problems,” said Dr. Jonathan B. Perlin, VA’s Under Secretary for Health. The new facilities, called community-based outpatient clinics, or CBOCs, will start becoming operational this year. Local VA officials will keep communities and their veterans informed of milestones in the creation of the new CBOCs. A list of the new community clinics follows:

VA’s Proposed Sites for New Outpatient Clinics

Alabama – Bessemer
Arizona – Miami-Globe, Northwest Tucson, southeast Tucson
California – S. Orange County
Delaware – Dover
Georgia – Athens
Idaho – Canyon County
Iowa – Spirit Lake
Kentucky – Hazard, Florence

Minnesota – Bemidji
Nebraska – Holdrege
Nevada – Fallon
North Carolina – Franklin, Hamlet, Hickory
Ohio – Cambridge, Newark
Tennessee – Hamblen
Texas – Conroe
Virginia – Lynchburg, Norfolk
Wisconsin – Rice Lake
(VA News Releases, June 23, 2006)

COMBAT ACTION BADGE

On May 2, 2005, the Army Chief of Staff approved the creation of the Combat Action Badge (CAB) to provide special recognition to soldiers who personally engage, or are engaged by the enemy. HQDA Letter 600-05-1, dated June 3, 2005 announced the establishment of the Combat Action Badge.

Award Eligibility: The Combat Action Badge (CAB) may be awarded by any commander delegated authority by the Secretary of the Army during wartime or the CG, U.S. Army Human Resources Command and will be announced in permanent orders. (1) The requirements for award of the CAB are Branch and MOS immaterial. Assignment to a Combat Arms unit or a unit organized to conduct close or offensive combat operations, or performing offensive combat operations is not required to qualify for the CAB. However, it is not intended to award all soldiers who serve in a combat zone or imminent danger area. (2) Specific Eligibility Requirements: a. May be awarded to any soldier. b. Soldier must be performing assigned duties in an area where hostile fire pay or imminent danger pay is authorized. c. Soldier must be personally present and actively engaging or being engaged by the enemy, and performing satisfactorily in accordance with the prescribed rules of engagement. d. Soldier must not be assigned/attached to a unit that would qualify the soldier for the CIB/CMB. (3) May be awarded to

members from the other U.S. Armed Forces and foreign soldiers assigned to a U.S. Army unit, provided they meet the above criteria. (4) Award of the CAB is authorized from September 18, 2001 to a date to be determined. Award for qualifying service in any previous conflict is not authorized. (HQDA Ltr 600-05-1, June 3, 2005)

THE LEGISLATIVE LINE-ITEM VETO: CONSTITUTIONAL, EFFECTIVE, AND BIPARTISAN

The line-item veto, already passed by the House, would allow Presidents to target pork in large spending bills. It is an essential part of the President's strategy to reform the budget process and enhance fiscal discipline. The line item veto President Bush has submitted to Congress is constitutional, effective, and has bipartisan support.

➤A Line-item Veto is a vital tool a president could use to target unnecessary and wasteful spending. Tacking on spending to large bills is called "earmarking" and it often results in wasteful or unnecessary spending. Earmarks are frequently inserted into bills at the last minute, leaving little or not time to debate or amend them. Earmark sponsors often are not required to provide their colleagues with a reasoned justification for the proposed spending.

- The Earmark problem is getting worse. According to the Congressional Research Service, the number of earmarks increased from about 3,000 to 13,000 over the last decade.

➤Americans have a right to know that when they send their hard-earned dollars to our nation's capital, those dollars will be used for something that is necessary and worthwhile. The American people know how earmarks can lead to wasteful spending, and they are aware that their money is sometimes spent on unnecessary projects.

➤By coming together on the line-item veto, Democrats and Republicans can:

- Inject some common sense into the budget process;
- Change the perverse incentives that encourage wasteful spending; and
- Show the American people that being wise with

the taxpayers' money transcends party labels.

The Line-Item Veto will address the central dilemma created by unwarranted earmarks. When members of Congress are faced with an important bill that includes wasteful spending tacked on by their colleagues, they have two bad options. Either they vote against the whole bill, including all the worthwhile spending, or they vote for the whole bill, including the wasteful spending. When such bill comes to the President, he is left with the same bad choice – either he vetoes the whole thing, or he signs it with all the wasteful spending intact.

➤ A Line-Item Veto offers a smarter way to handle taxpayer dollars. With a line-item veto, the President could approve the spending that is necessary, redline the spending that is not, and send the wasteful spending back to the Congress for an up-or-down vote.

➤By passing Line-Item veto legislation, Congress would make lawmakers think twice before trying to sneak a wasteful project into a bill. When legislators know that their projects may be held up for closer public scrutiny, it discourages them from proposing this spending in the first place.

At the state level, 43 governors already have a Line-Item veto, and they are almost evenly divided between democrats and republicans. Governors from both parties use their line-item authority to restrain wasteful spending in their state budgets. The line-item veto also has bipartisan support in congress. Thirty-five democrats joined more than 200 republicans in the House to pass the line-item veto last week. The line-item veto now pending in the Senate also has bipartisan support, with Senator John Kerry as a cosponsor of the legislation. By coming together to pass this important reform, Congress will bring discipline to the budget process.

(The White House office of the Press Secretary, June 27, 2006)

BOYD FIGHTS FOR VETERANS' FINANCIAL SECURITY

A member of the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee, called on Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Jim

Nicholson to heed past reports of computer security problems and improve the VA's information technology security. Secretary Nicholson testified before the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee in response to the recent VA data security breach that resulted in the stolen personal data of approximately 26.5 million veterans. Since 2000, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and the VA Inspector General have issued multiple reports about VA cyber-security problems and the need to upgrade VA information technology security. Also, in four of the past five years, the VA has received an "F" grade on an annual cyber-security review by the House Government Reform Committee. However, the VA neglected to act on these disturbing findings, and Congress failed to call on the VA to improve its data security measures. "Past reports by the House Government Reform Committee, the GAO, and the VA Inspector General all show that the VA had plenty of warning that their computer security was in jeopardy," said Congressman Boyd. "Had the VA paid attention to any of these findings, the recent data security breach may have been prevented. Congress needs to step up and hold our federal agencies accountable for all types of mismanagement, instead of turning a blind eye like we've been doing the past six years." In May, Secretary Nicholson announced that sensitive data collected by the government for millions of veterans and their spouses was stolen from the home of a VA official who had removed this data from the VA. The stolen information included names, Social Security numbers, dates of birth, and some disability ratings. In response to the security breach, the VA has sent out notification letters to the affected veterans and will provide free credit monitoring to those veterans who seek it. This hearing is the second time in two years that the VA has come before Congress to explain mistakes and negligence. In 2005, the VA revealed that it had underestimated veterans' healthcare costs by nearly \$3 billion over the previous two fiscal years. In response, Congress provided \$2.7 billion in emergency funds to fix the funding shortfall. "Congress must stop shirking from its oversight responsibility and return accountability to our

government," Boyd stated. "What's most troubling is that many of the VA's problems might not have occurred if appropriate and timely action had been taken. Our veterans and their families deserve better." Attached is the House Government Reform Committee's report on federal computer security grades since 2001.

Federal Computer Security Grades, 2001-2005

Agency	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Department of Agriculture	F	F	F	F	F
Agency for International Development	A+	A+	C-	F	F
Department of Commerce	D+	F	C-	D+	F
Department of Defense	F	D	D	F	F
Department of Education	C-	C	C+	D	F
Department of Energy	F	F	F	F	F
Environmental Protection Agency	A+	B	C	D-	D+
General Services Administration	A-	C+	D	D	D
Department of Health and Human Services	F	F	F	D-	F
Department of Homeland Security*	F	F	F		
Department of Housing and Urban Development	D+	F	F	F	D
Department of the Interior	F	C+	F	F	F
Department of Justice	D	B-	F	F	F
Department of Labor	A+	B-	B	C+	F
National Aeronautics and Space Administration	B-	D-	D-	D+	C-
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	D-	B+	A	C	F
National Science Foundation	A	C+	A-	D-	B+
Office of Personnel Management	A+	C-	D-	F	F
Small Business Administration	C+	D-	C-	F	F
Social Security Administration	A+	B	B+	B-	C+
Department of State	F	D+	F	F	D+

Department of Transportation	C-	A-	D+	F	F
Department of the Treasury	D-	D+	D	F	F
Department of Veterans Affairs	F	F	C	F	F
All Agencies	D+	D+	D	F	F

(Office of Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), June 27, 2006)

CONGRESS VET VOTING RECORDED

With the current shenanigans in the House of Representatives and Senate it is obvious that many of those currently in office are drastically out of touch with the real world and have become part of the status quo as career politicians forgetting those who elected them. Too many Representatives and Senators appear to have lost touch with their constituent's interests. Several have already been recently convicted for crimes. Others are suspect in several independent investigations. The forthcoming November elections give opportunity to replace many who have not been supporting the veteran community. By so doing, perhaps new legislators not engulfed in the business as usual scheme's can produce some worth while legislation for the general population instead of special interests. A major consideration in who should stay and who should go is a review of voting records in support of veteran legislation. At http://www.vote-smart.org/issue_rating_detail.php?sig_id=004044m veterans can review their representative's voting record on legislation of interest to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization. Generally, whatever DAV endorses is in support of veterans. Legislators are listed by state, district, name, and party and a percentage is given on the number of veterans issues they superseded vs. opposed. The list shows that 186 voted against every legislation issued that would benefit veterans' while 164 voted for every legislation issue that would benefit. The remainder were somewhere in between. It is understandable that legislators must appraise each issue on its own merits while balancing them against their constituents' interest and the national good. Thus, it is surprising that there were so many zero and 100% listings.

However, the percentages listed are a good indicator of what to expect if your present legislator remains in office. For those who have low percentages may be "new persons" should be given a chance in November to perform better. Make your vote count and be sure you are registered to vote. *(NM e-Veterans News, June 12, 2006)*

VETERANS EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

Effective June 1, 2006 Army retirees can earn a \$1,000 bonus for referring someone with no prior military service (not an Immediate family member) to an Army recruiter if that referral results in enlistment in the U.S. Army, Army Reserve, or Army National Guard. Under this program, referrals will be made via the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team (SMART) process. To receive a bonus, the retired Soldier making the referral must provide the name of the potential recruit before that person's interview with an Army recruiter. The Smart program encourages Soldiers to provide referrals interested in the Army and Army Reserve. The United States Army Recruiting Command (USAREC) developed this referral system for all Soldiers (Regular Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard) and civilians on all Army installations and in all Reserve units to have the ability to provide referrals interested in the opportunities of the Army and Army Reserve. Referring Soldiers of civilians must either submit their referral (s) via www.usarec.army.mil/smart or through the USAREC line 1-800-223-3735 extension 6-0473 dedicated to this program. For referrals to the Army National Guard referees should call 1-800-464-8273 or go to www.1800goguard.com/esar. Civilians whether affiliated with the army establishment or not, and members of the military community from branches other than the Army who make referrals to an Army recruiter or via SMART are not eligible to receive the bonus. The term "Army Retirees" include:

- (1) Active Army Retirees, which includes retired officers and enlisted members of the Regular Army; and
- (2) Army Reserve Component Retirees, which

includes reserve members receiving retired pay, reserve members who have transferred to the Retired Reserve after completing the requisite qualifying years credible for retired pay, but who have not yet reached 60 years of age, and retired members of the National Guard.

The retired soldier referring may not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment or as a Junior ROTC instructor. The bonus payments to Army Retirees that participate in this pilot program will not be offset against those members retired/retained pay. Once contact is made with the referral that referring Soldier will receive a letter by mail of the referrals current status. If the referral becomes unqualified, does not enlist and ship to IET, or fails to complete IET the referring Soldier will also receive a letter by mail on the referrals status. Due to privacy requirements the exact reasons for disqualification or failure to complete training will not be disclosed. Any questions regarding the Referral Bonus Program should be directed to the USAREC telephone number. At the end of each fiscal year, the Soldier or civilian with the highest number of referrals resulting enlistments will be invited to the Annual Chief of Staff of the Army Recruiter of Excellence Award Ceremony in Washington, D.C. to be personally recognized for their achievement. (*Operation SMART website www.usarec.army.mil /smart, June 5, 2006*)

TIME WARNER INC. MAKES \$10 MILLION LEAD GIFT TO THE CAMPAIGN TO BUILD THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL CENTER

Gift Is Biggest in Memorial Fund History

Honorary Campaign Chairman Gen. Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret) announced that Time Warner Inc. has made a \$10 million Lead Gift to the *Campaign to Build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center*, the educational facility that will be built underground near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Memorial Center will use layers of storytelling and history to teach American's youth about the Vietnam War and the values shown by those who have served throughout our nation's history. It will be inspirational and uplifting, using the profound

sacrifices shown by those on the Memorial for a larger purpose. Duty, honor, country and citizenship will be taught at the Center. "This is an important project of national significance that will enable our young people to gain a better understanding of the Memorial and its impact on our nation's history," said Powell in making the announcement. "It is fitting that America should have such a place to reflect on the stories of courage and heroism. When it is completed, I am confident the Memorial Center will serve as a poignant reminder that the freedoms Americans enjoy are bought with a price." Powell also announced the formation of the Time Warner Chair in Education within the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, a \$200,000 endowment made possible by Time Warner that will support the education programs of the Memorial Fund and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center. Dr. Bruce Cole, chairman of the National Endowment of the Humanities, announced a matching funds grant of \$200,000 for the Time Warner Chair in Education. This grant represents the final portion of a \$500,000 earlier grant, which the Memorial Fund had to match three-to-one. "I am deeply gratified that with the announcement, VVMF has met the NEH's fundraising challenge-and then some," noted Dr. Cole. Sharing in the announcement with Gen. Powell was Time Warner Chairman and CEO Richard D. Parsons. "Time Warner is proud to be the Lead Gift benefactor for this important education center," he said. "As a leading media company, we have a responsibility not only to entertain, but to inform. We want to do our part to educate current and future generations about the sacrifices and values of American soldiers-not just in Vietnam, but throughout history and up to the present day." Jan C. Scruggs, founder and president of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, noted that the Time Warner gift is the largest ever received by the Memorial Fund in its 27-year history. "We are awed by Time Warner's generosity and support for this project," Scruggs said, "The corporation's position as lead benefactor for a facility on the National Mall that will communicate lessons about citizenship, courage and the price of war is testament to Time Warner's preeminence as a

global leader in communications.” Campaign Chairman Dr. Christos M. Cotsakos also commented on the gift, “A Lead Gift of this magnitude is the perfect kick-off for our fundraising campaign, which is estimated to take three to five years,” he noted. “The Memorial Center must be built entirely with private funds, and Time Warner’s demonstrated patronage will inspire other corporations, foundations and individuals to join us in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which will be our collective gift to the American people when it is completed.” Cotsakos is the founder, chairman and CEO of Mainstream Holdings. President George W. Bush signed legislation in 2003 authorizing a Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center to be built underground near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This was the result of a legislative effort championed by Congressman Richard Pombo (R-Cal) and Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-Neb.). The Center is estimated to cost \$75 million to \$100 million. The Memorial Fund conducted a months-long national design contest in 2004 and chose Polshek Partnership Architects and Ralph Appelbaum & Associates Inc. to design the Center. Among the team’s combined architectural and exhibit design credits are the William J. Clinton Presidential Center in Little Rock, Ark.; the American Museum of National History, Rose Center for Earth and Space in New York City; the underground Judy and Arthur Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York City; and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. In the same year, the Memorial Fund established an advisory board of veterans, educators, historians and journalists, led by Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, USA (Ret.), to guide the content of the Memorial Center, and a committee of landscape architects and experts to determine the ideal site for the facility. Approval of the site is expected by year’s end, with groundbreaking anticipated in 2009. (*Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, June 28, 2006*)

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 11) along with a copy of a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, (DD Form 214). DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL.

COMBAT VETERANS COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE IN KENT & SUSSEX COUNTY

Angela Hoag, MSW, LCSW, Clinical Social Worker is presently conducting a *War Veteran’s Support Group* every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM. This group is for combat veterans struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Ms. Hoag also facilitates a *Significant Other Support Group* every Friday morning at 9:00 AM for wives, significant others, and family members of a veteran diagnosed with PTSD. This group is a Psycho-Educational program to assist family members in understanding the symptoms of PTSD, and teaches effective coping techniques. Ms. Hoag also facilitates a *Military Sexual Trauma Group* every Friday morning at 11:00 AM for female veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma during their active duty service. All groups are held at the Dover Vet Center Outreach Office located at the Commission of Veteran’s Affairs Office, 802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. Similar services are held at the Vet Center Outreach Office in Georgetown, Sussex County, and the Vet Center in Elsmere, Wilmington, DE. For additional information or to request individual therapy, please contact Ms. Hoag, MSW, LCSW, at (302) 739-2792 x. 1003 or (800) 344-9900 x. 1003.

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.

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

(New Castle County) - Mr. John K. Williams - located in Bear, DE, may be reached Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, (302) 834-8046. Please call for an appointment.

(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.

MOBILE VETERANS SERVICE CENTER

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

- AUG 15 Bridgeville Town Hall
- AUG 22 Seaford Service Center
- AUG 23 Georgetown Senior Center
- AUG 29 Laurel Town Hall
- AUG 30 Rehoboth Town Hall

- SEP 12 Bridgeville Town Hall
- SEP 13 Ocean View Town Hall
- SEP 19 Georgetown Service Center
- SEP 22 Seaford Senior Center
- SEP 26 Laurel Town Hall
- SEP 27 Rehoboth Town Hall

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

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 04 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673
Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- AUG 11 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- AUG 18 Laurel Post #19 875-9948

- SEP 01 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673
Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- SEP 08 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- SEP 15 Laurel Post #19 875-9948
- SEP 22 David Harrison, Post 14 633-1711
- SEP 29 Nanticoke Post #6 629-9915

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

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 Tuesday, Dover the 2nd Tuesday, Frederica the 3rd Tuesday and at the Home of the Brave on the 4th 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 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.

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.

1ST Thursday

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

2nd Thursday

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

3rd Thursday

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

4th Thursday

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

5th 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

Lloyd Harris.....(302) 945-0406

DE/MD Paralyzed Veterans of America

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

Disabled American Veterans

Paul Lardizzone.....(302) 697-9061
40 & 8

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

Jewish War Veterans

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

Korean War Veterans Association

Richard Ennis.....(302) 653-6765

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

The Reserve Officers Association

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

U.S. Navy Veterans Association

Jim Anderson.....(302) 295-7051

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

Vietnam Veterans of America

Tom Daws.....(302) 738-8875

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

(Kent and Sussex Counties).....302-422-8011

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Al Barclift (Wilmington).....302-761-8093
Michael Companion (Wilmington).....302-761-8096
James Williams (Newark).....302-368-6622
Steve Flaherty (Dover).....302-739-5473
Charley Roberson (Dover).....302-739-5473
Norris Townsend (Georgetown).....302-856-5230
Cliff Rumph (Georgetown).....302-856-5230

VETERANS UPWARD BOUND PROGRAM

Sandria D. Johnson (USAF-Ret.) Counselor/
Associate Director and James A. Perrine Delaware
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and 6137. E-mail sjohnson@desu.edu or
jperrine@desu.edu.

RETIREE ACTIVITIES

Retired Activities Office

Lt. Col Ken Smith, (USAF RET), Bldg 520, Room
105, Dover AFB, DE 19902, (302) 677-4612.

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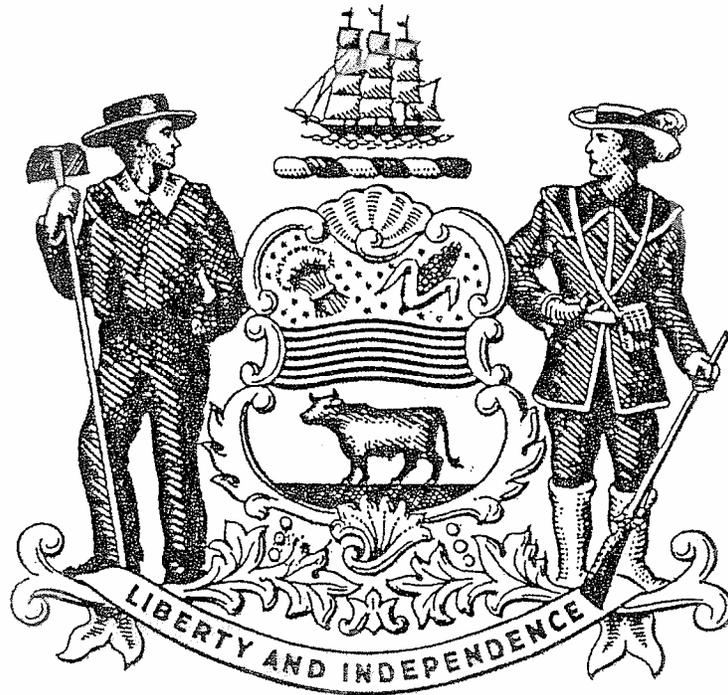
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