



# THE CENTURION

## DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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### CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

As the Commission's new Chairman for 2008-2009, I would like to thank all members for their vote of confidence in my ability to serve as your Chairman. The Commission will continue to address all issues pertaining to Delaware veterans and their dependents. Let me also take this opportunity to thank our previous Chairman, Mr. Richard "Dick" Ennis for his dedication and commitment to veterans issues during his term of service.

As Chairman, I invite you to partake of the services offered by the Commission Office, Veterans Memorial Cemetery system, as well as the Delaware Veterans Home.

The entire Commission invites you to participate at our monthly public meetings held every fourth Tuesday at 10:00 am (except June & December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) located at 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE. For further information concerning our meetings, please visit our website at [www.veteransaffairs.delaware.gov](http://www.veteransaffairs.delaware.gov) or call (800) 344-9900 (In State only) or (302) 739-2792.

I look forward to working with each and every one of you during my tenure as Chairman.

Sincerely,  
Paul V. Lardizzone  
Chairman

## THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER

*“We’ve now switched from the New Deal, Fair Deal and Square Deal to the Ordeal.”*

### VETERANS DAY SERVICES

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and Korean War Veterans Association will host Veterans Day Services on **Tuesday, November 11, 2008**. 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.

### A SALUTE TO VETERANS

The Smyrna Citizens Hose Company Band will perform at the Delaware Veterans Home (DVH) on Sunday, November 16, 2008, beginning at 1:30 pm. The all-volunteer group, ages 14 to 86, has performed up and down the East Coast as well as entertained U.S. Presidents, Irish Ambassadors and performed in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland in 2001. Recently, the Citizen Hose Company Band captured their unprecedented 28<sup>th</sup> Governor’s Cup Award of Best Company. In addition, DVH will conduct a dedication ceremony of “The Crusaders” a World War I painting by Stanley Arthurs provided by the Div. of Historical and Cultural Affairs, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly constructed Gazebos provided by the U. S. Army Warrant Officers Association, First State Chapter and F&C Amish Structures, Inc. The program is scheduled to commence at 12:45 p.m. with the dedication of the painting followed by the ribbon cutting ceremony. For further information, contact Mr. Troy Dennis, Dir. of Activities at (302) 424-6000. The public is invited to attend.

### VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA KENT COUNTY CHAPTER 850

VVA Chapter 850 is selling bricks to assist with the cost of the proposed Vietnam Memorial to be constructed in Kent County, Delaware. By purchasing an engraved brick you are investing in the memorial. The memorial will honor Kent County military personnel who sacrificed their lives

in Vietnam and also our MIAs. You may obtain a brick form application and contact information by going to the following site: [www.delawarevva.com/vva\\_brick\\_form.pdf](http://www.delawarevva.com/vva_brick_form.pdf).

### VA ANNOUNCES ONLINE CLAIMS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will now accept online applications from veterans, survivors and other claimants for disability compensation, pension, education, and vocational rehabilitation and employment benefits without the additional requirement of submitting a signed paper copy of the application. VA will process applications received through its [VONAPP online application website](http://www.vonapp.va.gov) without the claimant's signature. The online application also provides a link to apply for VA health care benefits and much more. For more information about VA benefits, go to [VA's Website \(www.va.gov\)](http://www.va.gov) or call the toll-free number (800) 827-1000. (*www.military.com, July 28, 2008*)

### RETIREMENT PLANNER

#### *Special Extra Earnings for Military Service*

Since 1957, if you had military service earnings for active duty (including active duty for training), you paid Social Security taxes on those earnings. Since 1988, inactive duty service in the Armed Forces reserves (such as weekend drills) has also been covered by Social Security. Under certain circumstances, special extra earnings for your military service from 1957 through 2001 can be credited to your record for Social Security purposes. These extra earnings credits may help you qualify for Social Security or increase the amount of your Social Security benefit. Special extra earnings credits are granted for periods of active duty or active duty for training. Special extra earnings credits are **not** granted for inactive duty training. If your active military service occurred: **From 1957 through 1967**, we will add the extra credits to your record when you apply for Social Security benefits. **From 1968 through 2001**, you do not need to do anything to receive these extra credits. The credits

were automatically added to your record. **After 2001**, there are no special extra earnings credits for military service.

### How You Get Credit For Special Extra Earnings

The information that follows applies **only** to active duty military service earnings from [1957 through 2001](#). Here's how the special **extra** earnings are credited on your record:

**Service in 1957 through 1977** You are credited with \$300 in additional earnings for each calendar quarter in which you received active duty basic pay.

**Service in 1978 through 2001** For every \$300 in active duty basic pay, you are credited with an additional \$100 in earnings up to a maximum of \$1,200 a year. If you enlisted after September 7, 1980, and didn't complete at least 24 months of active duty or your full tour, you may not be able to receive the additional earnings. Check with Social Security for details. (<http://www.ssa.gov/retire2/military.htm>, January 14, 2008)

### VA PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN VETERANS

#### WOMEN IN THE MILITARY



VA has responded to the growing number of women veterans by targeting programs to meet their unique health-care needs. A Veterans Health Administration office to address women's

health issues was first created in 1988. Public Law 102-585, Veterans Health Care Act of 1992, authorized new and expanded services for women veterans, including counseling for sexual trauma on a priority basis; specific health services for women, such as Pap smears, mammography, and general reproductive health care (including birth control and treatment of menopause) at many VA medical facilities. The Veterans' Health Care Eligibility Reform Act of 1996 expanded services further to include maternity and infertility benefits. In fiscal year 1997, the Under Secretary for Health appointed the first full-time Director for the Women Veterans Health Program. The program provides a comprehensive system of cost-effective medical and psychosocial services for women. This Women

Veterans Health Program has as its mission to promote the health, welfare and dignity of women veterans, and their families, by ensuring equitable access to timely, sensitive and quality health care.

#### ◀Mental Health And Sexual Abuse Counseling

VA is committed to assist women veterans with a wide range of mental health and psychosocial services. The services include sexual trauma counseling, substance abuse treatment, and evaluation and treatment for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) which includes women veterans Stress Disorder Treatment Teams. In addition, there are programs for homeless women veterans, victims of domestic violence, and Vocational Rehabilitation. Public Law 102-585 in 1992 authorized VA to include outreach and counseling services for women veterans who experienced incidents of sexual trauma while serving on active duty in the military. The law was later amended and authorized VA to provide counseling to men as well as women. The Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act of 1999 extended the provision of counseling and treatment services to veterans who have experienced military sexual trauma through December 31, 2004. Women veterans seeking assistance may call 1-800-827-1000 for referral to a trained sexual trauma counselor. In addition, every VA Medical Center has a Women Veterans Program Manager who is available to assist women veterans. Women veterans interested in receiving care at the VA are encouraged to contact the nearest VA Medical Center and ask for the Women Veterans Program Manager.

◀Medical Services For Women Veterans As part of VA's continuum of health care services, women veterans receive preventive health attention. Unless contrary to medical indications, each woman veteran receiving VA care will be offered regular Pap smears and mammograms. In addition to preventive services, the high quality medical services available to women veterans include primary care, gender-specific care, reproductive health care, and evaluation and treatment for osteoporosis. In 1999, the uniform benefits package included a maternity care benefit for women veterans as well as infertility evaluation and limited treatment. Special initiatives include Women

Veterans Comprehensive Health Centers and Clinical Programs of Excellence.

◀**Education And Training** VA is the largest health care system providing education and training to health professionals. The Women Veterans Health Program aims to enhance the equity and quality of health care for women veterans and to promote information exchange and training of health-care providers to meet the health needs of women veterans more comprehensively. Training methodologies include Women's Health Fellowship Programs, Resident training, Allied Health academic training, video/satellite training, clinical updates in contemporary women's health issues, mini-residencies, sensitivity training and customer service.

◀**Research** Since May 1991, VA policy has required that all applicants for VA research funding must consider and document the inclusion of women in proposed studies. Current women veterans research initiatives include aging, breast and other cancers, chronic diseases, reproductive health, mental health, substance abuse, and women's health services and systems.

◀**Compensation For Women Veterans** VBA has assigned Women Veterans Coordinators in all VA Regional Offices to assist women veterans with development of claims. These coordinators have been trained to assist in handling claims for gender-specific conditions and claims based on sexual trauma. Regional office staffs make women who file claims based on sexual trauma fully aware that they can receive priority care for personal trauma counseling at a VA Medical Center even if they do not have a VA disability rating. For more information, call 1-800-827-1000.

◀**Demographic Trends** The estimated population of women veterans as of 2001 was 1.6 million, or about 7.2 percent of the total veteran population. 10.26% of the 22.8 million veterans who use VA for healthcare are women. Currently, women make up 14.8 percent of the active duty military force and approximately 22.8 percent of the reserve force. By 2010, they are expected to represent over 14 percent of the total veteran population. Fifty-six percent of women veterans who use VA are less than 45 years of age. Sixty-two percent of women veterans are less than 45

years of age. Further information may be obtained at the VA website: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## VA SUICIDE PREVENTION PANEL COMPLETES DRAFT REPORT

A blue-ribbon panel has praised the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for its "comprehensive strategy" in suicide prevention that includes a "number of initiatives and innovations that hold great promise for preventing suicide attempts and completions." Among the initiatives and innovations the group studied were VA's Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-TALK. The lifeline is staffed by trained professionals 24 hours a day to deal with any immediate crisis that may be taking place. Nearly 33,000 veterans, family members or friends of veterans have called the lifeline in the year that it has been operating. Of those, there have been more than 1,600 rescues to prevent possible tragedy. Other initiatives noted included the hiring of suicide prevention coordinators at each of VA's 153 medical facilities, the establishment of a Mental Health Center of Excellence in Canandaigua, N.Y., focusing on developing and testing clinical and public health intervention standards for suicide prevention, the creation of an additional research center on suicide prevention in Denver, which focuses on research in the clinical and neurobiological conditions that can lead to increased suicide risk and a plus-up in staff making more than 400 mental health professionals entirely dedicated to suicide prevention. With the praise, the panel also recommended a mixture of more research, greater cooperation among federal agencies, and more education for health care workers and community leaders to further strengthen and share VA's ability to help veterans and their families. "Every human life is precious, none more than the men and women who serve this nation in the military," said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Dr. James B. Peake. "The report of this blue-ribbon panel, and other efforts underway, will ensure VA mobilizes its full resources to care for our most vulnerable veterans." Called the "Blue Ribbon Work Group on Suicide Prevention," the five-member group was composed of suicide prevention experts from VA, the Department of

Defense, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute of Health, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The group was created by Peake and met June 11-13, 2008. Among the panel's recommendations to further enhance VA's outstanding programs, many of which VA has already begun to implement, are:

- Design a study that will identify suicide risk among veterans of different conflicts, ages, genders, military branches and other factors. VA has committed to work with other federal agencies to design such a study within 30 days.

- Improve VA's screening for suicide among veterans with depression or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). VA is in the process of designing a new screening protocol, with pilot test undertaken during the fiscal year quarter beginning Oct. 1, 2008.

- Ensure that evidence-based research is used to determine the appropriateness of medications for depression, PTSD and suicidal behavior. VA is providing written warnings to patients about side effects, and the Department's suicide prevention coordinators are contacting health care providers to advise them of the latest evidence-based research on medications.

- Devise a policy for protecting the confidential records of VA patients who may also be treated by the military's health care system. VA is already developing a plan to clarify the privacy rights of patients who come to VA while serving in the military.

- Increase research about suicide prevention. VA has announced several funding opportunities this year for research on suicide prevention and is developing priorities for suicide prevention research.

- Develop educational materials about suicide prevention for families and community groups. VA is examining the effectiveness of support groups and educational material for the families of suicidal veterans, and producing a brochure for the families of veterans with traumatic brain injury about suicide.

- Increase training for VA chaplains about the warning signs of suicide. VA offices responsible for chaplains and mental health professionals are

studying ways to implement this recommendation, with a report due by Nov. 1.

- Develop a gun-safety program for veterans with children in the home, both as a child-safety measure and a suicide prevention effort. A VA directive establishing the program is being developed, with full implementation expected during the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2008.

VA is the nation's largest provider of mental health care. More than 17,000 mental health professionals, including dedicated suicide prevention coordinators in each of VA's 153 medical centers, are available to care for veterans. The Department's mental health program this year is funded at more than \$3 billion. (*DOD News Release, September 09, 2008*)

## NATIONAL PARK PASSPORTS

The National Park Service is a participant in the new Interagency Pass Program which was created by the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act and authorized by Congress in DEC 04. Participating agencies include the National Park Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation. The pass series, referred to collectively as the America the Beautiful Pass, went on sale 1 JAN 07. It replaces the former Golden Age, Golden Access, and Golden Eagle pass. The new series consist of the following:

- ◆**America the Beautiful Annual Pass:** This pass is available to the general public at a cost of \$80. It provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of sale. The pass admits the pass holder/s and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas. (Children under 16 are admitted free) The pass can be obtained in person at the park, by calling 1(888) ASK USGS, Ext. 1, or via the Internet at <http://store.usgs.gov/pass>.

- ◆**America the Beautiful Senior Pass:** This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents age 62 or over at a cost of \$10. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation

sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Senior Pass provides a 50% discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50% price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

◆**America the Beautiful Access Pass:** This is a lifetime pass for U.S. citizens or permanent residents with permanent disabilities at no charge. Documentation is required to obtain the pass. Acceptable documentation includes: statement by a licensed physician; document issued by a Federal agency such as the Veteran’s Administration, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income; or document issued by a State agency such as a vocational rehabilitation agency. The pass provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an Entrance or Standard Amenity. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free). The pass can only be obtained in person at the park. The Access Pass provides a 50% discount on some Expanded Amenity Fees charged for facilities and services such as camping, swimming, boat launch, and specialized interpretive services. In some cases where Expanded Amenity Fees are charged, only the pass holder will be given the 50% price reduction. The pass is non-transferable and generally does not cover or reduce special recreation permit fees or fees charged by concessionaires.

◆**America the Beautiful Volunteer Pass:** This pass at no charge is for volunteers acquiring 500 service hours on a cumulative basis. It provides access to, and use of, Federal recreation sites that charge an

Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee for a year, beginning from the date of award. The pass admits the pass holder and passengers in a non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas and pass holder + 3 adults, not to exceed 4 adults, at per person fee areas (children under 16 are admitted free).

◆Existing Golden series passes will no longer be sold or issued, but they will continue to be honored for as long as they are valid. The Forest Service, National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation will honor all three passes at sites where Entrance or Standard Amenity Fees are charged. In addition, the Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Valley Authority may honor the Senior and Access Passes. Passes cannot be replaced if lost or stolen; a new pass must be purchased. One goal of the new pass program is to install technology at each site that allows for tracking and replacements. Tattered and worn passes can be exchanged for a new one. Passes from previous pass programs cannot be exchanged or upgraded for the new passes. Bicycles are handled differently within the five agencies. Sometimes they are charged as a per person or walk-up fee; other times they are discounted at vehicle fee sites; while some sites allow them in at no charge. Because fees and rules vary regarding bicycles across the agencies and sites across the country, you should contact your site of choice directly for their regulation. For additional info refer to [www.nps.gov/fees\\_passes.htm](http://www.nps.gov/fees_passes.htm). ([www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov), Apr 07)

### **WEAR YOUR MEDALS AND SHOW YOUR PRIDE**

The Department of Veterans Affairs calls on all veterans to express their patriotism and pride on Veterans Day and other major patriotic holidays through a display of medals earned in their military service. Join your comrades in public display of your military decorations. It’s a way to show your community the spirit of American’s veterans and remind your neighbors of the service and sacrifice of those who



guarded democracy. As a salute to American's heroes on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Patriots Day and Veterans Day, wear your medals and show your pride, whether participating in public observances or relaxing with family and friends. Your medals tell a story of service in the cause of freedom that all Americans need to hear. For more information visit the VA's Web sit at <http://www1.va.gov/OPA/veteranspride/index.asp>.

### AN INVITATION DELAWARE MILITARY MUSEUM

Centurion readers are invited to familiarize themselves with an exciting new venture to build a Delaware Military Museum by the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation. Delaware is one of the few states without such a facility, specifically to honor Delaware veterans. This museum will showcase the deeds and heritage of Delaware military organizations as well as individuals of all the uniformed services. It will house the artifacts, archives, and images that will enable it to tell Delaware's story to visitors, and educate future generations. It will be a place of memories, and a research facility for educators.

The Delaware Military Museum's future location is at Fort DuPont, in Delaware City. It will be housed in the former Post Exchange/Gymnasium at the head of the parade ground. To renovate this historic building (originally constructed in 1906), will take 5-7 million dollars. The Museum has already received support from over 150 individuals, a generous grant from the Bank of America, and continued support from the State of Delaware. It is an ambitious goal, but momentum is gaining.

Delaware veterans will be interested to know that we do not have to wait. The Foundation intends to renovate a nearby building, the former NCO quarters known as building 91 A&B, and will install a "storefront" mini-museum to establish a more immediate presence hopefully within twelve months. This will be a much more "doable" project estimated to cost about \$300,000.

Already the home for the Delaware Civil Air Patrol and the Fort Delaware Society, Fort DuPont is establishing itself as a first class historical destination for Delaware visitors to this beautiful

site alongside the Delaware River. And with the State currently renovating building 90 A&B adjacent to our future museum as a restored NCO quarters (circa 1929), with hopes to eventually renovate the post theater next to the Delaware Military Museum, Fort DuPont will be the focal point of military heritage tourism for the State of Delaware.

Presently the Delaware Military Museum is seeking members, volunteers, and financial support from the community. Contact Brig Gen (DE ANG Ret) Kennard Wiggins at [milheritage@aol.com](mailto:milheritage@aol.com) or call 410-398-0742 for more information, or write to the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation at First Regiment Road, Wilmington DE 19808. To learn more go to [www.MilitaryHeritage.org](http://www.MilitaryHeritage.org).

### 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.

### VETERANS COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE IN KENT COUNTY

Ann Spackman (LCSW), VA Clinical Social Worker, is presently conducting a **Depression Support Group** that meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM. A separate **Support Group** will meet every Thursday afternoon at 2:00 PM for combat veterans struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). **Early Recovery Skills Group** is being offered every Monday from 9:00-10:00 AM to address substance abuse issues. Upon completion of Early Recovery Skills veterans

will graduate into **Relapse Prevention Group** which meets every Monday from 10:30 AM-12:00 PM. **Bereavement Group** will be held the first and third Wednesday at 2:00 PM for veterans experiencing unresolved grief and loss. Ms. Spackman also co-facilitates a **Smoking Cessation Support Group** with Clyde Bragg (RN), which begins the first week of the month and continues for 4 consecutive weeks. Groups are held at the VA Outpatient Clinic (Governor's Ave) in Dover. For additional information, please contact Ms. Spackman at (800) 461-8262 x. 2400.

**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) - Mrs. 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 15 Home of the Brave
- OCT 17 Seaford Senior Center
- NOV 03 Georgetown Cheer Center
- NOV 14 Home of the Brave
- NOV 21 Seaford Senior Center
- DEC 02 Georgetown Cheer Center
- DEC 12 Home of the Brave
- DEC 19 Seaford Senior Center

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

**DELAWARE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY**

New Castle Co. Section (Bear, DE).....834-8046  
 Sussex Co. Section (Georgetown, DE).....934-5653

**DELAWARE VETERANS HOME**

100 Delaware Veterans Blvd.....424-6000  
 Milford, DE 19963

**American Legion**

Robert McBride, Dept. Service Officer, (302) 993-7254 or (302) 993-7256, will visit the following posts between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on the following dates:

- OCT 17 Laurel Post #19 875-9948
- OCT 24 David Harrison, Post 14 633-1711
- OCT 31 Seaford, Post 6 629-9915
- NOV 07 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673  
 Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- NOV 14 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- NOV 21 Laurel Post #19 875-9948
- DEC 05 Oak Orchard/Riverdale, 945-1673  
 Post 28 (8:00-12:00)
- DEC 12 Walter L Fox, Post 2 674-3922
- DEC 19 Laurel Post #19 875-9948

**Disabled American Veterans (DAV)**

Dept. Service Officers (DAV) 302-382-3448  
 Paul Lardizzone 302-697-9061  
 H. Mark Wischman 302 697-9061

**Schedule: (Kent Co)**

DAV Headquarters Building  
 183 South Street, Camden, DE 19934  
 Mondays 8:00-3:00 PM by Appointments only  
 Tuesday & Wednesday 8:00-12:00 PM Walk-Ins  
 1:00-3:00 PM by Appointments only

**Schedule: (Sussex Co)**

Department of Labor/ Div. of Emp & Trng  
 600 N. DuPont Hwy, Georgetown, DE 19947  
 Thursday 8:00-1:00 PM Walk-Ins 302-856-5230  
 Evening appointments for Kent & Sussex by appointment only.

**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) 993-7252 or (302) 993-7253. 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> Tuesdays 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.

**Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)**

James Withrow, Dept. Service Officer, VA Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21, Wilmington, DE 19805, (302) 993-7260 .

1<sup>ST</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM  
 Milford VFW (422-4412) 1:30-4:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM  
 Milton VFW (684-4975) 1:30-4:00 PM

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM  
 Rehoboth VFW (227-3469) 1:30-4:00 PM

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 8:00-11:00 AM  
 Seaford VFW (629-3092) 1:30-4:00 PM

5<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Delaware DOL (993-7260) 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 1-302-993-7260. 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) 993-7250 or (302) 993-7251

**USN Veterans Association**

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

**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC**

Air Force Sergeants Association

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

American Legion

Richard "Ric" Santos.....(302) 628-5221

AMVETS

Dale Nauman.....(302) 249-9275

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

Phyllis D. Palabrica .....(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

Tom Kelly (New Castle Co.).....(302) 834-9659

Ron Sarg (Kent Co.).....(302) 678-1603

Dick Cecil (Sussex Co.).....(302) 645-0432

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

**VETERANS ADMINISTRATION**

Claims, Benefits, Veterans Services  
 (Regional Office).....1-800-827-1000  
 VA Hospital Scheduling.....1-800-461-8262  
 .....302-994-2511  
 Dover VA Outpatient Clinic.1-800-461-8262 x2400  
 Georgetown VA Outpatient  
 Clinic.....1-800-461-8262 x2300  
 Veterans Outreach Center  
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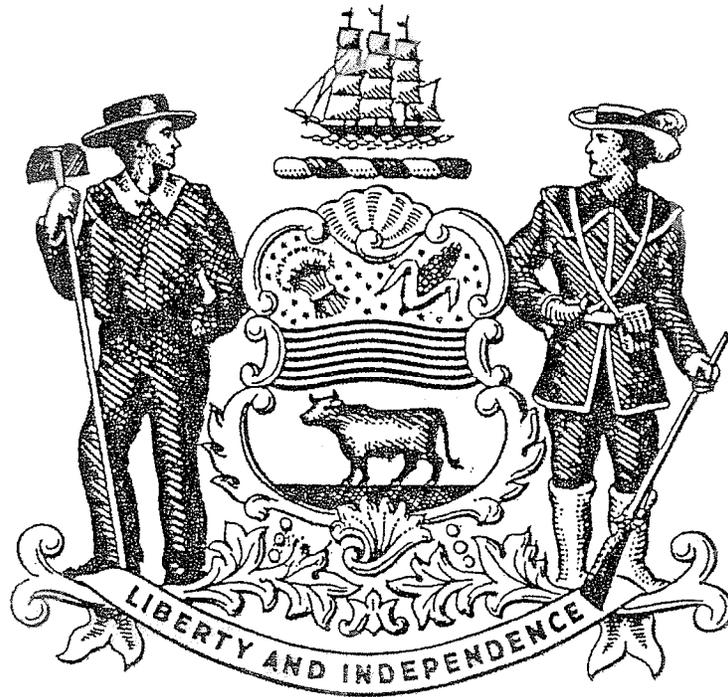
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