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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Commission has had a very busy and eventful 2nd quarter of the year. In addition to its regularly scheduled meetings, Commission members have attended numerous operational committee meetings held at the Delaware Veterans Home (DVH) in Milford, Delaware. A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Pavilion at DVH is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2010, at 1:00 PM. A brand new handicapped van to transport veterans to some of their appointments has been added. DVH is also looking into getting a new bus for residents in order that they may attend more outside day trips and special functions. Active Duty members and their families will gain free access to hundreds of museums throughout the nation this summer thanks to a partnership between the National Endowment for the Arts and Blue Star Families. This program offers active-duty military service members - **including activated guardsmen and reserve members** – free admission to participating museums from Memorial Day through Labor Day. For more information visit <http://www.arts.gov/nationalbluestarmuseum/index.php>. The Veterans Hospital in Wilmington is staffed with a Women Veterans Coordinator as well as a complete Women Veterans Health Clinic. For more information and to obtain services please call 1-800-461-8262 ext 5451. The Sussex County, Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery (DVMC), expansion is in the final stages of completion. We are now concentrating our efforts in obtaining federal funding for the proposed expansion and additions to the DVMC, New Castle County. We anticipate construction work to begin in the fall and will keep all of you posted as to our progress. Enjoy your Summer!

Sincerely,
Paul V. Lardizzone
Chairman

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“The mess in Washington shouldn’t be blamed on one man. It took real teamwork.”

NEW WEB SITE OFFERS SPACE-A INFORMATION

Air Mobility Command (AMC), Scott AFB, recently unveiled its first official, command-level, Travel Web site. People planning to travel the AMC military travel system can now point their Web browsers to www.amc.af.mil/amctravel/index.asp for the latest in AMC travel information. This site offers prospective space-available travelers a wealth of information, including and updated AMC passenger terminal contact list (complete with phone, e-mail and b links), and more than a dozen travel documents, example letters and brochures. (*Department of the Air Force, March 2010*)

SHINSEKI ANNOUNCES VA CUTTING INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR FAMILIES

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki announced that military personnel insuring their families under the Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI) program, which is administered by the Department of Veterans Affairs, will have reduced out-of-pocket expenses beginning July 1. “VA hopes these reductions will allow more military personnel to obtain affordable life insurance coverage for their spouses, particularly in these difficult economic times,” said Shinseki. “Without insurance protection, life after the loss of a spouse can be not only challenging emotionally, but can place a severe financial strain on a family.” Family SGLI (FSGLI) monthly premium rates will be reduced for all age groups by an average of 8 percent. The new rates are based on revised estimates for the cost of the program. This is the third time that premiums have been reduced since the FSGLI program began in November 2001. Spousal premiums were previously reduced for all age groups in 2003 and 2006. SGLI Family Coverage provides life insurance protection to military personnel for their spouses and children. Children are automatically insured for \$10,000, with no premiums charged. Based on the coverage of the servicemember, spouses may be insured for up to

\$100,000. Military personnel pay age-based premiums for spousal coverage -- the older the spouse, the higher the premium rate. The premium reduction ensures FSGLI remains highly competitive compared to commercial insurers. FSGLI coverage is available in increments of \$10,000. The current and revised monthly premium rates per \$10,000 of insurance, along with other information, are available on the Internet at www.insurance.va.gov.

HERBICIDE RELATED CLAIMS FROM VETERANS WITH THAILAND SERVICE

After reviewing documents related to herbicide use in Vietnam and Thailand, C&P Service has determined that there was significant use of herbicides on the fenced in perimeters of military bases in Thailand intended to eliminate vegetation and ground cover for base security purposes. Evidence of this can be found in a declassified Vietnam era Department of Defense (DoD) document titled Project CHECO Southeast Asia Report: Base Defense in Thailand. Therefore, when herbicide related claims from Veterans with Thailand service are received, RO personnel should now evaluate the treatment and personnel records to determine whether the Veteran's service activities involved duty on or near the perimeter of the military base where the Veteran was stationed. DoD has provided information that commercial herbicides, rather than tactical herbicides, were used within the confines of Thailand bases to control weeds. These commercial herbicides have been, and continue to be, used on all military bases worldwide. They do not fall under the VA regulations governing exposure to tactical herbicides such as Agent Orange. However, there is some evidence that the herbicides used on the Thailand base perimeters may have been either tactical, procured from Vietnam, or a commercial variant of much greater strength and with characteristics of tactical herbicides. Therefore, C&P Service has determined that a special consideration of herbicide exposure on a facts found

or direct basis should be extended to those Veterans whose duties placed them on or near the perimeters of Thailand military bases. This allows for presumptive service connection of the diseases associated with herbicide exposure. The majority of troops in Thailand during the Vietnam era were stationed at the Royal Thai Air Force Bases of U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang. If a US Air Force Veteran served on one of these air bases as a security policeman, security patrol dog handler, member of a security police squadron, or otherwise served near the air base perimeter, as shown by MOS (military occupational specialty), performance evaluations, or other credible evidence, then herbicide exposure should be acknowledged on a facts found or direct basis. However, this applies only during the Vietnam era, from February 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975. Along with air bases, there were some small Army installations established in Thailand during this period, which may also have used perimeter herbicides in the same manner as the air bases. Therefore, if a US Army Veteran claims a disability based on herbicide exposure and the Veteran was a member of a military police (MP) unit or was assigned an MP MOS and states that his duty placed him at or near the base perimeter, then herbicide exposure on a facts found or direct basis should be acknowledged for this Veteran. The difference in approach for US Army Veterans is based on the fact that some MPs had criminal investigation duties rather than base security duties. Therefore, the Veteran's lay statement is required to establish security duty on the base perimeter. This also applies to US Army personnel who served on air bases in Thailand. During the early years of the war in Vietnam, before Air Force security units were fully established on air bases in Thailand, US Army personnel may have provided perimeter security. In such cases, if the Veteran provides a lay statement that he was involved with perimeter security duty and there is additional credible evidence supporting this statement, then herbicide exposure on a facts found or direct basis can be acknowledged for this Veteran. (*Department of Veterans Affairs, May 2010*)

SWEEPING OMNIBUS BILL FOR VETERANS AND CAREGIVERS NOW LAW

President Obama signs bill to bring unprecedented support for caregivers of seriously injured veterans, veterans in rural areas, and women veterans Wed, May 5, 2010.



President Obama greets Chairman Akaka following the signing ceremony in the State Dining Room of the White House, as Secretary Shinseki and Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden look on from the left. (Image from whitehouse.gov)

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Daniel K. Akaka (D-Hawaii) joined President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle Obama, Dr. Jill Biden, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric K. Shinseki, and others at the White House for the signing of S. 1963, the [Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act](#). This landmark bill authored by Chairman Akaka will establish an unprecedented permanent program to support the caregivers of wounded warriors, improve health care for veterans in rural areas, help VA adapt to the needs of women veterans, and expand supportive services for homeless veterans. S. 1963 passed the House and [Senate unanimously](#) last month. "With his signature, President Obama has taken the last step in what has been a long struggle for wounded warriors, their caregivers, and others who have called for a law to strengthen the partnership between VA and veterans' families. Today belongs to the family caregivers who sacrificed so much with too little support, and never gave up on their wounded loved ones. VA, veterans' families, and disabled veterans

will all be better off thanks to this important law. I am also pleased about provisions in the new law to help disabled veterans, women veterans, homeless veterans, those who live in rural and remote areas, and others," said Akaka. "I am especially pleased that VA will now be able to reimburse veterans who require air travel to receive the care they need. Neighbor Island veterans have asked for this change for years, and now it is law," said Akaka. Akaka held a series of hearings as Chairman, bringing in the families of seriously injured service members to discuss how VA might better help those caring for severely disabled veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Akaka then developed legislation to establish a program to certify, train, and financially support veterans' caregivers. When this bipartisan bill was blocked in the Senate, Akaka led a successful [floor fight](#) to secure floor passage. A longtime supporter of veterans' caregivers, Akaka also introduced legislation in 2006, later enacted as part of an omnibus bill ([Public Law 109-461](#)), establishing a pilot program to assist caregivers. The bill's caregiver support provisions will: Fulfill VA's obligation to care for the nation's wounded veterans by providing their caregivers with training, counseling, supportive services, and a living stipend. Provide health care to the family caregivers of injured veterans under CHAMPVA Require independent oversight of the caregiver program. The bill will also provide numerous other improvements for veterans, by:

- Expanding health care services for women veterans.
- Reaching out to veterans living in rural areas.
- Improving VA's mental health care programs.
- Removing barriers to care for catastrophically disabled veterans.
- Enhancing a variety of VA medical services.
- Strengthening VA's ability to recruit and retain a first-class health-care workforce.
- Improving and increasing services to homeless veterans.

For an in-depth summary of the bill as passed by Congress, click here: [LINK](#). (*ROA Weekly President's Message: May 12, 2010*)

VA APPLICATION FOR HEALTH BENEFITS

Veterans will find it easier and faster to apply for their health care benefits now that the Department of Veterans Affairs has updated its online Form 10-10EZ, "Application for Health Benefits." This revised online application provides enhanced navigation features that make it easier and faster for Veterans to apply for their health care benefits. This new version also allows Veterans to save a copy of the completed form for their personal records. The most significant enhancement allows Veterans to save their application to their local desktop and return to the application at any time without having to start over. Previously, Veterans had to complete the form in a single session. This updated online form, along with the revised VA Form 10-10EZ, reduces the collection of information from Veterans by eliminating some questions. In addition, there are minor changes to simplify the wording of questions and provide clarity in the instructions. Further enhancements to the online application are expected to be delivered in increments throughout 2010. Veterans may complete or download the 10-10EZ form at the VA health eligibility website at <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/>.

To have the VA Form 10-10EZ mailed to you or if you have any questions, call 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visit the VA health eligibility website at <http://www4.va.gov/healtheligibility/>. Once you have completed the form, you may mail or fax the completed form (signed and dated) to your local VA Medical Center or Clinic which can be located at <http://www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isflash=1>. (*VA News Release, May 5, 2010*)

JOHN DAVID FRY SCHOLARSHIP

Public Law 111-32, the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship, amends the Post-9/11 GI Bill (Chapter 33) to include the children of service members who die in the line of duty after Sept. 10, 2001. The benefit is effective 1 AUG 09; the same day the Post-9/11 GI Bill took effect. Eligible children attending school may receive up to the highest public, in-state undergraduate tuition and fees, plus a monthly living stipend and book

allowance under this program. Children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces who has died in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001, are eligible for this benefit. A child may be married or over 23 and still be eligible. Eligible children:

- Are entitled to 36 months of benefits at the 100% level.
- Have 15 years to use the benefit beginning on his/her 18th birthday.
- May use the benefit until his or her 33rd birthday.
- Cannot use benefit before age 18, even if he or she has completed high school.
- Are not eligible for the Yellow Ribbon Program Rules for eligible children serving, or who have served, in the Armed Forces:
- If the child is eligible under the Montgomery GI Bill Active Duty, Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserve, and/or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP), then he or she must relinquish eligibility under one of those programs to receive benefits under Post-9/11 GI Bill.
- A child's character of discharge from his or her own service does not impact eligibility resulting from the line of duty death of a parent.
- A child on active duty will receive benefits at the active duty benefit rate (eligible for unlimited tuition and fees but not eligible for monthly housing allowance or books and supplies stipend).
- A child who meets the service requirements to transfer entitlement under Post-9/11 GI Bill may be eligible to transfer up to 36 months of entitlement to his or her dependents.

VA must begin issuing payments under this benefit no later than 1 AUG 10. This includes retroactive payments for eligible children enrolled during the period of 1 AUG 09 through 31 JUL 10. VA will begin accepting applications for this benefit 1 MAY, and will begin issuing payments to eligible children by 1 AUG 10. Children enrolled from 1 AUG 09 through 31 JUL 10 may receive retroactive payments for that time. Note: Children currently enrolled in school may apply for benefits under VA's Dependents' Educational Assistance Program. The program offers up to 45 months of education benefits. The application for this benefit is available online, and there is a link on the GI Bill website,

www.gibill.va.gov. The link takes the user to VONAPP, the online application. Select VA Form 22-5490, Application for Dependents' Educational Assistance, to apply. If you are a son or daughter, under legal age, a parent or guardian must sign the application. For more information, call 1-888-442-4551 or visit the VA GI Bill Website. (http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/Fry_Scholarship.pdf, Apr 2010).

RETIREE ON BASE DINING

Thanks to the Air Force's Food Transformation Initiative (FTI), retirees at six bases will soon be able to use military food service establishments previously reserved for active-duty Airmen. Retirees will pay the same market price as everyone else, and there will not be an added surcharge on top of the menu price. The six Air Force bases participating in the initiative are Elmendorf AFB, Alaska; Patrick AFB, Fla; MacDill AFB, Fla; Fairchild AFB, Wash; Little Rock AFB, Ark; and Travis AFB, Calif. This pilot program not only opens food establishments to all members of the base community, but customers will also see changes to food and beverage options, resulting in greater quality and variety, said Air Force Services Agency officials. Diners will see an overall increase in the variety and availability of healthy menu options on base. FTI will reinvigorate Air Force dining by hiring a contractor to transition to hybrid facilities on bases that will be open to the entire base populace, much like common business and university campuses, services officials said. Many base dining facilities have used rates of less than 50 percent. Instead of closing these facilities, Air Force plans call for transforming operations. This transformation will preserve the mission of providing meals to Airmen and bringing positive changes to the way Airmen are fed on base, services agency officials said. While services officials are excited about the forthcoming changes, they emphasized things will not happen immediately and that each base will be different. The first phase of the program is about improving menu options, they said, and the total transformation will take time. Opening the transformed dining venues to retirees

and base employees will restore a sense of community because everyone will be able to eat together. (*TREA Washington Update, Apr 23, 2010*)

NEW TRICARE REQUIREMENT

A new requirement means that skilled nursing facilities will have to preauthorize care provided to Medicare-eligible TRICARE beneficiaries once Medicare benefits are exhausted and TRICARE becomes the primary health coverage. Preauthorization is only required for skilled nursing facility care when medically necessary skilled nursing services extend beyond Medicare's 100-day limit and TRICARE becomes the primary payer for a beneficiary. Since medical documentation must be submitted, the preauthorization is requested by the skilled nursing facility and should not be a burden to beneficiaries or their families. Military.com surveys found that most service members and their families are confused by TRICARE. [Get the facts and latest news on TRICARE](#). (*Military.com, June 28, 2010*)

FOOD PROGRAM COMES TO MODERN MATURITY

The Modern Maturity Center has partnered with Food Bank of DE for the sign up and distribution of free monthly food supplements for seniors. Each month's food package contains a nutritional mix of food products. If you are 60 years of age or older, a resident of Delaware and fall within the income guidelines provided below, please stop by MMC's member services desk and ask for a CSFP application or see site manager, Ruth Thomas, to sign up.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Monthly Income</u>
1	\$1,174
2	\$1,579
3	\$1,984
4	\$2,389
5	\$2,794
6	\$3,200
7	\$3,605
8	\$4,010

For each additional family member add \$406. For more information call 302-734-1200 (*MMCBulletin, July 2010*)

MESSAGE FROM DELAWARE GOLD STAR CHAIR

When the Delaware Hometown Heroes Banner Project was in its infancy the initial intent was to hang banners of the fallen from Delaware that served in the current War on Terrorism in both Iraq and Afghanistan. However, as the project was beginning to materialize the efforts to have Gold Star License Plates for Gold Star Families that reside in the First State was also being addressed. Veterans of America Chapter 83 went back to the 'drawing board' and opened up the Delaware Hometown Heroes Banner Program to all Gold Star Families that reside in Delaware. With the banner program and ultimately the Gold Star License Plates many have grown to learn of the sacrifice our Gold Star Families live with each day. Most importantly The First State has set a precedence for other states to embrace the Gold Star Families that live in their state with Governor Jack Markell's November 14 Proclamation to honor all Gold Star Families. Thank you Governor Markell! These programs have brought these families to the attention of many wonderful Veteran organizations that would like to honor them. As programs come to my attention, I share the information with the Gold Star Families that I have email addresses for and/or a mailing address, but understandably will not release addresses of these families without their permission. I am very willing to work with Veteran organizations in getting the word out about their programs to our Gold Star Families. The families appreciate more than words can convey the kindness of many in honoring their loved one, but they struggle with this loss each day. Their grief is intensely raw. If you do not see a large number of Gold Star Families in attendance it does not mean they do not appreciate your kindness, because they do. Respectfully I understand when people use the term "closure", but when you lose someone you love there is never closure. You always find

yourself wondering how their life would have turned out. The pain is always there. Time only helps with being able to control the outward emotions. Several Gold Star Families have shared with me how 'strong' they think I am; let me remind not only our Gold Star Families, but others who continue to bring honor and remembrance that my strength has been drawn from those who over the years continued to remember my brother's sacrifice. Indeed, our family also had years of suppressed grief. Time ultimately aided the darkness to lift for me and turn my brother's loss into programs of honor and remembrance for others that are walking through a similar journey. To our Veterans, please continue your programs of honor and remembrance. Do not lose heart if you do not see a large turn-out. To our Gold Star Families, this is not a family anyone wants to be a member of, but know if you ever need anything to just call. The First State will always embrace Gold Star Families! Judy C. Campbell, Delaware Gold Star Chair

MILITARY DISCOUNTS

All these businesses offer military discounts; all you have to do is ask:

Restaurants

... Arby's ...A & W ... Back Yard Burgers ... Burger King ... Captain D's ... Chick-Fil-A ... Cotton Patch ... Denny's ... Dunkin' Donuts ... Farmers Boy ... IHOP (20 percent discount ...with military identification) ... Java Café ... KFC ... Long John Silver ... Pancho's Mexican Buffet ... Pizza Hut ... Quizno's ... Sizzler ... Sonic ... Taco Bell ... Whataburger

Services

... AT&T ... California Cryobank ... Geico ... Jiffy Lube ... Meineke ... Sears Portrait Studio

Travel and Leisure

... Blockbuster ... Movie theaters ... Ripley's attractions and museums ... Professional Sports teams

Products

... Apple Computers ... AutoZone ... Barnhill's ... Bass Pro Shop ... Bath and Body Works ... Big 10 Tires ... The Buckle ... Champs Sports ... Copeland's Sports ...

Dell ... The Discovery Channel Store ... Dress Barn ... The Finish Line ... Foot Action ... Footlocker ... Gadzooks ... GNC ... Goody's ... Great Party ... Happy Harry's ... Home Depot ... Hot Topic ... Jockey ... Lerner ... Lowe's ... Michael's ... NAPA Auto Parts...New York & Company ... Pac Sun ... Payless Shoes ... Play It Again Sports ... Pure Beauty ... Sally Beauty Supply ... Spencer's Gifts ... Suncoast ... Timberland Outlets ... Wilson's Leather

Cell Phone Service Discount - All Federal employees are able to get a 15% discount on their personal cell phones by calling their carrier and mentioning the "Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 - Discount to Federal Employees Past and Present." You will need to know the military member's supervisor's name, phone number, and full address, so that his/her military status can be verified. Use the following contact numbers:

- Cingular - 800-319-6393
- Sprint - 877-812-1223
- T-Mobile - 866-646-4688
- Nextel - 800-639-6111
- Verizon - 800-865-1825

(VA Frederick Service Office Maryland VSO msg, Apr 26, 2010)

RCS COMBAT CALL CENTER

The RCS Combat Call Center is a new VA call center in Denver, Colorado, providing 24/7 referral services to all veterans, their families and concerned citizens who are trying to assist veterans. The RCS Combat Call Center number is 877-927-8387 (877-WAR VETS).

VA SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

The VA Suicide Prevention Hotline number, 800-273 TALK, provides both crisis and non-crisis numbers for veterans to utilize whenever they feel a need to speak to someone concerning an emotional crisis.

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

You may contact Ms. White at the Pyle State Service Center on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at (302) 732-9560. She will be at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery (Millsboro) on Tuesdays and Thursdays, (302) 934-5653. Ms. White also provides services for veterans from the mobile Service Center at the following locations:

JUL 14	Home of the Brave
JUL 21	Nanticoke Cheer Center
JUL 28	Delaware Veterans Home
AUG 04	Georgetown Cheer Center
AUG 11	Home of the Brave
AUG 18	Nanticoke Cheer Center
AUG 26	Delaware Veterans Home
SEP 01	Georgetown Cheer Center
SEP 08	Home of the Brave
SEP 15	Nanticoke Cheer Center
SEP 22	Delaware Veterans Home

American Legion

Robert McBride, Dept. Service Officer, (302) 993-7256, will visit the following posts between 9:00 AM and 12:00 NOON on the following dates:

JUL 09	Walter L Fox, Post 32	674-3922
JUL 16	Laurel Post #19	875-9948

JUL 23	David Harrison, Post #14	633-1711
AUG 13	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
AUG 20	Walter L Fox, Post #2	674-3922
SEP 03	Oak Orchard/Riverdale, Post #28 (8:00-12:00)	945-1673
SEP 10	Walter L Fox, Post #2	674-3922
SEP 17	Laurel Post #19	875-9948
SEP 24	David Harrison, Post #14	633-1711

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

DAV Dept. Service Officers: 302-697-9061

Paul Lardizzone: 302-382-3448

H. Mark Wischman: 302-382-3449

Kent County Schedule:

DAV Headquarters Building, 183 South Street,
Camden, DE 19934

Monday thru Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (Walk-ins)
1:00-3:00 PM (Appt only)

Sussex County Schedule:

Department of Labor (Div of Employment & Trng)
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947
Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (Walk-ins) 302-856-5230
Kent & Sussex evening appointments prescheduled
by request only.

USN Veterans Association

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

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 1st
Tuesday, Dover the 2nd Tuesday, and Frederica the
3rd Tuesday of each month.

Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)

Nathaniel Johnson, National Service Officer, VA
Regional Office, 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington,

DE 19805, (302) 993-7263 M-F 8:30 to 4:30 by appt only.

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.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

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

1ST Thursday

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

2nd Thursday

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

3rd Thursday

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

4th Thursday

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

5th 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.

DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

100 Delaware Veterans Blvd.....302-424-6000
Milford, DE 19963

DELAWARE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

New Castle Co. Section (Bear, DE)...302-834-8046
Sussex Co. Section (Millsboro, DE)...302-934-5653

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Al Barclift (Wilmington).....302-761-8093
Allen Jones (Wilmington).....302-761-8141
Toney Fragier (Newark).....302-368-6622
Cliff Rumph (Dover).....302-857-5870
Kevin Gunning (Dover).....302-857-5870
Dawn Smith (Georgetown).....302-856-5230

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

VA Regional Office (Claims & Benefits)
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805.....1-800-827-1000

VA Medical Center (Healthcare)
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805.....1-800-461-8262
.....302-994-2511

Dover VA Outpatient Clinic
1198 S. Governors Ave
Dover, DE 19904.....1-800-461-8262 x2400

Georgetown VA Outpatient Clinic
15 Georgetown Plaza
Georgetown, DE 19947.....1-800-461-8262 x2300

Readjustment Counseling
Vet Center (New Castle Co.)1-800-461-8262 x5434
Vet Center (Kent Co.).....1-800-461-8262 x2430

Veterans Outreach Program
Listening Post – Lower Delaware.....302-424-1682

RETIREE ACTIVITIES

Retired Activities Office
MSgt (R) Bill Oldham (woldham10@gmail.com),
Bldg 520, Room 105, Dover AFB, DE 19902,
(302) 677-4612.

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office

Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Center, 3920 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19808, (302) 998-5194.

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS POC

Air Force Sergeants Association

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

American Legion

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

AMVETS

Albert Weir.....(302) 629-4141

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

Ron Hoskins.....(302) 365-5670

Phyllis Palabrica.....(302) 365-5670

Delaware Gold Star Chair

Judy Campbell.....(302) 593-5991

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

Len Markovitz.....(302) 234-4785

Korean War Veterans Association

George Goss.....(302) 424-0461

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

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

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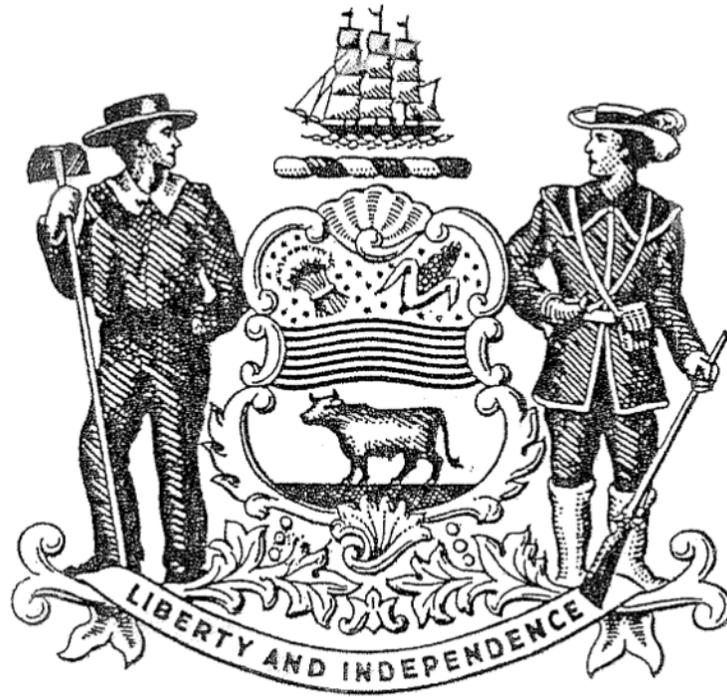


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