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## DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

My Fellow Veterans,

I want to thank the Commission members for the confidence shown in me and the honor to serve as your Chairman. The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs has encountered numerous challenges over the past two decades specifically throughout the tenure of my predecessor Gary "Mo" Morris. Thank you "Mo" for your leadership, dedication and vision. Hundreds of man hours have been expended by numerous individuals and groups within and outside of State government resulting in the construction of one of the finest Veteran's homes in this great country. The veterans organizations represented on this Commission and the leaders and members of their respective organizations played an important part in making this Home become a reality. Mr. Dean Reid, the Home Administrator, is to be commended for his extensive initiatives and accomplishments throughout this endeavor. The Administrator and his staff are challenged everyday and continue to work to maintain this facility as the best and to meet the expectations of all concerned. The Veterans Home is managed, occupied and maintained in compliance with the Federal and State statutes governing its overall operation. The Administrator would be glad to answer any questions or concerns you may have. The Commission invites you to direct queries to the Administrator rather than accept rumors, or derogatory and negative comments. Our Executive Director, his staff and this Commission will continue to give our full support resulting in a "positive" manner and approach to the needs of each of our veterans. The Commission is looking forward to working with everyone at all levels and invite you to attend our monthly public meetings held the fourth Tuesday in the Commission office beginning at 10:00 am.

Richard (Dick) E. Ennis  
Chairman

## THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

*“Americans are getting stronger. Twenty years ago it took two people to carry fifteen dollars worth of groceries. Today a child can do it.”*

### VETERANS DAY SERVICES

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and AMVETS Department of Delaware will host Veterans Day Services on **Sunday, November 11, 2007**. The service will be held at the Memorial Bridge Plaza, Delaware Memorial Bridge, New Castle, Delaware, and will begin at 10:30 AM. For more information call 1-800-344-9900 or (302) 739-2792.

### COMMISSION MEETING TIME CHANGE

**Effective October 23, 2007, the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs will meet at 10:00 am, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE.** The Commission meets the fourth Tuesday of each month. 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.

### GORDON H. MANSFIELD TO BECOME ACTING SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs Gordon H. Mansfield will become the acting Secretary of Veterans Affairs following the resignation of Secretary Jim Nicholson. Secretary Nicholson tendered his resignation to President Bush on July, 17, 2007, to be effective no later than October 1, 2007. Mansfield assumes the role on October 1 under the terms of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act, when a Deputy Secretary begins to serve as the acting officer immediately and automatically upon the occurrence of the vacancy. Mansfield will serve as Acting Secretary until the next nominee of the President is confirmed by the United States Senate. Appointed by President Bush in November 2003, Deputy Secretary Mansfield served as the chief operating officer for the federal government's

second largest department, responsible for a nationwide system of health care services, benefits programs and national cemeteries for America's veterans and their dependents. He previously served as VA Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Legislative Affairs since August 1, 2001, serving as the legislative advisor to the Secretary to Veterans Affairs. He was responsible for VA's Congressional relations and representing VA programs, policies, investigations and legislative agenda to Congress. Prior to joining VA, Mr. Mansfield served as executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) since April 1993. In that position, the highly decorated Vietnam Veteran oversaw daily operation of PVA's national office in Washington, D.C. Mr. Mansfield held a number of positions at PVA from 1981 to 1989, and served as the organization's first associate executive director of Government Relations. Mr. Mansfield served as Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1989 to 1993 under President George H. W. Bush's Administration. Prior to 1981, he practiced law in Ocala, FL. Mr. Mansfield received his undergraduate degree from Villanova University and Law degree from the University of Miami. Following his 1964 enlistment in the army, Mr. Mansfield served two tours of duty in Vietnam. While serving as company commander with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division during his second tour, he was wounded during the Tet Offensive of 1968 sustaining a spinal cord injury. For his actions while his unit was under fire, he was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest personal decoration for valor in combat. He was medically retired by the U.S. Army at the grade of Captain. His other combat decorations include the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts, the Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Presidential Unit Citation. Mr. Mansfield is a recipient of the Presidential Service Award and the Villanova University Alumni Human Relations Medal. He was inducted into the U.S. Army Officer Candidate

School Hall of Fame in 1997. (VA News Release, Sep 28, 2007)

### **ARMY EMERGENCY RELIEF (AER) SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Army Emergency Relief (AER) offers financial aid for full-time post-secondary study for dependent children of retired soldiers. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic and leadership achievement. To ensure your child will be considered, mail the application and all requested documents by March 1, 2008. In the 2007-2008 Academic Year (AY), 2,780 students with completed applications were awarded scholarships, while 1,466 with incomplete applications did not receive scholarships. Aid ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for financial need, plus various amounts for academics and leadership. AER administers the MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund for full-time students at an undergraduate, technical or vocational institution accredited by the Department of Education or for first-year expenses of service academy cadets. Students can be starting or continuing undergraduate or vocational studies for the 08-09 AY, AUG through JUN only. Funds may be used for classroom or online classes, tuition, books, fees, or room and board at the school accepting the funds. Students must reapply each year and carry a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. A student applying for the 2008-2009 AY may not reach age 23 before May 1, 2009. The applicant must be an unmarried dependent child of an active duty or retired Soldier or a Soldier who died in either status. All soldiers and students must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS). The student's DEERS status can be verified at 1-800-538-9552. Applications for the 2008-2009 AY scholarships will be available from Nov 1, 2007- Feb 21, 2008 by writing to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief; MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund; 200 Stovall St.; Alexandria, VA 22332-0600. The application will also be at <http://www.aerhq.org> from Nov 1, 2007 – Mar 1, 2008. Mailed applications and/or supporting documentation must be postmarked no later than Mar 1, 2008. Other deadlines are in the

instructions. Applications and supporting documentation are not accepted by Fax or e-mail. Letters mailed in June 2008 will notify on-time applicants about scholarship awards. AER's Stateside Spouse Education Assistance program is available to spouses of retired soldiers and surviving spouses of retired soldiers who died while residing in the U.S. All spouses must be registered in DEERS. This program does not apply to second undergraduate or graduate degrees. Those who receive free tuition through their jobs may not receive AER tuition assistance. They may apply for assistance for fees, supplies and books (no duplicates) for classes in which they're enrolled as full-time students which aren't covered by other funding. Stateside financial assistance is awarded based on financial need as shown by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances. Scholarships are awarded annually for up to four academic years of full-time undergraduate study. Students must reapply each year. Funds may be used for classroom or online classes, tuition, fees, supplies and books (no duplicates) and will be paid by AER to the college or university. Students must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Applications for the 2008-2009 AY will be available at <http://www.aerhg.org> from Nov 1, 2007 – Mar 1, 2008 or by writing to HQ, Army Emergency Relief; Stateside Spouse Education Assistance Program; 200 Stovall St.; Alexandria, VA 22332-0600. Students can apply online and mail the supporting documents or print the instructions and application. Material mailed to AER must meet the deadline on the instructions. (Army Echoes, Sep – Dec 2007)

### **SUICIDE HOT LINE**

VA has begun operating a national suicide prevention hot line for veterans. The toll-free hot line number --1-800-273-TALK (8255) – is staffed by mental health professionals 24-hours a day, seven days a week. "Veterans need to know these VA professionals are literally a phone call away," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "All service members who experience the stresses of combat can have wounds on their minds as well

as their bodies. Veterans should see mental health services as another benefit they have earned.” Additional information on the suicide hotline is available at <http://www.va.gov>.

**MARINES CORPS BAND TO PLAY IN DELAWARE**

The Marine Corps Band is on tour and they’ll be in Delaware next month. Tickets are free, but you need to send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the addresses below to request tickets (up to 4 per request). This is a great opportunity to see and hear how riflemen can carry a tune. The Band’s tour site is [http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/national\\_tour/index.htm](http://www.marineband.usmc.mil/national_tour/index.htm).

Friday, Nov 16, 7:30 pm Smyrna High School Auditorium, 500 Duck Creek Parkway, Smyrna, DE 19977	Saturday, Nov 17, 7:30 pm Lake Forest High School Auditorium, 5407 Killens Pond Rd, Felton, DE 19943
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**DELAWARE MILITARY MUSEUM PROGRESS REPORT**



*Fort DuPont Post Exchange Building*

A significant first step was taken toward making a Delaware Military Museum a reality as members of the Board of Directors of the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation conducted a site visit to the Fort DuPont Post Exchange Building (also known as “Burton Hall”) to assess the facility accompanied by architects and engineers on their

first walk-through. The State has “deeded” the property to the Delaware National Guard after removing the asbestos and lead paint hazards from the facility. The next step is a formal lease to the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation from the National Guard. After an inspection, the building was found to be fundamentally sound, although mostly an empty shell. The first order of business will be to stabilize the structure, and prevent weather from further damage by sealing the structure and providing a ventilation system. A visitor will be impressed by the size of the building as well as its grounds, which offer a spectacular setting at the head of the parade ground behind the post flag pole. The environment includes a collection of other nearby historic buildings on the former Army Post and accessibility to the nearby riverfront as well as historic Delaware City and Fort Delaware. It is the ideal location in terms of environment and context for a Delaware Military Heritage Museum. It offers so much potential that it does not take too much imagination to picture what it could become. By the same token, the observer can see how much work needs to be done. We will need a new roof, new doors and windows, a fire suppression system designed for museum materials, handicapped access, utilities brought up to code and safety features added, just to name a few immediate needs. We were able to provide a nearly complete set of the original 1906 drawings to the engineers, which should provide a useful guide to restoration and renovation. We are on the first step of a long and expensive process that will depend upon the generosity of citizens, veterans, and our own membership. When complete, the Museum will house the archives and artifacts of the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation. It will be dedicated to preserving the history and heritage of the uniformed men and women of Delaware as well as Delaware-related military organizations. It will be open to the public, and should prove an attractive addition to the Delaware City area points of interest. The Museum will include a library and an image and document archive. The facility will offer researchers and teachers a new resource for military scholarship focused upon Delaware Military

History. For more information, see [www.MilitaryHeritage.org](http://www.MilitaryHeritage.org).

**“SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS”  
FROM SHADES OF GREEN ON WALT DISNEY  
WORLD RESORT-AN ARMED FORCES  
RECREATION CENTER**

Shades of Green® on WALT DISNEY WORLD Resort wants to extend a thank you to all veterans, with “Salute To Our Veterans” program. Historically, Shades of Green has been available only to eligible Active and Retired Military, National Guard, Reserves, and DOD Civilians. For the first time ever, Shades of Green wants to invite all veterans that have been honorably discharged to spend a well deserved vacation at our spectacular 58 room resort. Reservations are available at Shades of Green any September and January. We would be happy to assist you in making reservations within the Disney area for other months of the year. For more information and links to obtaining a copy of your DD-214, visit: [www.shadesofgreenvets.org](http://www.shadesofgreenvets.org) or call 407.827.VETS (8387).

**WORLD WAR II GIANT TO BE RESTORED  
AND WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL  
CREATED**

The Delaware Seashore Preservation Foundation and Fort Miles Historical Association have joined forces to restore Fire Control Tower 3 located in the parking lot of Tower Road just south of Dewey Beach.



This 57 foot concrete monument was a valuable tool during World War II to protect our coastline. An important part of the restoration is the plan to honor our World War II veterans through information supplied by donors. All donors and sponsors will also be included in a data base that

will be available to the public for viewing. Upon completion of the project, the tower will be open to the public. Lt. Governor John Carney will be

serving as honorary chair for the project. For further information please call Shirley Price 302-539-6738 or by email: [shirleyprice@mchsi.com](mailto:shirleyprice@mchsi.com). For additional information please visit [www.savethetower.org](http://www.savethetower.org).

**WHY THE AMERICAN FLAG  
IS FOLDED 13 TIMES**

Have you ever wondered why the flag of the United States of America is folded 13 times when it is lowered or when it is folded and handed to the widow at the burial of a veteran? Here is the meaning of each of those folds and what it means to you.

- The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life.
- The second fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.
- The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of all the veterans departing our ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.
- The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn to in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.
- The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country, in dealing with other countries may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.”
- The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.
- The seventh fold is a tribute to our Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they are found within or outside the boundaries of our republic.
- The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor mother, for whom it flies on Mother’s Day.
- The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and

devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

- The tenth fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

- The eleventh fold, in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- The twelfth fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding us of our nation's motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the sailors and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

**VA REACHES OUT TO  
FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR  
DEPARTMENT ENLIST PUBLIC'S HELP IN  
CONTACTING FORMER POW'S**

Do you know any former prisoners of war (POW) or their family members? If so, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) needs your help. VA is once again reaching out to former prisoners of war not currently using VA benefits and services, urging them to contact the Department to find out if they are eligible for health care, disability compensation and other services. "One of VA's highest priorities is meeting the needs of former prisoners of war," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jim Nicholson. "They are extraordinary men and women who have endured captivity, suffered extreme deprivation and sacrificed their own freedom to preserve the freedom of all Americans." VA estimates more than 25,000 former prisoners of war are alive today. VA is trying to contact the remaining POWs not receiving any benefits or health care through an outreach program that includes asking citizens to

pass the word to veterans they know. VA also extends a helping hand to the surviving spouses and family members of former POWs, who may be eligible for certain benefits and services. In recent years, VA has expanded benefits to all former POWs with strokes and certain common heart diseases. More than a dozen other diseases were already covered. The government's effort to inform former POWs about improvements in benefits faces a particular hurdle with older veterans who may not have been in touch with VA for decades. The majority of former POWs are veterans of World War II, and their military service was before the use of Social Security numbers as military "service numbers." As a result, it is difficult for VA to track down those who have not been in contact with the Department in recent years. During recent years through a nationwide outreach campaign that included direct mailings and the help of news media and veterans organizations, VA has added hundreds of former POWs to its compensation rolls, people who had not previously been receiving benefits to which they were entitled. If you know a former POW, please ask him or her to contact VA at 1-800-827-1000. Details about benefits and services available to former POWs and family members are available at <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/POW/index.htm>. (VA News Release, Sep 24, 2007)

**WWII STORYTELLING  
AND APPLE PIE SOCIAL  
November 11, 2007**

Tom Brokaw described the Greatest Generation as those who "served their country with valor, then came home and transformed America." Meet some of these extraordinary men and women and hear stories of their experiences overseas and on the home front during the dangerous, exhilarating years of World War II. Bring your friends and your children for an inspiring, entertaining and educational afternoon of living history at the lovely Judge Morris Estate. Light refreshments will be served. There is a program fee of \$8 per person which must be prepaid to reserve your spot. Veterans may attend at no charge. All attendees must pre-register as space is limited. Call the park

office at (302) 368-6900. The WWII Storytelling and Apple Pie Social event will be held at The Judge Morris Estate located in White Clay Creek State Park of Newark, Delaware.

**Request for speakers:**

White Clay Creek State Park in Newark, Delaware is hosting a ***WWII Storytelling and Apple Pie Social*** event at the historic Judge Morris Estate in honor of Veteran's Day, November 11, 2007 from 2pm to 4pm. 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 that era? Would you like to share your story with others and join in this timeless event? If so, please contact Jen Papillo at (302) 368-6560, [Jennifer.Papillo@state.de.us](mailto:Jennifer.Papillo@state.de.us). The Judge Morris Estate is located on Polly-Drummond Hill Road in Newark, Delaware.

**THE INVISIBLE WOUND**

***Dedicated to all veterans who have survived combat, but most of all to my brothers with whom I served in Vietnam.***

Are you aware of a great pain suffered by our American Warriors, it's an invisible wound that takes a damaging toll on our combat vets. A vet does all he can to bury the pain, the hurt and the anger, but to no avail. What is this unseen wound you ask, PTSD.

I've heard of that you say, it's nothing it's a common thing among people who are hurt. Then I reply to you, certainly you must be daft to think it is nothing? You look at me in wonder as though you have most certainly been rebuked. But no one talks about it. It can't be as bad as you tend to let on.

I, my friend, am a combat veteran who has Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, I have many triggers that bring on the recollection of the war I was in. I came home alive, don't you understand I am a survivor and I shouldn't be. I hear the cannons roaring, the machine guns strafing, the cry of death in my ears.

You see the war came home with me, I didn't bring it home on purpose, I didn't die because I don't

know why. I lost friends, I lost brothers at war. But you say it's a common thing and that it's nothing. It is something, it's a wound that won't go away. Come look in my eyes and you will see the emptiness that cannot be fulfilled, you will see the nightmares, the flashbacks, the screams of death being moaned. It's not common, not among the living, it's a wound only those in combat receive. So my friend when you see a vet, tell him welcome home brother, you did well. (By J.M. Anglin)

**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. In addition, Ms. Hoag & Eric Young (302) 354-8653 (The Vet Center Iraqi Outreach Counselor) facilitate an Iraqi/Afghanistan O1F-OEF PTSD support group

which meets every Friday morning at 10AM. 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.

**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:

- OCT 31 Laurel Town Hall
- NOV 07 Georgetown Cheer Center
- NOV 09 Home of the Brave
- NOV 13 Bethany Beach Town Hall
- NOV 16 Seaford Senior Center
- NOV 20 Laurel Town Hall
- DEC 05 Georgetown Cheer Center
- DEC 11 Bridgeville Town Hall
- DEC 14 Home of the Brave

- DEC 18 Laurel Town Hall
  - DEC 21 Seaford Service Center
- 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:

- OCT 26 David Harrison, Post 14 633-1711
- NOV 02 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673  
Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- NOV 09 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- NOV 16 Laurel Post #19 875-9948
- NOV 30 David Harrison, Post 14 633-1711
- DEC 07 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673  
Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- DEC 14 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- DEC 21 Laurel Post #19 875-9948
- DEC 28 David Harrison, Post 14 633-1711

**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 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.

**Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)**

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

**USN Veterans Association**

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

**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
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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.

**Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)**

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

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC**

Air Force Sergeants Association

Bill McMullen.....(302) 697-9750

American Legion

Don White.....(302) 628-5221

AMVETS

Ray Landon.....(302) 875-1338

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

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

DELVETS

Robert Wasson.....(302) 798-2951

Disabled American Veterans

Paul Lardizzone.....(302) 697-9061  
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Eugene “Chip” Rosan.....(302) 678-8077

Jewish War Veterans

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

Korean War Veterans Association

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

Marine Corps League

James Thompson.....(302) 284-2708

Military Officers Association of America

Lou Spitzfaden.....302) 697-6805

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Cornelius “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

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**

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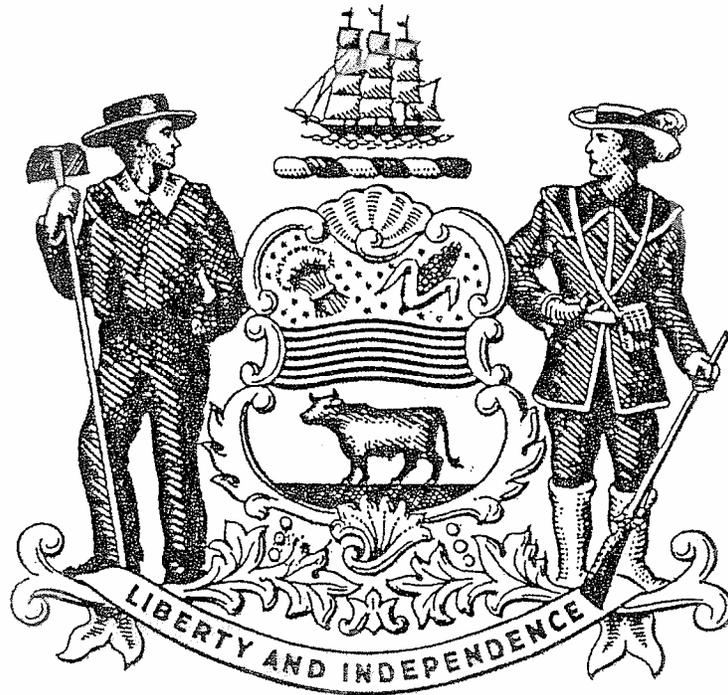
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