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As the cooler winds of autumn embrace Delaware's landscape, the winds of change have influenced our commission. Governor Carney appointed our second female commissioner, Anna Lopez and a recent serving commissioner, Jason Stewart. Both provided leadership in Iraq and offer a wealth of knowledge for veterans who have served since our Gulf, Iraq, and Afghanistan engagements. We are also honored that Ed Johnson was appointed to our Korean War Veterans Association position, ensuring continual fulfilment of that era's needs. My belief is for our commission to equally represent World War II through Afghanistan veterans because each era possesses differences in requirements. We must recognize these requirements and work in unison to resolve issues. The commission will provide, not only a listening ear, but an efficient way to help veterans access resources earned through service to our Nation. All fifteen commissioner positions are filled and combined with our staff members, we are primed to continue assisting Delaware veterans resolve disability compensation, mental health, housing, employment, and burial concerns. Our mission is to help veterans and our team is "mission ready" and focused to achieve "mission complete" designations. We look forward to meeting you through our outreach activities and welcome all suggestions. Please join us on our upcoming events. Especially, November, one of our busiest month.

Welcome New Commissioners!



Newly Appointed Commissioners of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs gathered on September 19 for the Commission's monthly meeting. From left, Jason Stewart, At Large; Bill Farley, Commission Chairman; Anna Lopez, At Large (DELVETS); and Edward Johnson, Korean War Veterans. Each was appointed to a four-year term ending in August 2021.

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) was established in 1987 to provide assistance to Delaware's veterans, their spouses and dependent children. The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, each for a 4-year term. Members are selected by their respective veteran departments with five At Large members representing veterans throughout Delaware.

Visit <http://veteransaffairs.delaware.gov> for information on services, events, and affiliated organizations.



Dr. Ron Sarg (Commissioner), U.S. Representative Lisa Blunt-Rochester and DCVA- Executive Dir. Kirby at the Veterans Job Fair.

Dir. Kirby and Dave Skocik at the POW/MIA Memorial Parkway Ceremony, with Donyale Hall (JR ROTC). Also in attendance, but not shown: Commissioners— Paul Lardizzone, Dr. Ron Sarg, Angela Showell (Vice Chair) and Bill Farley (Chairman).



Harvest Ridge hosted a DVTF fundraiser on 8/24/17, coordinated by Dave Skocik, President of the Friends of DE Veterans, Inc. Kirby was in attendance to show his support. It was a great turn out and thank you to all the contributions/donations.

“Carrier to Classroom: transferring military skills into a career in education”



He served as the top enlisted man on a 5,500 sailor nuclear powered aircraft carrier, serving as the key enlisted leader and manager for the ship’s captain. He would later build and lead his own charter school. It wasn’t long after his 1968 high school graduation that Charles “Chuck” Baldwin walked into the Navy recruiter’s office.

Beginning with basic training at Great Lakes Naval Station near Chicago, the Navy taught him that initiative and willingness to learn translates to rank and greater responsibility. It’s a lesson held close to his heart during 25 years of service. His journey up the chain of command to chief petty officer, master chief, command master chief of CVN 69 USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, and one of the finalist candidates for Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, is a testament to his leadership and management skills.

Fewer than two percent reach the Navy’s top enlisted rank. Only a small percentage of those reach leadership at the command level, and fewer still are considered for the highest enlisted role in the entire Navy. The Navy’s reliance on its chiefs was summed up in the September 2005 exhortation by Admiral Mike Mullen, Chief of Naval Operations, in the Navy Times, "Chiefs, Run the Navy."

Still in his early 40s after a successful career, Baldwin looked forward to creating a second career on land. After leaving the Navy in 1993, his decision to continue teaching led to his hiring as an ROTC instructor, later serving as a public school principal.

Within 10 years he decided to build and lead his own school and served as commandant of Delaware's first military affiliated public charter school, the Delaware Military Academy. Not in an existing building -- but in a new, dedicated school, which required raising \$12 million, establishing a curriculum and hiring instructors, many of whom were military veterans. Today the school is thriving with a long waiting list of applicants.

Baldwin later served as president of the Charter School of Wilmington, one of the first independently operated public schools in the United States, established in 1996 with a focus on mathematics and science until his retirement in 2013. He was most recently instrumental in the 2015 creation of the First State Military Academy in Clayton, Del., which is affiliated with the U.S. Marine Corps.

His book, based on his Navy and educational experience and a master’s degree in school leadership and instruction, is geared to the veteran wanting to become a classroom teacher, whether in the private or public sector. Its 10 Deckplate Leadership (DPL) lessons not only apply to schools but to the corporate world as well.

He also serves as a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and is a board member of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, Inc., the official fundraising organization of the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The Trust Fund was created to assist honorably-discharged veterans of all generations in financial emergency. It provides a one-time, hand up for veterans residing in Delaware.

In a remarkable continuation of his career-long leadership, Baldwin is donating the proceeds of “Carrier to Classroom,” to the Veterans Trust Fund.

The \$15 paperback version can be ordered online at:
www.lulu.com/shop/charles-w.baldwin/carrier-to-classroom.com
 through Lulu Publishing and also available on Amazon.com

Buy a Book, Support a Veteran



2017 Dustoff Association Reunion



Dustoff Units in Vietnam - 'So Others May Live'

The radio call sign "Dustoff" originated as the call sign for the helicopter units dedicated exclusively to evacuating wounded from the battlefield. By 1966, there were several Dustoff units in various locations in Vietnam. A Dustoff mission was three times more dangerous than any other helicopter mission. During eleven years of conflict, 211 crewmen died. If asked to pull back under fire, Dustoffers response was "when we have your wounded." From 1962 to 1973, a total of 496, 573 missions were flown carrying over 900, 000 patients. The average time to transport a wounded patient to a hospital was less than one hour. Less than 1% of American wounded who survived the first 24 hours died.

Dustoff crews flew virtually unarmed as they attempted to land in some of the tightest and most difficult terrain under enemy fire and in some cases in weather that would ground most aircraft crews. When no LZ was available, Dustoff would hover at treetop and hoist the wounded from the ground to the helicopter maintaining an easy target for the enemy. Ground troops held Dustoff in very high esteem because they knew the "Dustoff Boys" would always come for them.

The Dustoff motto was and is, "No hesitation, no rationalization, no compromise-Fly the Mission."

This year's Dustoff Association Reunion was held by the VVA Chapter 850 of Dover, DE. The weekend events were a great success thanks to Paul Davis, Dave Skocik, Joe Startt Jr. and many great members of Chapter 850. Delaware gave a warm welcome to all these real heroes, from Governor Carney, Lt Gov. Hall-Long, General Vavala and many more. Great admiration was shown to all our courageous pilots, crew chiefs and medics.

For more details on these events please visit: www.vietnamdustoff.com delawareveteranscoalition.com
www.doverpost.com www.delawarevva.com Youtube: Vietnam Dustoff crews gather in Delaware

You Watched Over Us, Now We Watch Over You

New tele-ICU monitoring service deployed at Wilmington VA



Modernization and innovation are top priorities for VA health care. A new, state of the art program, integrating tele-communications technology with intensive care physicians who are on duty around the clock in a remote location hundreds of miles away was kicked off at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilmington, Delaware. The new program is designed to enhance health care services for Veterans Affairs patients.

A ribbon cutting ceremony highlighted the new two-way real time video links between each of the six ICU rooms and two emergency department rooms at the Wilmington VAMC and ICU specialists at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. The link provides another layer of care for patients by connecting them via real-time video links to specialists in Cincinnati who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The tele-ICU team has a supportive role; they have an overview of all the patients in the unit and can alert the bedside staff if any problems occur.

As part of the program, bedside data from patients at the Wilmington VA is made available to nurses and doctors in the Cincinnati monitoring center. Vince Kane, director of the Wilmington VAMC said the technology is especially important in enhancing medical care provided to veterans served by the Wilmington VA.

“We are very excited for the opportunity for us to apply best practices focused on making sure we meet the needs of our veterans,” said Kane. “By having access to the team in Cincinnati, our providers and nurses have additional eyes and expertise to help enhance Veteran care.”

The tele-ICU partnership connects Wilmington staff and patients with the Cincinnati’s monitoring center, which is an advanced tele-health facility where remote intensive care physicians and nurses support the care of ICU patients by using virtual technologies and clinical information systems. Critical care nurses staff the Tele-ICU Monitoring Center 24/7 with critical care physicians available overnight and weekends. The remote providers have access to bedside clinical data, can assess a veteran through video conferencing technology, and can provide consultative recommendations or directly intervene in patient care as desired by the local ICU staff.

Dr. Callahan, intensivist at the Wilmington VAMC ICU, said the program will provide additional layers of professionals providing more care locally. The services allow for continuous monitoring of patients receiving ICU care, even when local providers are out of the room assisting with other critical patients.

Kelley Bowens, ER ICU nurse manager at Wilmington VA said the new program will provide remote vital checks on local patients, allow distance providers to virtually make rounds in the patients’ rooms and monitor changes that might be going on with veterans’ vital signs. If there is an issue with a patient, local ICU staff will be alerted allowing for a fast response to the patient’s changing medical condition. The new service enhances the face-to-face care which is already being provided to patients.

Sussex County VA Clinic Officially Opened

The Department of Veterans Affairs Sussex County Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), currently located in the Georgetown Plaza officially relocated on Sept. 12th. The new clinic, located at 21748 Roth Ave., Georgetown, Del., is across the street from Del Tech Community College.

Past News Article: "We have gotten the green light on all of the systems at the new location and we are ready to start seeing veterans," said Jake Spruance, interim associate director for operations at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Wilmington, Del. "This new clinic was designed specifically to improve access to care, enhance work areas in the clinic and provide veterans in lower Delaware with a clinic they can be proud of."

The new location has ten primary care exam rooms, eight behavioral health consultation rooms; three dedicated telehealth rooms, two medical specialty, two clinical procedure rooms, and two dedicated women's health rooms. The clinic is approximately 10,000 sq. ft., which is 2,500 sq. ft. larger than the current building. The additional space allows for future expansion of services to meet the needs of veterans.

"This new facility is further evidence that the VA recognizes the growing number of veterans in lower Delaware and is committed to providing them the best health care available," said Vince Kane, director for the Wilmington VAMC. "We are also working on plans to expand the specialty services offered including additional telehealth options to ensure veterans have timely and convenient access to high quality care. I know our dedicated staff are excited about the new space and opportunities to provide more services to veterans who call lower Delaware home."

The VA has been communicating with local veterans organizations to announce the opening which will take place on September 12. "To assist with the transition, appointment letters are being mailed to veterans who have upcoming appointments that include the location of their appointments," said Christine O'Donnell, chief of health administrative services at the Wilmington VAMC. "Beginning Sept. 12, veterans with scheduled appointments at the VA Sussex County CBOC should report to the Roth Ave. location. "VA Services offered at the new clinic include Primary Care, Comprehensive Women's Health, Laboratory Services, Telehealth Services (including tele-retinal, tele-dermatology), Podiatry, Psychiatry, Behavioral Health counseling, and Social Work.

The Wilmington VA Medical Center's sole purpose is providing world-class health care to America's Veterans. If you are a Veteran, you may be eligible to receive care and benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. To learn about eligibility and enrollment visit

www.vets.gov.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
October 17th @ 10:30 am



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program approached Sen. Greg Lavelle regarding the introduction to rededicate Route 202 / Concord Pike as Gold Star Families Highway. Delaware Senate Joint Resolution 3 was brought to the floor and passed in record time. <https://legiscan.com/DE/bill/SJR3/2017>

Delaware Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan, and her amazing DelDot team, went into full-swing and organized a rededication service, which was held at the Blue Ball Barn on September 25, 2017. Following the service the Gold Star Families Highway sign was unveiled.

Delaware continues to be the model to our Nation as to how we recognize our Gold Star Families who reside in the First State. A special thank you to DelDot and our legislators who made this happen.



R-L: Judy Campbell, VVA Chapter 83, Gold Star Rep, Ann Sherman Wolcott (PNP, American Gold Star Mothers Veterans Advocate), and Exe. Dir. Kirby at Gold Star (Route 202) dedication.



L-R Walt Loncki, Billie Meeks, Richard Campbell, Ron Hill, Judy Campbell, Rep. Deborah Hudson & Rep. Earl Jaques



Thank you to the Hussey Seating Company for donating the chair. This is a Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor Program.

On 9/7/17 Bethany Beach dedicated a POW MIA Chair of Honor Boardwalk, under the flagpole. This is the first Seaside to be dedicated in the US. It was a beautiful end of summer night. Mayor Jack Gordon welcomed did the welcome to the ceremony, National Guard Bethany Beach Headquarter led by LTC Phillip Croall provided the Color Guard, Volley and Taps. Invocation done by Major Andrew Werner, Chaplain, Delaware National Guard, Key Note Speaker Brigadier General Michael R. Berry, Land Component Commander. Rebecca Brislow, Miss Teen Milford, a Senior at Sussex Central High School, sang the National Anthem.

Unveiling: by BG Berry, SGT. Matthew Pennington, Wounded Warrior, Mayor Jack Gordon Rosely Robinson from A Hero's Welcome Delaware, initiated the dedication.

Since WW I, more than 92,000 are unaccounted for. This unoccupied seat is dedicated to the memory of these men and women and to the sacrifices each made in serving our country.

God Bless You, God Bless America!



Delaware Stand Down Committee Members,

It is with great pleasure that I send a very special thank you for the service that you provided in making the Delaware Veterans Stand Down a beautifully and well "organized event." Your dedication throughout the year leading to the Delaware Stand Down event is so much appreciated. You planned and created a day for our Veterans, a day that they "will never forget!" From the January "Kick Off" until the clean up after the event you worked as an outstanding team. I have never had a team that worked so closely together and took such careful charge.

There have been so many compliments flowing in and I will share with you at our next meeting! From set up, including all the administrative work creating badges, wrist bands, tents announcing the Providers, center pieces and programs, to the careful planning for welcoming providers into registration and seating into designated spaces inside the Rec Center, notifying and making the opening ceremony aware that VIPS were present, to vans being placed on the parking lot, safety on the parking lot, security issues including walking across the parking lot, Volunteers that were placed everywhere, to golf carts transporting, to seating for lunch and food so carefully being served by our American Legion Auxiliaries, to military clothing distribution, dress for success organization, to dancing in the street and finally TAPS, you have been incredible.

Thank you again to all our veterans, guests, volunteers, service providers and Stand Down committee members for making the event another success this year! We greatly appreciate Dover Mayor Christiansen, Mr. Wayne Voshell and his crew at Dover's Schutte Park. Special thanks to the Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs, the Service Organizations for their financial support and the VA Hospital in Elsmere. See you in 2018 for the next Veterans Stand Down!

Your Delaware Veterans appreciate you, taking time out of your schedule to Communicate and provide them a day to remember!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Byers-Jiron

Executive Director

Delaware Veterans' Stand Down



Behind the scenes of meetings, prepping and setting up for this year's Stand Down Event held at Dover's Schutte Park.



Committee meeting before the event.



Grateful for all our volunteers!



Anna Lopez, Josh Matticks & the crew getting the Service Provider Registration organized and set up.



Job well done to Mindy Bacchus with the Connections Crew and the many volunteers that helped with all the clothing.

“The original **Stand Down** for homeless veterans was modeled after the **Stand Down** concept used during the Vietnam War to provide a safe retreat for units returning from combat operations.”

**Milton Cheer, AutoWorks and MOPH Chapter 1787
Provide Parking for Purple Heart Recipients**



Milton Cheer - Milton, Delaware
MOPH 1787 Americanism Officer John Hohman,
Milton Cheer Center Director Sheila Roell

AutoWorks – Lewes, Delaware
John Jackson MOPH 1787 Commander,
David Jones AutoWorks Owner

Three parking spaces for Purple Heart Receipts have been reserved in Sussex County, Delaware. One space is located at the Cheer Center in Milton, Delaware. For more information on the Milton Cheer Center, visit their web site: <https://www.cheerde.com/milton>. One parking space has been reserved at both AutoWorks locations: Lewes, Delaware and Dagsboro, Delaware. For more information on AutoWorks, visit there Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Auto-Works-Collision-Center-126174140794041/>

If you are interested in having a Purple Heart Parking sign placed at your location, contact John Jackson at MOPH1787@gmail.com or call him at 302 228-9577.

MOPH Chapter 1787 serves combat wounded veterans in both Kent and Sussex County. The chapter meets on the 1st Saturday of each month from October through May. The meeting location is the Pizza King, 358 East DuPont Hwy (RT 113 South), Millsboro, DE. Meetings begin at 10am. You do not need to be a member to attend the meeting. The next meeting will be Saturday, October 7th, 2017.

Visit the Chapter 1787 Facebook page for current veteran health care and benefit information <https://facebook.com/moph1787>.



Mr. Tony Lewis, with the Soul Riders Auto Club, arranged this beautiful Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2017 to present these beautiful veterans the honor they well deserve.

FB: [soulridersautoclub](https://www.facebook.com/soulridersautoclub)
www.soulriderautoclubofdelaware.com

Women's Memorial Ambassador addresses Delaware Veterans Coalition



Jean Chlastawa of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware's ambassador for the Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., served as guest speaker about the memorial at the Delaware Veterans Coalition's September meeting at FOP Lodge 3, Dover.

The memorial, celebrating its 20th anniversary, is the only major national memorial honoring all women who have defended America throughout history. It serves as a repository for the memorabilia of women who have served in or with the US Armed Forces from the American Revolution to the present time.

Ms. Chlastawa retired in 1996 as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant Commander. During her Navy career, she earned a Master's Degree in Adult Education from the University of Rhode Island and served as an Education and Training specialist, where she spent most of her career. Her tours included Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego Cal.; Naval Air Station Cecil Field, Fla.; Recruiting Command Detachment, Jacksonville, Fla.; Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines; Surface Warfare School, Newport, Rhode Island; Bureau of Naval Personnel, Washington, DC; and Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC.

Visit <https://www.womensmemorial.org> or email wimsa.amb.de@gmail.com for information about the memorial and how women veterans can register their names in support.

The Delaware Veterans Coalition meets every other month on the 4th Monday, beginning each January. Membership is open to all honorably discharged veterans residing in Delaware. Visit www.DelawareVeteransCoalition.com for information on current events of interest to veterans.

Photo Caption: Jean Chlastawa, pictured with Dave Skocik, Coalition president.



First Responder Luncheon held at the Camden-Wyoming Fire Station.

Above/ R-L: Commissioner Stewart with family members of fallen heroes, Ms. Saudnra Floyd and Ms. Louise Ballard, along side with State Representative Lyndon Yearick.

no-cost flu shots for VA patients*



For veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System, getting a flu shot at Walgreens or Duane Reade is easy

Step 1 Just fill out the flu vaccination form below

Step 2 Bring the completed form, your VA ID card and a photo ID to your neighborhood Walgreens or Duane Reade location

Step 3 Walgreens or Duane Reade will automatically update your VA Electronic Health Record in the VA Health Care System

Patients will also be asked to complete a vaccine consent form at time of service

A wellness benefit brought to you by Walgreens and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Information below must be completed prior to receiving your shot.

Name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Home ZIP code: _____

Plan ID: VAFLU

Recipient # (Social Security number): _____

Walgreens pharmacist:

- Only veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care System are eligible. Family members and Tricare members are NOT eligible.
- Verify information by checking VA ID card and a photo ID.
- Use the Social Security number in the Recipient # field.
- This voucher is for quadrivalent vaccine only.

To find a location near you, call 800-WALGREENS (800-925-4733) or visit Walgreens.com/FindAStore



For questions or more information about the program, call 866-964-1812 or go to www.va.gov/COMMUNITYCARE/programs/veterans/immunization.asp

*This wellness benefit is only for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Care system. Family members and Tricare members are not eligible. No-cost flu shot option is for quadrivalent vaccine only, available now through March 31, 2018. Vaccines subject to availability. State-, age- and health-related restrictions may apply. Vaccine may be in limited supply after March 1, 2018. This does not constitute an endorsement of Walgreens or Walgreens products. Patients will also be asked to complete a vaccine consent form at time of service.

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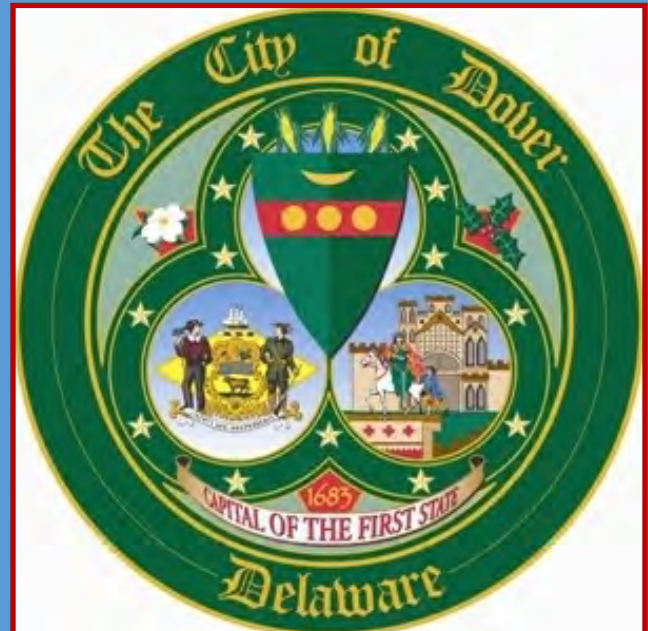


Veteran Transition: Credentialing veteran MOS's to Delaware's workforce.

Finding employment after leaving military service can be a daunting task for many veterans. Over the years local, state, and federal governments along with the Department of Defense have developed programs and educational services to support service members that are exiting the service and entering the civilian workforce. However, can we be doing more to assist with helping veterans in Delaware find employment? In short, there is. It is un-arguable; service members are the most disciplined and extensively trained. Many employers are looking for these veterans. The catch is that most veterans leave the service with the same amount of professional credentials as when they came into the service. Which for most is none, excluding medical professionals and others (doctors, physiatrist, etc.).

The reason is military occupational specialty (MOS) qualifications and private/state qualifications are different and are not transferable. For example, a service member who has extensive training and experience in driving a truck and trailer (rig) is not qualified to drive one in the civilian sector. State laws and requirements do not allow veterans to transfer their MOS as a truck driver to a CDL within the state. This goes for other MOS's that can help in the growing industries here in Delaware. Major industries found in Delaware include; aircraft industry, healthcare, environmental, financial and other growing professional industries (NewsMax, 2015). Many MOS's found in the military can meet the needs within these industries. What can be done? Currently the veteran unemployment rate in Delaware is 6.1%; roughly 4,580 veterans (Census Bureau, 2015). Advocating for the State of Delaware and other professional credentialing agencies to find ways to accept MOS credentials or stream line the training process to credential veterans who have extensive experiences in their fields, can reduce the veteran un-employment rate and better business's here in Delaware. (Eric D. Nelson, MA, Family Service Specialist, Investigations Unit, Georgetown, Div. of Family Services. Office: 302-752-3079)

*Saturday, November 4th, 2017
Downtown Dover*



Please visit the City of Dover's website for more details & participant registration information.

HELP US HONOR THE WORLD WAR I GENERATION AT LEGISLATIVE HALL, SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2017.

*Join us for the
dedication of a
Delaware World
War I Memorial
on Saturday,
Nov. 4,
at 12:00 p.m.*



"Over the Top" by famed Delaware artist Gayle Porter Hoskins (1887-1962), from the Delaware National Guard collection of World War I art.

The Delaware General Assembly, the Delaware Department of State, and the Delaware Veterans Commission invite you to attend dedication ceremonies for a new memorial on the south side of the Legislative Hall grounds honoring those Delawareans who served during World War I and those who supported them on the home front. The ceremony follows a Veterans Parade through downtown Dover that kicks off at 9:00 a.m. Parking is available all around Legislative Hall, which sits on Legislative Avenue between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard North and South. Refreshments will follow the ceremony at the Delaware Public Archives adjacent to Legislative Hall.

For further information, please call (302) 744-4114
or email: Legislative.Council@state.de.us.

4TH ANNUAL Delaware Veterans Trust Fund Dinner

Benefiting Delaware Veterans in Need



Saturday, Nov. 4th
6-9pm

Dover Downs
Hotel & Casino

Black Tie Optional

Sponsorship Opportunities!

- ★ **PLATINUM SPONSOR \$5,000**
Includes a plaque & 8-person table near the front
- ★ **GOLD SPONSOR \$1,000**
Includes an 8-person table
- ★ **SILVER SPONSOR \$750**
Includes five tickets
- ★ **BRONZE SPONSOR \$500**
Includes three tickets

Deadline for Sponsorships: 10/20

TICKETS: \$100 per person

Mail check to:
Delaware Veterans Trust Fund / DCVA
802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100
Dover, DE 19904
Memo area: Trust Fund Dinner

Deadline for reservations: 10/27
Pick up tickets at Will Call table at event.
No tickets will be sold at the door.



For more information: DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com • 302-739-2792



19TH ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS 5K RUN/WALK
IN MEMORY OF JAMES "DADDY WAGS" WAGNER AND TOM PITTS
9 A.M. SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2017
SPONSORED BY: DELAWARE VETERANS POST #1



Pre-Registration
 \$15.00 Up to 10/15/17
 \$20.00 10/16/17 to 11/2/17
 Pre-registration closes 11/2/17
 Register on line @
<https://runsignup.com/Race/DE/Wilmington/ToysforTots5K>
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 Race Day Entries
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 Where: Delaware Veterans Post #1
 2535 Veterans Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810
 Registration 8 A.M. Race Starts @ 9 A.M.
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 Top Ten Female and Top Ten Male Walkers
 Top Military Member of each Branch of Service
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 Chip Timing For All Runners

Age Categories
Male and Female

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- 30-39
- 40-39
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70 & Over

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Please Print Clearly and Neatly and Fill Out Form Completely

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Age (On Race Day): _____ Sex: _____

Military Service (Circle One) USMC USN USA USAF CG NG

Status (Circle One) Active Reserve Retired

Check One Runner _____ Walker _____

Make checks payable to/mail entry form with check to:
TOYS FOR TOTS
2535 Veterans Drive, Wilmington, DE 19810

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this event, I hereby for myself, my heirs, and personal representatives assume any and all risks which might be associated with the event and I further waive, release, discharge and covenant not to sue sponsors, officials, contributors, organizers, volunteers and beneficiaries or their successors and assignees for any and all injuries or damage of any kind whatsoever suffered by me as a result of taking part in this event and/or any related activities. I also give permission for free use of my name and picture in any broadcast, telecast or other accounts of the event.

Signature: _____ (Parents Signature Required If Under 18)

Veterans Day Ceremony



*Saturday
November 11th
At 10:30 am*

*War Memorial Plaza
163 Cherry Lane
New Castle, DE 19720*

Hosted by



White Clay Creek State Park has hosted the Veterans Day Storytelling program at the lovely Judge Morris Estate on Polly Drummond Hill Road for almost 15 years. Veteran groups and individuals have shared their stories of the war-time and home-front efforts with interested visitors each year at an event on the Sunday closest to Veterans Day. Perkins Restaurant has donated delicious pies that are served with tea or coffee on the patio or inside the estate.

WWII vets Bill Kitchen, Bob Austin, Warner Schlaupitz, and Korean War Vets Al Lawler and George Taylor as well as several others have offered their time and effort to make this annual program a success for many years. White Clay Creek SP continues to sponsor this program to honor all our local veterans and all supporting individuals from all the conflicts in recent history.

Last year Korean War Vet, George Taylor, brought his trumpet and played the Star Spangled Banner and Taps as he has for countless veteran funeral services over the years. Also, Joe LaRosch brought his fully restored WWII jeep signed by many WWII vets, as a rolling tribute.

The **Veterans Day Apple Pie Social** is an enjoyable and special event that all are encouraged to attend: either as a volunteer to share your stories or to display your war-time memorabilia or as a guest.

Please invite your families, friends and neighbors this year:

Sunday November 12 1:00 -3:00pm at the Judge Morris Estate on Polly Drummond Hill Road

Call the Park Office to register to attend 302-368-6900 or see below to volunteer.

Were you in combat, working for the war effort, or managing a home or family during any war or conflict era? Would you like to share your story or memorabilia with others and be a part of this timeless event? If so, contact Kathleen Sullivan, Kathleen.Sullivan@state.de.us or call (302) 368-6560 to setup a volunteer interview. Volunteers will be able to share stories and display memorabilia during this open house-style event. Due to space limitations, not everyone interviewed will participate this year.

Delaware Housing Workshops

Need to know your foreclosure prevention options?

Worried about missing a mortgage payment?

Facing or suspecting a foreclosure scam?

Monday, November 13, 2017

Loan servicers available: 1:00 – 7:00 pm

Educational Session: 2:00 and 5:00 pm

Modern Maturity Center

1121 Forrest Avenue

Dover, DE 19904

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Loan servicers available: 3:00 - 7:00 pm

Educational Session: 5:00 pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Wilmington

4727 Concord Pike

Wilmington DE 19803

Meet with:

- Mortgage lenders and servicers on-site (bring loan information and budget)
- Certified housing counselors
- Representatives from the Attorney General's Office and other agencies

Learn about:

- Avoiding foreclosure scams
- Delaware Foreclosure Timeline
- National Mortgage Settlement
- Current federal programs

No appointments necessary

For more information visit:

www.delawarehomeownerrelief.com or

www.attorneygeneral.delaware.gov

e-mail Consumer.protection@state.de.us,

or call the **Delaware Homeowner Relief Hotline: 1-800-220-5424** or

Attorney General Matt Denn's Foreclosure Prevention office:

302-577-8393/8931



A Partnership of the Delaware Attorney General's Office and the Delaware State Housing Authority

Event Reminders:

Oct 7th	9am—4pm	Salute of Delaware Veterans	Parade Grounds of Fort DuPont Delaware City	LTC Conley: 302-559-5738
Oct 7th	10am–1pm	Friends of Veterans Resource Benefit	The Summit 5850 Limestone Rd. Hockessin, DE	302-235-8734
Oct 11th	9am–2pm	NAF JOB FAIR	Dover AFB Museum 1301 Heritage Road—Dover	302-677-6954 302-677-6582
Oct 13th	7pm	DE Veterans Trust Fund presents Sixpence playing 60's, 70's & 80's (Admission \$10—Fundraiser)	Cowboy Up Saloon 1036 Lafferty Ln. - Dover	
Oct 14th	12pm-4:30pm	2017 VET FEST In Support of : Stop Soldier Suicide	Town of Whitehall 801 Mapleton Ave.—Middletown	
Oct 14th	12:30 - 3pm	PUPS PATROL FOR HEROES (\$25/family + dog registration/ \$5 for each dog)	Frawley Stadium & Parking Lot 801 Shipyard Dr.—Wilmington	
Oct 17th	10:30am	Georgetown CBOC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	21748 Roth Ave. Georgetown	800-461-8262 x2300
Oct 19th	830-10am	DE Joining Forces Community Network Meeting	Easter Seal—Tunnell Ctr. 22317 DuPont Blvd. Georgetown, DE	(Large Conf. Room Lower level)
Oct 21st	8 am	Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Dover AFB	Retiree Activities Office 520 Main Gateway, Room 105 (Must have Military ID to enter base)	302-677-4612 Dover.rao@us.af.mil
Nov 4th	9:30am	Veterans Day Parade Downtown Dover	Step Off: Duncan Ctr. 500 W. Loockerman St.	302-736-7005 302-739-2792
Nov 4th	Noon	Delaware WWI Monument Dedication Ceremony	Legislative Hall/ Archives 411 Legislative Ave—Dover	302-744-4114
Nov 4th	6-9pm	4th Annual Delaware Veterans Trust Dinner (Benefiting DE Veterans in Need)	Dover Downs Hotel & Casino 1131 N. DuPont Hwy—Dover	For tickets 302-257-3117
Nov 5th	9am	19th Annual Toys for Tots 5K Run/Walk	DELVETS Post #1 2535 Veterans Dr.—Wilmington	302-388-2219
Nov 11th	10am	VETERANS DAY CEREMONY (aka Delaware Memorial Bridge Plaza)	War Memorial Plaza 163 Cherry Lane—New Castle	302-739-2792
Nov 12th	1pm-3pm	Veterans Day Apple Pie Social	Judge Morris Estate 76 Polly Drummond Hill Rd.-Newark	302-368-6900
Nov 16th	830am	DE Joining Forces Community Network Meeting	DE Nat'l Guard -Biden Ctr. 250 Airport Rd, - New Castle	
Dec 7th	11:30am	Wreaths Across America	Legislative Hall 411 Legislative Ave—Dover	302-744-4114

For more information and upcoming events please visit: www.veteransaffairs.delaware.gov.

Click on our event calendar and FB page.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

REMEMBER

our fallen U.S. veterans.

HONOR

those who serve.

TEACH

your children the value of freedom.

The Delaware General Assembly will host the 4th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony on **Monday, December 11, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.** The public is invited. State House ceremonies in all 50 states and Washington D.C., are part of a week-long celebration of America’s veterans and their service to our country, with a particular focus on family during the holidays.

“This nationwide program is about remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms,” said event organizers. The originator of the wreath laying program was Morrill Worcester, owner of a wreath making company in Maine who in 1991 donated and delivered wreaths to Arlington National Cemetery to be placed on the graves of the fallen.

The WAA program’s mission of “Remember, Honor, Teach,” spreads the message of the importance of remembering our fallen heroes, honoring those who serve, and teaching our children about the sacrifices made by veterans and their families to preserve our freedoms. A large wreath honoring all five branches of the armed forces will placed at the base of the Delaware Continentals Statue. Additional wreaths will be laid on the grounds of Legislative Hall, at the Gulf War Memorial, the Dover Light Infantry Memorial Wreath, the World War II Memorial, the new World War I Memorial (which will be dedicated on November 4, 2017) and the Medal of Honor Memorial. The ceremony will include a volley and TAPS. *Submitted by Lori Christiansen*



FULLFILLING OUR PROMISES
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Hurricane Harvey/Irma/Maria



Our Disaster Relief Program supports veterans, service members, surviving spouses and their families during times of great need in the aftermath of isolated/specific disasters. The Midwestern and Eastern floods, Western fires, and Central tornadoes are just some of the disasters which have recently impacted veterans and their families.

DAV disaster relief grants—for which available grant amounts recently doubled—may be issued for the purpose of providing financial aid, food, clothing and temporary shelter. DAV supply kits – which include backpacks, blankets and hygiene kits – are also provided, providing an additional resource for safety, comfort and self-sufficiency in an extended emergency, disaster or evacuation. The hygiene kit includes basic necessities like a toothbrush and toothpaste, razors and shaving cream, hand sanitizer, deodorant, shampoo and soap.

Disaster Relief Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be an ill, injured or wounded veteran or the spouse thereof (Same household); or a surviving spouse in receipt of Death Compensation or Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC); or a surviving spouse of a former Prisoner of War (POW); or a surviving spouse of an ill, injured or wounded veteran as a result of the isolated/specific disaster.
- The applicant does not need to be a member or in receipt of service connected compensation to be eligible.
- The applicant must be the victim of either an isolated or specific disaster.
- The applicant must be in immediate need of financial assistance, at the time of the disaster, as they do not have available funds, to pay for acquired expenses. Example: Veteran is covered by homeowners insurance, but will not receive compensation from the insurance for the incident until several days out.

To apply for Disaster Relief, please contact your local **DAV National Service Officer** (NSO).



The effect of military service can be profound and lasting. There are a number of financial, social and health issues that result from military service. Some Wounded Warriors and Veterans who have a compensation rating of 100% P&T are unaware that Social Security may expedite the processing of their disability claims.

Benefits available through Social Security are different than those from the Department of Veterans Affairs and require a separate application.

The expedited process is used for military service members who become disabled while on active military service on or after October 1, 2001, regardless of where the disability occurs.

Starting March 17, 2014, veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100% permanent and total (P&T) may receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits.

What do I need to know about the VA & Social Security programs? Both Social Security and VA pay disability benefits. However, their programs, processes and criteria for receiving benefits are very different. A VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total does not guarantee that you will receive Social Security disability benefits. To be approved for Social Security benefits, you must meet Social Security's definition of "disability." To be found disabled:

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- You must be unable to do substantial work because of your medical condition (s); and
- Your medical condition (s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least one year or to result in death.

If you receive VA compensation, this will not affect your Social Security benefits.

Even active duty military who continue to receive pay while in a hospital or on medical leave should consider applying for disability benefits if they are unable to work due to a disabling condition. Active duty status and receipt of military pay does not necessarily prevent payment of Social Security disability benefits. Although a person cannot receive Social Security disability benefits while engaging in substantial work for pay or profit, receipt of military payments should never stop someone from applying for disability benefits from Social Security.

For those who return home with injuries, Social Security is a resource they can turn to for disability benefits. Social Security's Wounded Warriors website is at www.socialsecurity.gov/woundedwarriors.

With over 80 years of experience and compassionate service, Social Security is proud to support our veterans and active duty members of the military. Both today and tomorrow these heroes can count on us when they need their earned benefits.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/>

Call or visit your local Social Security Office:

1-800-772-1213



Veterans United Outreach of Delaware has become Delaware's newest Veterans 501(C)(3) tax deductible charity. Since its founding at Dover Days in 2001 Veterans United Outreach of Delaware has been a committee of Vietnam Veterans of America, Dover Chapter 850. We have separated from the Chapter 850 for a two primary reasons: to eliminate restrictions on how the Outreach Team operates that existed by adhering to the national by-laws of Vietnam Veterans of America; to allow us to freely recruit volunteers and team members from all veterans' organizations. While Veterans United Outreach as an entity is separating from Chapter 850 all of our veteran team members remain loyal active members of the VVA Chapter.

The Outreach networks with federal, state and local agencies and coordinates with all veteran organizations in Delaware. It has expanded from Kent County to the entire state of Delaware. Through it all we are constantly changing and growing.

We are a veteran's outreach with a foundation in God, Country, and Freedom, to which we credit the sacrifices of our active duty military, our veterans, and their families.

We have a mobile educational unit, with an extensive library of information for all veterans and their family members.

Mike Snyder: 302-678-1285

Gary Kalmus: gmkskier@gmail.com

DCVA: VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS

New Castle County:

Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE
Monday – Friday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Please call for appointment: (302) 365-8231

Kent County:

DCVA office in Dover, DE
Monday–Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Please call for an appointment: (302) 739-2792

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

Joseph T. Houghton
Dept. Service Officer:
(302) 993-7255



2017 Scheduled Post Visits:

Friday, October 6th:

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

Friday, October 13th:

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

Friday, November 3rd:

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

Friday, November 10th:

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

Friday, December 1st:

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

Friday, December 8th:

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

Friday, December 15th:

Post #17—Lewes
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 645-9965

Disabled American Veterans:

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)

VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Room 26
Wilmington, DE 19805 (302) 993-7252/7253

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

Dover CBOC: 1st & 3rd Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM

Georgetown CBOC : 2nd & 4th Thurs. = 1PM – 4PM

Purple Heart NSO (MOPH)

Cheryl Yard, Nat'l 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 th Thursday	8:30-11:30 AM
Dover DOL	(302) 993-7260
1 st Thursday	1:30-4:00 PM
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483	(302) 422-4412
2 nd & 4 th 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's
DELAWARE JOINING FORCES**

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

*Please visit our website
www.delaware.gov/djff/*



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:

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



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 -CBOC

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

Georgetown VA –CBOC

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

Commissioners' Organizations:

William Farley (Chairman).....Marine Corps League
 Angela Showell (Vice Chair)..At Large-*DE Nat'l Guard*
 Charles T. Armbruster.....American Legion
 Charles W. Baldwin.....VVA
 Eugene Bradley.....AMVETS
 Edward Johnson.....KWVA
 Paul Lardizzone DAV
 Anna Lopez.....At Large-*DELVETS*
 Richard Magner.....MOPH
 William "Bill" McMullen.....AFSA
 Mark Newman.....VFW
 Barry Newstadt.....At Large-*JWW*
 Dr. Ronald Sarg.....MOAA
 Earl E. Seppala..... At Large-*MOWW*
 Jason Stewart.....At Large

Veterans Outreach Programs:

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

SSVF: Supportive Services for Veteran Families

Connections:

(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co:
 (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

Delaware Veterans Awareness Center:

Liz Byers: (302) 349-4898 Veteransawarenesscenter.org
*Veterans' Stand Down * Military Women's Tea*
"Give a Vet a Smile" (Dental Program)

Retired Activities Office:

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

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:

Naval & Marine Corps Reserve Ctr. - (866) 827-5672

Veterans Justice Outreach Program: 302-468-5670

Veterans Treatment Court Program:

Assist justice-involved veterans with mental health & substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services and reduce recidivism.
302-255-0646 (New Castle Co.) 302-735-1915 (Kent Co.)

Widener Law Clinic: Pro Bono Representation for Veterans
 302-477-2090 Delaware.widener.edu

Veteran Organizations:

Air Force Sergeants Association

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

American Legion

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

AMVETS

Eugene Bradley..... (302) 945-2170

Colonial Paralyzed Veterans of America

Ron Hoskins..... (302) 861-6671

Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)

Post 1.....(302) 475-9891

Post 2.....(302) 674-9956

Delaware Veterans Coalition

Dave Skocik..... (302) 736-8500

E-mail: delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com

Disabled American Veterans

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

First State Military Women Warriors

Paula Witcher..... (302) 505-0849

Fleet Reserve Association

Philip Pushel..... (302) 322-0681

Gold Star Families

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

Gold Star Mothers

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

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

Jewish War Veterans

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

Korean War Veterans Association

Edward Johnson..... (302) 933-0228

Marine Corps League

William C. Farley..... (302) 242-7926

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

Gary "Mo" Morris.....(302) 422-6760

Military Order of the World Wars

Earl Seppala..... (302) 239-0641

E-mail: eseppala@aol.com

Nat'l Association of Black Veterans

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

The Reserve Officers Association

LTC Richard Chappell (Ret)..... (302) 234-1418

E-mail: rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net

Veterans of Foreign Wars

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

Vietnam Veterans of America

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



DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Certificate of Appreciation Application

Veterans Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work or Cell) _____

Date Entered Service _____ Date Separated _____ Branch of Service _____

Date of Birth _____ Type of Discharge _____ Highest Rank Achieved _____
(Only required if requesting rank on certificate)

Is Veteran Deceased? Yes or No (please circle one)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: A current resident of the State of Delaware or resident when he or she entered the Armed Forces of the United States and honorably discharged.

Please submit this application with a copy of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, (DD-214) to:

Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs
Robbins Building
802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100
Dover, DE 19904
Phone: (302) 739-2792 or 1-800-344-9900 (in State only)

Signature of Veteran/spouse or next of kin _____ Date _____

Print Name and Relationship if not veteran _____

Provide alternate address if different from above _____

NOTE: Please anticipate 2 to 3 weeks in receiving your Certificate

TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA: ___ Approved ___ Pending ___ Disapproved

Name/Title: _____ Date _____

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