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## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

April: This is when we think of Tax Day and, for some, this is not pleasant. But a pleasant thought is donating to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The fund provides “financial assistance” for eligible Delaware veterans. While completing your Individual Resident Income Tax form, please consider donating to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. Place an amount in Line 24 and it will prompt you to Schedule III, Contributions. Once here, select “Veterans Trust Fund” on line 17P and fill in your donation amount. Your donation is tax deductible thanks to the 501(c)3 coverage provided by the Friends of Delaware Veterans Inc. and 100% donated goes directly to Veterans.

May: Please join our Memorial Day ceremonies: Saturday, 28 May / 1030, Bear Veterans Cemetery and Monday, 30 May / 1030, Delaware Memorial Bridge War Memorial. We owe a debt of gratitude to our heroes and we look forward to your attendance.

Vision: Veterans are outstanding citizens and their voices need to be heard. My wish is for more Females and recent era Veterans to become Commissioners. They can be Veteran Service Organization leaders or non-affiliated Veterans, but they need a seat at our table. These Veterans have unique concerns and would benefit from having Commissioners who also experienced similar concerns. I am not degrading other Veteran categories because they set our foundation. I am highlighting the need to broaden our Commission's potential.



*Devil Dog #780 Past Commandant, Chaplain and Detachment Marine of the Year.*

*Vaughn Russell was a good friend, as well as an outstanding Marine and one of the heroes of the Battle of Iwo Jima. He spent his life serving his country, his community, his family and his fellow Marines. His memories of his part in the battle of Iwo Jima remained vivid to the end and they were almost always about what others did, not about himself. He was with 9th Marines on Iwo Jima and Vaughn always pointed to the fact that 9th Marines was the only regiment that received its own Presidential Unit Citation for their collective performance during the battle. That citation gives a good sketch of ordinary Marines stepping up under the most horrendous conditions.*

*Vaughn passed away on March 30th, 2016. He was 90 years old. May he rest in peace.*

**DCVA Memorial Day Services**

On Saturday, May 28, 2016, 10:30 am, the Commission of Veterans Affairs will conduct a Memorial Day Service at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The service will be held on the Parade Field of the Cemetery grounds at 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, Delaware. For further information, please call (302) 834-8046.



On Monday, May 30, 2016, 10:30 am, the Commission of Veterans Affairs will conduct a Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial Plaza, Delaware Memorial Bridge, New Castle, Delaware. For further information, please call (800) 344-9900 (in state only) or (302) 739-2792.

**ROTARY LEARNS ABOUT HELPING VETERANS**



Carol Krum, president of the Smyrna-Clayton Rotary Club, presents a Paul Harris coin to Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans Inc., at their March 9 breakfast meeting at Bridgeway Family Restaurant, Smyrna. Mr. Skocik spoke to Rotarians about the Friends' fundraising role for the Veterans Trust Fund. Signed into

law in 2013, the Veterans Trust Fund provides emergency financial help to honorably discharged Delaware veterans. One hundred percent of tax deductible contributions are returned to veterans in proven need. Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for more information.

(Delaware State News Friday 3/18/16, page 27)



**ANNUAL REDS, WHITES & BREWS FUNDRAISER**

Locally headquartered nonprofit Suits & Warriors (SW) is pleased to announce its Annual Reds, Whites, and Brews Fundraiser in Delaware. Suits & Warriors provides transition assistance to honorably, medically, and generally discharged men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their spouses, by professionally outfitting them in business attire needed to compete in the civilian workforce.

Reds, Whites, and Brews presents a spectacular decorated list of military guests including Keynote Speaker, Col. David Sutherland who culminated his 29 years of service following Combat Brigade Command during surge operations in Iraq, as the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and is currently the Chairman of Easter Seals Dixon Center as well as, the Chief Strategist for Easter Seals Military and Veterans Services. Special military guests: Kim Mitchell, Ret. Navy, Fmr. White House Joint Staff, President and Co-Founder of Easter Seals Dixon Center for Military and Veterans Services; and Ret. U.S. Navy SEAL Chris Heben, who served on SEAL Team 8 (1996-2006) and is an Amazon #1 Best-Seller in military memoir category, in addition, to being an entrepreneur, motivational speaker, songwriter, singer and expert consultant on over a dozen television networks ranging from foreign policy, antiterrorism to elephant poaching.

“Reds, Whites, and Brews raises funds needed to reach the thousands of Veterans currently transitioning out of service and into civilian life in need of the services provided by SW. Suits & Warriors mobilizes its 5-Star concierge suiting service throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. In this way, we are able to partner with numerous Veteran career fairs, education events, and SW organized Suit Gifting Events. During these events, we deploy our team of style professionals providing free suits and individual guidance on dressing to impress, and inspiring

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the additional confidence it takes to do well on a job interview. Over the last two years, SW supported an estimated 1400 Veterans and soon to be Veterans through various events and programs.” – Star Lotta

This special evening includes:

VIP Book Signing and Cocktail Reception (\$100). Includes: Meet and greet with military members in attendance, book autograph opportunity by U.S. Navy SEAL, Chris Heben (books available for purchase), presentation by Keynote Speaker, dinner, open bar.

General Event (\$75). Includes: Presentation by Keynote Speaker, dinner, open bar.

Event includes silent auction and raffle.

Buy your tickets online at

<http://suintingwarriors.org/redswitesandbrews>

To be an event sponsor email: [info@suintingwarriors.org](mailto:info@suintingwarriors.org)

WHO: Suinting Warriors

WHAT: Annual Reds, Whites & Brews Fundraiser

WHERE: Ed Oliver’s Golf Course, Wilmington, DE 19806

DATE: Wednesday, April 27, 2016

TIME:VIP Cocktail Reception/Book Signing 6pm - 6:30pm/

General: 6:15 pm - 9:00 pm

DRESS: Professional / Business Attire

**SECOND ANNUAL DELAWARE GOLD STAR VICTORIAN TEA**



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Representative, Judy C. Campbell hosted the **Second Annual Delaware Gold Star Victorian Tea** at historic “Tea for Two” in Dover, Delaware on Saturday, February 13, 2016.

Gold Star Mothers, Families and supporters of Gold Star Families enjoyed an afternoon of learning the proper etiquette for enjoying the *Traditional Fare of an afternoon English Tea*. Numbers were drawn for door prizes, laughs shared and a time of reflection was offered. Each woman was presented her personalized glass heart shaped ornament honoring their loved one and / or their support.

Guests at adjoining tables expressed their gratitude and appreciation to our Gold Star Mothers and Families. We must never forget the sacrifice made to secure our freedoms. The lifelong process of being a Gold Star Family member offers times of remembrance, reflection and even laughs.

*Next Gold Star event VVA Chapter 83 Gold Star Program will be hosting...*

**DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES NIGHT WITH THE WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS!**

**SATURDAY, JULY 2<sup>ND</sup> @ 7:05 PM VERSUS THE WINSTON-SALEM DASH**

**JOIN US HERE AT THE BLUE ROCKS FOR AN ALL-AMERICAN MILITARY NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK! ON JULY 2<sup>ND</sup>, WE WILL BE PLAYING HOST TO THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 83 GOLD STAR PROGRAM TO HONOR AND REMEMBER OUR FALLEN MILITARY BY HAVING THE GOLD STAR FAMILIES IN OUR EXCLUSIVE DIAMOND CLUB. ENJOY AN ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BUFFET WHILE YOU WATCH THE GAME FROM THE BEST VIEW IN THE PARK!!**

**RSVP TO V.V.A. CHAPTER 83 GOLD STAR PROGRAM BY WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2016**

**To RSVP, CALL 302-593-5991!**

Those who have served our country, whether recently or many years ago, on loved ones for fact, caregiving job, putting in-family relation- automatically impact- day life for both the caregiver. Those caring for a veteran, should Turn to Easter Seals and its many caregiver services for help.



Easter Seals offers a number of respite services for caregivers to be able to take some time off to refresh and rejuvenate. The In-Home Services program and Personal Attendant Services

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are available to a broad population, including veterans, who need support to continue to live independently. Both services help by providing assistance in areas, such as: companionship, meal preparation, light housekeeping, performing work tasks, bathing needs, and transportation to appointments. Easter Seals Adult Day programs are another way to help veterans remain involved in the community, while giving caregivers a break.

For families who need assistance navigating through the many resources available for caregivers, Easter Seals has a Caregiver Resource Center (CRC). Partially funded by Delaware Division of Services for Aging and Adults with Physical Disabilities, the CRC offers an on-site case manager available to guide caregivers along what can feel like a very daunting path. Easter Seals offers a caregiver support group, which meets on the second Tuesday at 10a.m. every month.

Easter Seals Resource & Technology Demonstration Center can be a critical resource in keeping a loved one safely at home. In the center, people can try out hundreds of pieces of assistive technology to help their loved ones or themselves.

For information on any caregiver or respite services contact Joyce Medkeff at 221-2076 or [jmedkeff@esdel.org](mailto:jmedkeff@esdel.org). (Natalie Scott, Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore Writer, [nscott@esdel.org](mailto:nscott@esdel.org))



### KOREAN WAR VETS (KWVA) HOST MILLSBORO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Amy Simmons, Executive Director of the Greater Millsboro Chamber of Commerce, recently spoke to the members of the Bill Carr Chapter 1 of the Korean War Veterans Association at Post 28 in Oak Orchard, DE. Simmons' topics covered the Mission of the Chamber in the local community, legislative issues that could affect small businesses in the area, present and future status of the Chamber and possible roadway changes that could affect the area. She also conducted a question and answer session from the audience. Her talk was very well received by the chapter members.

*Pictured are Amy Simmons (L) and Joann Sedei, Vice President of the local chapter who presented a KWVA Wounded Warrior medal to Simmons. The Medal is in honor of Cpl. Vincent Mannion Brodeur, a local wounded warrior.*



Any person who has served in the military in Korea is eligible to join the KWVA. Please call Jack McGinley (302 945 0698) for more information. By (3/14/2016, [jomcginl@aol.com](mailto:jomcginl@aol.com))

### KOREAN WAR VETS (KWVA) HOST VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) SPEAKER

The Bill Carr Chapter 1 of the Korean war and Korean service veterans association of Sussex county, recently got an update of the status of the veterans administration (VA) from the public affairs officer of the Wilmington VA medical center. James A. Coty made the presentation at the American Legion Hall, Post 28 in Millsboro to both veterans and associates.

Coty spoke about how veterans can better access the medical benefits due them with a special emphasis on the veterans choice program for those living beyond 40 miles of the nearest VA medical center. He also fielded questions from the audience about their own medical problems and to whom they should call for specific concerns. He provided his own telephone number to call to get referrals to various medical Professionals. Lastly, he discussed the plans for a new location for the VA clinic in Sussex County. (Feb 29, 2016, Jack McGinley)

*Pictured is Jim Coty (L) and Walter Koopman, programs director of the Korean war vets who is presenting Coty with a special medal for being a speaker to the KWVA. Any Korean service veteran is eligible to join the KWVA. Just call Jack McGinley at 302-945-0698 for more information.*



**DOVER VETERANS  
WELCOME HOME TEAM  
CELEBRATES SUCCESS**

*On January 20, the DVWHT came together at Grotto's Pizza in Dover to celebrate the successful conclusion of their 300 day campaign to end veterans homelessness in Dover during 2015.*



This campaign is part of the HUD/VA national Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness in 2015. The Mayors Challenge is a national program with a local focus that encourages each community to create a program to attack the problem of veterans homelessness. In November, 2014, Dover Mayor, Robin R. Christiansen signed on to this challenge and he asked DCVA Vice Chairman, Bill Farley, to help create a team to locate and identify homeless veterans in Dover and to find permanent housing for each of these veterans while also connecting them with whatever veterans benefits or other assistance they might need. Beginning in January, 2015, volunteers from federal, state, and local government agencies, as well as from local shelters, charities, churches, businesses and individuals, came together and formed the Dover Veterans Welcome Home Team. By March of 2015, the DVWHT had established the goal of housing 50 veterans in Dover before the end of 2015.

The team began to attack the problem in 100 day increments during which they began to locate and identify homeless veterans; to determine their needs; and to meet weekly to review the status of each veteran and resolve any barriers to housing those veterans. This program involved overcoming of bureaucratic barriers; informing and involving local landlords and the general public; encouraging establishment of veterans housing preferences where appropriate; and lots of other hard work to get veterans into permanent housing and on the road to a stable life. On January 20, Mayor Christiansen gathered the DVWHT together to celebrate their success in meeting all their goals and to plan to carry the effort forward into the new year. As the program progressed, the DVWHT worked with state agencies to expand the program throughout Delaware. Under the guidance of Governor Markell, the State-Wide Working Group to End Veterans Homelessness has been established and organized in all three Delaware Counties. This effort has resulted in the housing of 188 veterans throughout the state, thus far, and the State-Wide Working Group continues to work to maintain this momentum throughout the coming year. This is an outstanding example of Delaware Joining Forces to benefit veterans and the community at large.

**GOOD SHEPHERD FUND**

As they strive to do every year, VFW Post 3238 traditionally assists local active duty Airmen by making an annual contribution to this local relief fund which is administered by the 436<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing's First Sergeants Council. Post Commander Marc Garduno visited the Council during their monthly meeting to make a \$1,500 donation to aid their efforts to assist younger Airmen and their families who might find themselves in a difficult situation. (Mar 17, 2016, Marc Garduno)



**DID YOU KNOW HOW TO SPELL SANTA?  
YOU SPELL IT YMCA!**

For the second year in a row, the Sussex County Family YMCA, located in Rehoboth, has been the Secret Santa to Disabled Warrior Families. In Dec., 2015, working with Anna Lopez from the Army Wounded Warrior Program and her Air Force counterpart on the Dover USAF Base, YMCA Volunteers delivered Christmas gifts to the homes of over 40 Disabled Warrior Families which included 92 kids, 50 dogs and 10 cats. Each Family also received a food basket generously filled with goodies from Giant Foods, Starbucks, The Point Bakery, Fisher's Popcorn, The Home Depot, Tomato Sunshine and more. And to put the star on top of the Christmas tree, the DE YMCA joined in by providing free YMCA Family Memberships. The Sussex Family YMCA hopes to make this an annual event for as long as Disabled Warrior Families in need exist. (Bill Gay, March 2016, DE Veterans Awareness Center)

**DELAWARE STATE PARKS AND AMERICORPS SUPPORTS VETERANS**



*2015/2016 Delaware State Parks Veterans Corps members and trail team leaders*

Military service and conservation go hand-in-hand. The Delaware State Parks Veterans Corps embodies this concept. The Corps is unique because it is an AmeriCorps National Service Program funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service. This program focuses on engaging military veterans and/or their family members in environmental stewardship activities throughout Delaware State Parks. Members are provided an opportunity to work on a team under the guidance of a team leader. In addition, members receive training, certifications and hands-on experiences that will provide the knowledge and skills necessary for employment in the natural resources field. Applications for the 2016/2017 program will open mid-June 2016. For more information and to apply please visit [www.destateparks.com/veteranscorps](http://www.destateparks.com/veteranscorps) (March 18, 2016, Rhonda Seward, 2015/2016 Veterans Corps Member) (Karen Minner, CIG, Internship and Grants Administrator, Veterans Corps Program Director, Delaware State Parks)



On Jan., 30, 2016 at Bowers Beach, DE, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3238, Camden, held this event aimed at increasing awareness throughout the local community for Post Traumatic Stress and issues related to Traumatic Brain Injury, which affect so many Veterans and members of the armed forces. The event lasted about 2 hours and consisted of various activities at informational booths sponsored by Dover AFB's 436<sup>th</sup> Med Group's Mental Health Clinic, Team Red, White & Blue and the Bowers Beach Maritime Museum. The event itself kicked off at noon when Team RWB took participants on a 2 mile run through town and ended their exercise by leading everyone into the Delaware Bay during a 40 degree winter day. Considering this was the first time holding the Arctic Blast and, despite the one week postponement because of bad weather, Post 3238 leadership believes it was an amazing success because of the opportunity to raise awareness and by providing an opportunity to strengthen local community based relationships. Post 3238 wishes to thank the amazing support from town residents, the Town of Bowers' emergency services and from volunteers of the Maritime Museum. The event drew scores of supporters and somewhere close to 100 spectators. (Mar 5, 2016, Marc Garduno)

**2016 WOMEN WARRIOR CALENDAR**

Through the assistance of VFW Post 3238's female Veterans, last fall, the organization produced a calendar featuring 12 of their members doing what they do best; whether it was serving in uniform, as parents or as professionals. Sales of the calendar brought in enough to make a \$1,010 donation to the Home of the Brave Foundation's Capital Campaign to assist the construction of the proposed new female Veterans shelter and marking the start of Women's History Month. Post Commander Marc Garduno stated he is "most proud of the ability of our female members to come together on this project for the purpose of helping sister Veterans in need." (Mar 5, 2016, Marc Garduno)



The Bill Carr Chapter of the Korean War Veterans and Korean Service Veterans Association (KWVA) recently received \$1,200 as a result of the 17th annual Ruck Run at Dover Air Force Base (DAFB). The 6.20 mile course was run by both Air Force personnel and local runners, including two State Police teams, who had to carry an additional 30 lbs. in their back packs during the run.

The Ruck Run commemorates the 78 mile march of both U.S. Marines and Army troops during the Korean War. The battle extended for 17 days from the Chosin Reservoir to Hungnam in N. Korea where over 30,000 U.S. troops were evacuated while suffering through -35 degree temperatures and Chinese Communist and N. Korean fire. It was one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War, especially for the enemy forces.

The proceeds from the run were secured from the runners themselves, who paid an entry fee to participate. The KWVA will donate those funds to both community operations and veterans' activities to include veterans of all wars. Any Korean Service Veteran is eligible to join the KWVA. (For more information, call Jack McGinley at 302-945-0698.)

**KOREAN WAR VETS  
RECEIVE RUCK RUN PROCEEDS**



*Pictured are (from DAFB) Captain Christopher Goertz presenting the check and SMSgt Nicholas Melenka. From the KWVA (l-r) are Dr. Dan Coons, Walter Koopman, Jim Schafer, Charles Giangeruso and Jack McGinley.*



The Veterans Awareness Center, Foundation held the 2016 Women Veterans' Tea on Saturday 30 January 2016 at the DelVets Post 2 in Dover. Ms. Anna Lopez, a member of DelVets Post 2, welcomed our attendees. The tables were decorated beautifully by Ms. Sable Phomphakdy, a member of the Commission of Veterans Affairs and Ms. Mindy Bacchus, a member of the Connections –Supportive Service for Veterans Team and Ms. Carla VanCuren a member of the Georgetown Vet Center. Support from the American Legion Auxiliary Members included: Ms. Deneen Behrens, Ms. Jo Stafford and Ms. Jackie McGuire. Girl Scout Troop 984, Camden assisted with the opening Flag ceremony and serving of sandwiches and cookies. Ms. Terry Williams, an Army Veteran and Chaplain opened the event with prayer. Ms. Jennifer Coy, Women Veterans Program Director at the VA Hospital Elsmere recognized and thanked all veterans for their service. Ms. Nancy Lynch, the Author of the "Vietnam Mailbag" and Ms. Pat Cerchio-Vieira from the First State Military Women's Group, spoke to our military members. The Bay Side 4 Singers performed beautiful patriotic music throughout the Program. Before the ending of the program, each military member was encouraged to introduce their military careers. Ms. Liz Byers-Jiron, Director thanked each military member for attending and was overwhelmed with the amount of appreciation that each Military member demonstrated. Ms. Margo Ellers, President of the VFW Auxiliary Greenwood, played TAPS at the conclusion of the event. Military Members were presented a tea pot charm, to remember the 2016 event. "This event has been an annual event throughout the Delmarva, and this was another great event to show our veterans how much we appreciate them," stated Liz Byers-Jiron!



### KENT COUNTY VIETNAM VETERANS CHAIR OF HONOR DEDICATION

Army Chief Warrant Officer 5 Lloyd Massey Jr., served as keynote speaker at the dedication of a POW/MIA Chair of Honor on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at Kent County Veterans Memorial Park, Dover.

“The chair is the final of six memorials to those who served, those who died, and those whose fate remains unknown,” said chapter President Joe Startt Jr. “It will complete a circle begun on Veterans Day 2009 with the dedication of the Vietnam memorial.”



The Chair of Honor is the gift of Brothers At Arms MC Club. The dedication is in conjunction with Vietnam Veterans Day. It was moved from the traditional March 30 date to accommodate the schedule of the donors. Chief Massey is commander of Detachment 7, Operational Support Airlift Agency of the Delaware National Guard. Chief Massey retired from the Delaware State Police as a sergeant in 2006 after serving for 26 years, 21 of which were in Aviation North and Aviation South. After enlisting in the Delaware Army National Guard in 1974, he was assigned to the 198<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion. In 1976 he completed the Delaware Officer Candidate School and graduated as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt, later transferring to the Aviation Branch as a captain where he flew the HU-1 “Huey” helicopter and served as company commander for Co. C, 106<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment.

In 1990 he accepted a commission as a chief warrant officer 2 and flew the OH-58 helicopter. In a number of commands and roles, Chief Massey has served as safety officer, instrument flight examiner pilot, instructor pilot and commander, flying the C-12 King Air 200 aircraft.

Chief Massey has been deployed to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa for a total of 26 months. He has been awarded the Bronze Star, two Air Medals, a Meritorious Service Medal, the Combat Action Badge, and the Master Aviator Badge. He has accumulated more than 13,000 military and civilian flight hours, 1,300 of which were combat and imminent danger flight hours.

### VICTORY AT VICTORY VILLAGE!



Victory Village, a new resource center for helping solve the homeless veterans’ situation, had their ribbon cutting ceremony on November 20, 2015. Executive Director, Nick Callazzo and Board member, Judge William Witham with other dignitaries participated in the ribbon cutting.

After two years of sweat equity by community volunteers and groups as well as individual donations and support from many companies, Nick Callazzo, Executive Director, is experiencing his vision becoming a reality. The 1850 Georgian plantation, once a former home for people with mental and physical challenges, will become a home and educational resource center dedicated to helping our veterans receive the services they honorably deserve.

Victory Village, located at 554 Port Penn Road in Middletown, DE will be home to 24 male and 8 female veterans. The residents will be involved in a comprehensive program to help them transition to civilian life. In addition to room and board on a beautiful five acre setting, they will be involved in programs, workshops and individual counseling focusing on assessed needs. The veterans will have access to professionals who can assist them in their personal and professional development. In addition to helping them learn the skills necessary to become proactive and productive members of the community, Tommy Little Esq., a veteran and well known lawyer in Delaware, is a resident of Victory Village who will be offering legal counsel, not only for the residents, but all veterans in the State of Delaware.

Victory Village, The Beau Biden Center for Veterans has been hailed as a national model for helping veterans. We invite you to tour our home, visit the Chapel and walk our Memorial path, which is a brick path dedicated not only to veterans but to the families and friends who shared the ultimate sacrifice. Everyone is invited to ‘Buy a Brick’. (For more information, go to our website: [NationalVAC.org](http://NationalVAC.org) or call Claire Holloway at 302-832-5790. Attached is a brick order form for your use. Copies can be made for additional brick orders.)



**SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS & FAMILIES**



**Jobs fair**

**MILITARY SPOUSE JOB FAIR**

A Free Hiring Fair focused on Jobs for Military Spouses, but all National Guard & Reserve and Veterans are welcome to attend.



**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016**

**9am – 12noon**

**DOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Multi-Purpose Room A  
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*Employers attending include:* ATI Physical Therapy, Bayhealth Medical Center, Beebe Medical Center, Citi, Delaware Technical Community College, Discover Bank, Dover Downs, Edgewell Personal Care, Integrity Staffing Solutions, Join Delaware Schools (DE Dept of Education), Lowe's Home Improvement, Perdue Farms, and Starbuck's Military Family Store.



**Come dressed for success and have your resume ready!**  
*Military OneSource will host info from the Military Spouse Employment Partnership!*

For info and questions, please contact:

Ms. Christine Kubik, email [christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil) or 302.326.7582

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April 15<sup>th</sup>

5-8pm

April 16<sup>th</sup>

12-8pm

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**HOME BUYER FAIR**

Presented by Delaware State Housing Authority in Partnership with the Delaware Federation of Housing Counselors

Your Path to Homeownership!



**Saturday, April 16, 2016**  
**8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

**Chase Center on the Riverfront**  
815 Justison Street  
Wilmington, DE 19801

Be sure to join us! There is no cost to attend and refreshments will be served.

- Enter to win prizes
- Live broadcast by MIX 92.9 throughout the day
- Earn credit towards your HUD Homebuyer Education Certificate requirements

This event is open to the public and will feature industry related exhibitors and service providers. Seminars will be held throughout the day with valuable information on finding properties, low cost financing, downpayment assistance, Delaware First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit and tips for anyone looking to buy a home in Delaware.

Pre-registration is recommended (but not required) by calling 302-577-5001 or visit [rsvp.destatehousing.com](http://rsvp.destatehousing.com). Walk-ins are welcome!

The seminar schedule will be:

- 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Registration and Refreshments
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Budgeting, Financial and Tax Planning, Avoiding Default
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Strategies for Finding and Negotiating on Properties
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Home Maintenance and the Value of a Home Inspection
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Break – Lunch Provided to Attendees
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Financing Options and Downpayment/Closing Assistance
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Insurance, Loan Closing & Settlement Procedures

"Low interest rates and affordable housing prices make this a potentially great time to buy a home. The Delaware State Housing Authority and Delaware's Money School offer sound advice for prospective buyers. Whether a first-time homebuyer or otherwise, the Homebuyer Fair provides information and resources that help people make sensible financial decisions about homeownership."  
— Governor Jack Markell



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**Tuesday**

**May 17, 2016**

**Game time 6:35 pm**

Tickets - \$10.00 each

Deadline: May 2, 2016

For additional information

Call (302) 697-9061 or (302) 382-3448

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**MOTORCYCLE RIDE**  
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Director Kirby is shown standing next to Medal of Honor recipient, SSG Melvin Morris. SSG Morris' name, along with SGT Henry Johnson's (WW I) name, was added to the African-American Medal of Honor Memorial. The memorial is located at 18th and Baynard in Wilmington, DE

Pictured right: Commissioner MyRon Smith with event supporters.



Delaware National Guard Prayer Breakfast 2016



From Left: Commissioner Showell & Lardizzone, Dir. Kirby, Commissioner Seppala, Vice Chairman Farley, Commissioner Hampton, Armbruster and Smith.

Director Kirby and Chairman Sarg are shown presenting an Appreciation plaque to Representative Earl Jaques for his continued support of Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.



**HELP WANTED AND NEEDED**

Veterans don't like to ask for help. We're taught to be independent and self-sufficient. Hooah!

But with the downsizing of our military and a sluggish economy, a growing number of veterans find themselves in desperate times.

That's why The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund was signed into law in 2013 under the auspices of the Commission of Veterans Affairs. It provides a one-time hand up to veterans in need of emergency, financial help. It has averted shutoff of utilities, repossession of vehicles and in some cases, put food on the table for veterans who have exhausted all of their resources.

The Trust Fund, however, is not funded by the State and must raise its own money. To address that, the Friends of Delaware Veterans was created. The Friends board is comprised of community leaders from across the state who volunteer their time and effort to raise funds.

Because the Commission provides some administrative support, the Friends is able to return one hundred percent of what we raise to our hometown veterans through the Commission's grant committee. All contributions are also tax deductible.

While we appeal to the community at large, we need help from our fellow veterans and are truly appreciative of Executive Director Larence Kirby's recent letter to post commanders and affiliate organizations asking them to consider hosting one fundraising event a year on behalf of the Trust Fund. It might be a 5K run/walk/roll, a beef and beer, an auction, a bike run, or any type of event. It's all appreciated.

Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for more information. Individual contributions can also be made online. Contact [dskocik@aol.com](mailto:dskocik@aol.com) or call 302-736-8500 for presentation requests. (Dave Skocik, president, Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc.)



# Freedom

## 5K Run/Walk & Roll

*Benefits the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund*

**Saturday, July 2, 2016**

**Silver Lake Park, Dover**

*(Use Washington Street entrance off of State State)*

### Sponsorship Form

*Sponsorship includes your Company or Organization listed on the Freedom 5K t-shirt.*

Company/Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold Level Sponsor (\$500)** - Includes 3 free registrations

\_\_\_\_\_ **Silver Level Sponsor (\$300)** - Includes 2 free registrations

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bronze Level Sponsor (\$100)** - Includes 1 free registration

**SPONSORSHIP Application must be received by June 13, 2016.**

**PAYMENT INFORMATION:** Please make checks payable to: Veterans Trust Fund and mail to the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904.

***Thank you for your support!***



TriSportsEvents.com

17<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**Citibank**  
**Freedom**  
**5K Run/Walk & Roll**

*Benefits the Veterans Trust Fund*

- When:** Sarurday, July 2, 2016, 9 a.m., Rain or Shine. Healthy Kids Run (kids 8 & under) starts at 8:55 a.m.
- Where:** Silver Lake Park, Dover, DE. Use Washington Street entrance off of State Street.
- Course:** 5K run/walk is a double loop course and is very flat and fast course.
- Registration:** \$20 until June 25, \$25 after and on event day. Registration starts 8 a.m.. Kiddie K race is FREE!. Make checks payable to Veterans Trust Fund, mail to TriSports, 2772 Hazlettville Rd, Dover, DE 19904. Contact Ray at 302-674-3213 or email: [Races4u@TriSportEvents.Com](mailto:Races4u@TriSportEvents.Com). Register online at [TriSportsEvents.Com](http://TriSportsEvents.Com).
- Silent Hero:** Can't make the race but would still like to support this event? Register as a Silent Hero!
- Awards:** Unique awards for overall male, female and master's winners and top 3 male & female runners in 10 year age groups starting with 14 & under, thru 70 & over. 5K walk awards for top 5 male & female finishers. AWARDS to most patriotic male & female participants. Ribbons to all Kiddie K finishers. Roll (wheel chair) awards will be presented to the top 3 male/female finishers.
- Amenities:** Quality "Freedom 5K" tee shirts to all participants and volunteers. Post race festivities includes free food and beverage. [Results/photos posted at TriSportsEvents.Com](http://TriSportsEvents.Com)
- Benefits:** The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis.

**This is a TriSports Events MyLaps Chipped Timed Production**

-----**ENTRY FORM**-----

**WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the Freedom 5K & Kiddie K Run/Walk & Roll, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the TriSports Events Management, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, the City of Dover, The State of Delaware and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. By signing this wavier and release I certify that I fully understand its significance.

Age Day of Race \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  M  F T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street or P.O. Box) City State Zip

Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle One: 5K Run 5K Walk Silent Hero 5K Roll

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(All participants must sign waiver - parent or guardian signature required if entrant is under 18)



**2016 Military Friendly® School**

For the second year in a row, Delaware Technical Community College has been selected as a Military Friendly® School. The 2016 Military Friendly® School designation is awarded by Victory Media to the top 15 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools in the country that embrace military students and dedicate resources to ensure their success in the classroom and after graduation.

Delaware Tech President Dr. Mark Brainard stated, “As we celebrate 50 years of meeting the needs of those we serve, we have never been more prepared to help our veteran and military students succeed. This honor is a testament to the hard work and efforts of our faculty and staff that proudly serve our veterans, service members and their families.”

Delaware Tech received this designation as the result of many initiatives and services including:

- Dedicated veteran and service member counselors who assist current and veteran service members and their dependents through the process of advisement, applying for VA and tuition assistance benefits, getting tuition bills paid and enrolling in classes.
- Priority of services for qualified veterans and their eligible dependents including course registration.
- Priority placement in competitive programs, provided all other minimum requirements have been met, as well as “credit for prior learning.”
- Veterans Inspiring Progress (VIP) program. VIP is a statewide student veteran organization that connects student veterans with resources to help them succeed and offers support and camaraderie.
- Events and initiatives that support veterans such as the annual Run, White & Blue 5K, Delaware 22in22 and Suiting Warriors.
- Meaningful Veterans Day events at each campus.

The Military Friendly® Schools designation process includes extensive research and a data-driven survey of academic institutions nationwide approved for Post-9/11 GI Bill funding. The survey is open to all post-secondary schools and is administered free. Victory Media is a service-disabled, veteran-owned business serving the military community since 2001.

Contact: Tammy Watkins (302) 857-1689 tkelly@dtcc.edu

**Sussex County Homes for Disabled Warrior Families**



Please join us in offering Veterans a “hand up, not a hand out” by donating to renovate or build new handicap accessible, low payment, affordable homes for Disabled Warrior Families in Sussex County.

Our mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of Combat and Service Disabled Warrior Families by helping them earn homeownership and reintegrate in our towns with dignity as our respected neighbors.

We focus on serving Disabled Warrior Families because they are a class apart from other Vets. Most will have to live forever on fixed disability incomes that seldom cover the true hidden costs of permanent disabilities. This condemns many of these Warriors and their Families to live at or near federal poverty levels after they bravely volunteered to leave their families behind while they fought around the world to protect our families.

Our goal for 2016 is to move at least two more Disabled Warrior Families into a renovated or new built home in Sussex County. We can, as a Community, achieve this if every business, association, organization, foundation, trust, etc. donates generously, along with all resident “year rounders” and “summer people”. Each donation is 100% tax deductible. Over 96% will be spent locally to directly help Disabled Warrior Families earn homes.

We are achieving this goal with a “Dream Team” of Affordable Housing Partners who help us arrange for low cost affordable mortgages; Community Financial Assistance Partners who help guide our Families become financially and legally “mortgage ready”; to Sussex Contractors for a Cause who are donating labor; to volunteer Mentor Teams who introduce our Families to local residents, businesses, service and faith-based organizations, schools, medical providers, etc. so our Warrior Families are known on a first name basis in their new home towns before they move in.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and for giving Disabled Warrior Families a “Hand Up”!

*Program Co-Chairs : Bill Gay (703.608.4499) & George Parker (301.814.0553). Foundation President : Liz Byers - Jiron*



## HOUSE A VETERAN

***You are a key part of ending Veteran homelessness in the state of Delaware!*** By partnering with the VA and non-profit organizations serving veterans, you not only honor men and women who have served our country but you also have the opportunity to provide safe, affordable housing to those who have experienced homelessness. Consider the following advantages:

- **Guaranteed income**  
Receive reliable monthly rental payments\*
- **Security deposits:**  
Veterans can often afford the monthly rent, but have difficulty saving enough money for their security deposit. As a result of their enrollment in HUD-VASH or SSVF, veterans may be eligible to receive this one-time payment.
- **Eliminate advertising costs**  
Working with these programs gives you access to a pool of ready-to-rent tenants
- **Case management**  
Veterans have access to a case manager to train them on such topics as personal budgeting, understanding rental agreements, housekeeping and general apartment maintenance, being a good neighbor, etc. resulting in less turnover.
- **Satisfaction from helping others**  
Everyone deserves a safe and affordable place to live. Housing Delaware Veterans plays an integral role in helping Veterans and their families take charge of their lives, as well as making Delaware a better place to live.

If you have any questions or need further information please contact:

- Homeless Planning Council of Delaware  
Juanita Bailey  
302-654-0126x114 or [jbailey@hpcdelaware.org](mailto:jbailey@hpcdelaware.org)

*\*Based upon Veterans eligibility, needs and fund availability.*



## DELAWARE CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS BEGINS DEVELOPMENT ON “THE PEARL CENTER”

The Delaware Center for Homeless Veterans (DCHV) was recently awarded Delaware’s HUD VASH project based grant, creating the opportunity for DCHV to development the state’s first Veteran specific permanent and affordable apartment building, The Pearl Center. Formerly a nursing home, the building has been vacant for several years but will soon be home to the area’s most innovative design in affordable housing, comprehensive services and community integration. The Pearl Center is a 4-Story, 48,612 square foot building, being renovated into 51 apartments that will offer income based housing for Veterans and their families. This mixed use development project will incorporate:

- 18 Studio/Efficiency Units
- 25 One Bedroom Units
- 8 Two Bedroom Units
- 3 Conference Rooms for training & supportive services
- 10 Professional Offices that will host services including VA Case Manager & Mental Health Social Worker, the Dept of Labor, Financial Services, and DCHV Outreach and Support Svcs

Beyond the benefit of offering residents specialized services within the building, The Pearl Center is centrally located in the heart of Wilmington’s Central Business District. Local businesses range from small corner markets and barber shops to large customer service, banking, retail and recreational businesses. This immediate area is also home to some of Delaware’s most reputable employment & training opportunities such as Elwyn Delaware, Delaware Technical & Community College, and the DE Skills Center, as well as excellent transit options, multiple worship sites, community parks, and recreation including workout facilities, a cinema and the Wilmington Riverfront.

For more information on The Pearl Center, or any of DCHV housing locations, please contact:

David Mosley  
CEO, Founder  
(302) 384-2350

[Davemos8@comcast.net](mailto:Davemos8@comcast.net)

Barbara Reed  
Director of Housing & Development  
(443) 857-7376

[Breed.dchv@gmail.com](mailto:Breed.dchv@gmail.com)



**2016**  
**DJF COMMUNITY NETWORK**  
**QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

THURSDAYS  
 JANUARY 21, 2016  
 APRIL 21, 2016  
 JULY 21, 2016  
 OCTOBER 20, 2016

All DJF Community Network Meetings are 8:30am-10:00am

All meetings will be held at:  
 Delaware National Guard, Smyrna Readiness Center, Auditorium  
 103 Artisan Drive, Smyrna, DE 19977  
 \*\*Must have PHOTO ID



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**POINTS OF CONTACT**

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*No single organization can meet all the needs of our Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF), but a community of partners can provide an array of essential services.*



Military OneSource is a confidential Department of Defense-funded program providing comprehensive information on every aspect of military life at no cost to active duty, Guard and Reserve Component members, and their families. Information includes, but is not limited to, deployment, reunion, relationship, grief, spouse employment and education, parenting and childhood, and much more.

Military OneSource has policy and programmatic information, helpful resources, products, articles and tips on numerous topics related to military life. Confidential services are available 24 hours a day by telephone and online. In addition to the website support, Military OneSource offers confidential call center and online support for consultations on a number of issues such as spouse education and career opportunities, issues specific to families with a member with special needs, health coaching, financial support, and resources.

Military OneSource also offers confidential non-medical counseling services online, via telephone, or face to face. Eligible individuals may receive confidential non-medical counseling addressing issues requiring short-term attention, including everyday stressors, deployment and reintegration concerns, parenting, grief and loss, and marital problems as well as assistance with financial management, taxes, career services, health and wellness, and much more. This personalized support is available 24/7 no matter where you live or serve.



The **Veterans United Outreach of Delaware** was started in May 2001, under Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America. The VVA motto is “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.” This motto has been taken to heart by those who started the outreach program. The purpose of this program is to reach out to all military/veteran brothers and sisters on educational, physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels, so as to guide them to freedom and comfort in their own lives. They work with all who are willing to help accomplish their goals.

The Outreach networks with federal, state and local agencies and coordinates with all organizations in Delaware. Through it all, they are constantly changing and growing.

They are a veterans committee with a foundation in God, Country, and Freedom, to which they credit the sacrifices of our active duty military, our veterans, and their families. (*Mike Snyder, 302-678-1285*)

#### VETERANS TBI SUPPORT GROUP



The Veterans TBI Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday, 12:00 PM, at the American Legion Post #8, 673 North Bedford St., Georgetown, DE 19947. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Veterans TBI Support Group, please contact Robert Corsa at (302) 933-0119 or [kco326@aol.com](mailto:kco326@aol.com).



Calling All Disabled Veterans, Active Military and National Guard. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing offers free fly fishing classes to disabled Veterans and active duty military including fly tying, fly casting and fishing on local outings. You can put all you learn together and catch fish on the flies you tie. Centered in Northern Delaware at the Wilmington VA Medical Center we hold classes every 2nd Monday of the month in the Community Living Center at 6:30 PM. In Northern Delaware we will began meetings using conference space provided by the Cabela’s Store at the Christina Mall if demand permits. We are pleased and very grateful Cabela’s has stepped forward to offer their conference space.

Project Healing Waters is a growing organization and is increasing its capacity to include more Veterans in its fly fishing programs. We expect to expand into South Jersey where more Veterans are transitioning as outpatients from the Coatesville and Philadelphia VAMC’s to Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC) located in the South Jersey area.

Project Healing Waters is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled Veterans, active duty personnel and Guardsman through fly fishing. Fly fishing is an adaptive sport with therapeutic benefit that addresses physical injuries as well as the invisible injuries. (*Submitted by George W. Person*)

*Please call me at 804 334-0031 or stop by one of our meetings and meet our experienced Volunteers*

## DCVA: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

**New Castle County:** Ms. Natasha Scott-Knight  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE  
Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
*Please call for appointment: (302) 365-8231*

**Kent County:** Mr. Charles Murrell Jr.  
DCVA office in Dover, DE  
Monday–Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
*Please call for an appointment: (302) 257-3119*

**Sussex County:** Ms. Laurie Corsa  
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE  
Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM  
*Please call for an appointment: (302) 648-3068*



### American Legion

Dept. Service Officer: (302) 993-7255

#### Scheduled Post Visits for 2016:

**APR 1:** Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28 –Millsboro  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

**APR 8:** Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**MAY 6:** Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

**MAY 13:** Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**MAY 20:** Seaford, DE/ Post #6  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 629-9915

**JUN 10:** Walter L. Fox/ Post #2—Dover  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

**JUN 17:** Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro  
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

*\*Times/dates are subject to change.*

## 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 8:00-11:00 AM (*Walk-ins*)  
1:00-3:00 PM (*Appt. only*)



### **Sussex County Schedule:**

Department of Labor - Div. of Employment & Tng.  
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947  
(302) 856-5230: Thursday 8:00-12:00 PM (*Walk-ins*)

*Kent & Sussex evening appointments prescheduled by request 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) 993-7252/7253

*Mr. Johnson will make home visits upon request for Vets who do not have transportation to the VA.*

2114 S DuPont Hwy, Suite 2, Dover DE  
Thursdays: 8:00 AM - 12 PM

Dover CBOC: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC : 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs. 1PM – 4PM

## Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)

Frank Clark, National Service Officer  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
M-F 8:30 to 4:00: (302) 993-7263  
*Walk-ins welcome.*



### Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

David Hilliard, VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 21,  
Wilmington, DE 19805



**(302) 993-7260** \*Please call for appointments.

1st – 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8:30-11:30 AM  
Dover DOL (302) 993-7260

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 1:30-4:00 PM  
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483 (302) 422-4412

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday 1:30-4:00 PM  
Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961 (302) 629-3092

3rd Thursday 1:30-4:00 PM  
Rehoboth VFW (302) 227-3469

### Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

Terry Baker: National Service Officer  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 993-7250/7251 or (302) 540-8772 (c)



### DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

100 Delaware Veterans Blvd  
Milford, DE 19963  
(302) 424-6000: Bill Peterson

### HOME OF THE BRAVE

Main Office: (302) 424-1681  
Jessica Finan (Executive Director)  
Denise Dudley (Case Manager)

### DCVA with DELAWARE JOINING FORCES

Christine F. Kubik  
DE Nat'l Guard  
Community Relations  
(302) 326-7582  
[christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil](mailto:christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil)

*Please visit our  
[www.delaware.gov/djf/](http://www.delaware.gov/djf/)*



### DE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERIES

#### **Bear Cemetery**

2465 Chesapeake City Road  
Bear, DE 19701

**(302) 834-8046: Barbara A. Cooke**

#### **Millsboro Cemetery**

26669 Patriots Way  
Millsboro, DE 19966

**(302) 934-5653: Gregory A. Bee**

### Employment Services: DE Dept. of Labor

Cleopatra Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8077

Allen Jones (Wilmington): (302) 761-8141

Lisa Smith (Newark): (302) 451-3457

Cliff Rumph (Dover): (302) 857-5866

Kevin Gunning (Dover) : (302) 857-5870

Gail Gartner (Georgetown): (302) 858-5232

Division of Vocational Rehab. : (302) 761-8275

### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

#### **Wilmington Regional Benefit Office**

1601 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(800) 827-1000

<http://www.wilmington.va.gov/>

**Patient Advocate: (302) 633-5556**

*\*For all medical facilities*

#### **VA Medical Center**

1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(800) 461-8262 or (302) 994-2511

#### **Dover VA Outpatient Clinic**

1198 S. Governors Ave  
Dover, DE 19904  
(800) 461-8262 x 2400

#### **Georgetown VA Outpatient Clinic**

15 Georgetown Plaza  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(800) 461-8262 x 2300

**Veterans Outreach Programs:**

**People’s Place:** Listening Post Lower Delaware  
Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173

**SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families**  
(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co: – Eulita Smith  
(302) 518-5338 Kent Co. - Mindy Bacchus  
(302) 332-0913 Sussex Co. - Gary Boas

**VMC: Veterans Multi-Service Center**  
Paula Witcher: (302) 505-0849

**Vet. Centers (Readjustment Counseling):**

Vet Center/New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434  
Vet Center/Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430  
Vet Center/Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110

**Retired Activities Office**

Bldg. 520, Room 105  
Dover AFB, DE 19902  
MSgt (R) Bill Oldham: (302) 677- 4610  
([William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil](mailto:William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil))

**Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office**

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



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Paul Lardizzone ..... DAV  
John Hampton..... At Large  
William “Bill” McMullen.....AFSA  
Mark Newman..... VFW  
Barry Newstadt.....JWV  
Earl E. Seppala.....MOWW  
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Albert W. Weir.....AMVETS

**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) 861-6671

**Delaware Veterans Coalition**

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E-mail: [delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com](mailto:delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com)

**Disabled American Veterans**

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

**Fleet Reserve Association**

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Judith Faunce..... (302) 475-8272

**40 & 8**

Eugene “Chip” Rosan..... (302) 678-8077

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

**Marine Corps League**

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**Military Officers Association of America**

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

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

Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)..... (302) 519-0611

**Military Order of the Purple Heart**

Cornelius “Bill” Carroll..... (302) 655-3820

**Military Order of the World Wars**

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E-mail: [eseppala@aol.com](mailto:eseppala@aol.com)

**Nat’l Association of Black Veteran**

Nolan S. Lewis..... (302) 345-6911

**The Reserve Officers Association**

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E-mail: [rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net](mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net)

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**Vietnam Veterans of America**

Paul Davis..... (302) 697-8384





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