When change comes, people respond in a variety of ways. Some welcome the change with open arms understanding the reasoning behind the switch. Others are resistant, citing how things have always been, stressing the need to remain in tact. We have changed the name of our agency to the Delaware Office of Veterans Services. In 2019, House Bill 127 was passed and signed by the Governor. The bill authorized our agency to use the term Delaware Office of Veterans Services when carrying out operations. This change serves to distinguish our agency from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and emphasizes the services we provide for 72,000 Delaware veterans. We continue to educate the public that we are not the Wilmington Veterans Affairs medical or benefits areas, but the term Veterans Affairs in our title makes this challenging. We are the state agency that provides services, by way of benefits and information to Delaware veterans and family members. We have veteran service officers located in each county and maintain two state veteran cemeteries, one in Millsboro and one in Bear. We have a proud team of employees, who are also veterans, ready to provide or refer the services requested by our citizens. The dictionary definition of service states, “the work performed by one that serves” and “contribution to the welfare of others.” This is what our agency does and how we want to be known, so please help pass the word regarding our name change. The bottom line is we will continue to provide benefits and information ensuring that our Delaware veterans and family members obtain the services that they need and have earned.

Congrats to our new DCVA Chairman, Chuck Baldwin and Vice Chairwoman, Anna Lopez! Also, please help welcome our newly appointed DCVA Commissioners, William Miller, Paul Philips, Jr. and Greg Sutton!!
As the nation endures the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a nonprofit known as the MOAA Foundation established a COVID-19 Relief Fund to give immediate financial support to those who need it most.

Through the COVID-19 Relief Fund, the MOAA Foundation is providing grants up to $500 per household for military and veteran families or caregivers experiencing financial hardship due to the coronavirus outbreak.

Applications will be taken until need no longer exists or funds have been exhausted.

Applicants should contact COL Eugenia “Gene” Thornton, Chapter President, Dover MOAA at 302 335 1655 or genethornton@comcast.net to receive forms required for processing. Applications must go through the local chapter before being sent to MOAA National for determination.

More information about MOAA’s COVID-19 Relief Fund can be found at MOAA.org/covid19milsupport.

The MOAA Foundation creates, enhances, expands, and supports high-impact, proven-successful programs and services that enable the nation’s uniformed service members and veterans of all ranks and their families to maintain a quality of life reflective of their selfless service to America. The foundation funds these programs and services through philanthropic contributions from the American people, corporations, MOAA members along with Councils and Chapters, those who seek to assist members of the military community.
Commission of Veterans Affairs passes the gavel

Retired Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Charles Baldwin became chair of the Delaware Veterans Commission on August 1. A five-year member of the Commission, he accepted the gavel from retired Army Col. Angela Showell. Retired Army Sgt. Major Anna Lopez, who has served on the commission for three years, became Vice Chair.

Commissioners Baldwin and Lopez will continue to seek legislation to benefit Delaware's disabled veterans community and increase emphasis on training and serving Delaware's growing community of young veterans. "Current veterans have a host of challenges different from those of Vietnam-era veterans," said Mr. Baldwin. "Employment, earned benefits and healthcare are a top priority among our newer veterans."

The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs was established in 1987 to support Delaware veterans, their spouses and children. The Commission serves as an advisory board to the Governor for issues that impact the 72,000 military veterans living in the First State. The Commission consists of 15 members, each of whom serves a four-year term. Ten members are selected by veteran service organizations and five at-large members are appointed by the Governor to represent veterans throughout Delaware.

The DCVA appoints the Executive Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS) and helps shape and direct the mission of OVS. In addition, the DCVA serves as the board of directors of the Delaware Veterans Home. "We are all learning how to serve our community in a new way as we deal with a new enemy. Veterans are experts in adapting and overcoming adversity and are anxious to share success and leading in defeating Covid-19," said Mr. Baldwin.

Masonic Charities of Delaware contributes to Veterans Trust Fund

Masonic Charities of Delaware has contributed $5,000 to The Friends of Delaware Veterans, the official fundraising organization of the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund.

The presentation was made on July 8, by Charities Board President S. Curtis Cole at the Masonic Lodge, Dover. He was accompanied by Fred Roland, past president of the Masonic Charity.

“This is the third year the Masons have assisted our veterans in need,” said Dave Skocik, Friends’ president. The Trust Fund, established under the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, assists veterans in emergency need.

For more information call 257-3117, email sherri.taylor@delaware.gov or visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com. A tax-deductible contribution can be made to the Veterans Trust Fund and mail to: Commission of Veterans Affairs Attn: Sherri Taylor 802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100 Dover, DE 19904
Carol Timmons, first woman to lead Delaware National Guard, dies at 62: Air Force Times

Maj Gen. Timmons led the National Guard as Delaware’s adjutant general from 2017 to 2019. She began her military career in 1977 as an enlisted member of the Delaware Air National Guard, and was the first female air policeman for the 166th Airlift Wing. She later transferred to the Army National Guard and earned her commission in 1980, followed by her Army and Air Force pilot wings.

She accrued more than 5,000 flight hours in C-130 and C-141 military cargo planes and the UH-1 “Huey” helicopter, including more than 400 combat flight hours.

Maj. Gen. Timmons was a veteran of seven deployments, including Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

“General Timmons was a pioneer as a helicopter pilot and the first female Adjutant General of the Delaware National Guard. She was the epitome of a public servant,” Gov. John Carney said in a prepared statement.

Major General Carol Timmons passed away on Sunday, 2 August 2020.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program
May-June 2020
Honor and Remember
Gold Star Families who reside in Delaware

The late Martin Luther King, Jr. said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, “What are you doing for others?” Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program certainly has and continues to serve the Gold Star Families who reside in Delaware. All while making Delaware the model to the Nation as to how we honor and remember.

On Monday, May 25, New Castle County Executive Matt Meyer, MG Frank Vavala (Ret), Delaware Patriot Guard and two Gold Star Families, represented on the Memorial, came together to honor and remember Gold Star Families at the Delaware Hershel “Woody” Williams Gold Star Memorial. Due to COVID-19 and to comply with Governor Carney’s orders the gathering was restricted to 10 individuals.

On May 30, Gold Star Families participated in the “Memorial Day Parade of Cars” at Delaware Veteran Cemeteries. This very successful event was organized by Kim Petters and Steve McGuire, Thank you!

The evening of May 30, Gold Star Families presented the Gold Star Wreath at the 153rd Wilmington Memorial Day Parade in downtown Wilmington. We took part as we do every year, rain or shine or pandemic, to pay our respects and honor the sacrifice.

On June 18, we gathered at the McCrery & Harra Funeral Home to pay our respects on the passing of our dear friend and Gold Star supporter, Ron Elliott. Ron will be sorely missed.

During this challenging time, we have also been checking on two of our Gold Star Families dealing with serious health challenges, which are NOT COVID-19 related. Due to privacy, their names have been omitted, but please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they recover.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to pay honor and remembrance to our brave men and woman that have given their lives for our nation, “lest we never forget”.

Respectfully submitted Judy C. Campbell, Gold Star Representative
On May 30, Memorial Day. Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America released a virtual Memorial Day video, the only one of its kind in Delaware. It was shot at the Commission of Veterans Affairs (Services) in Dover and included a presentation by Larence Kirby, executive director of the Commission. It can be seen at www.DelawareVVA.com.

On Flag Day, June 14, Milford Korean War Veteran Charles Garrod was honored for his national effort to recognize the June 25, 70th anniversary of the start of that conflict in 1950. He contacted governors of all 50 states asking they issue a proclamation acknowledging the service of all who served in the Forgotten War. Kudos to Doug and Kathy DeAngelis who made this special Sunday event happen at their Patriot Auto & Truck Care at 497 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover. Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen and Milford Mayor Arthur Campbell attended as did Maj. Gen. Mike Berry, Delaware’s Adjutant General, along with his wife Brig. Gen. Karen Berry, Connecticut’s Assistant Adjutant General.

Attached is a photo of the attendees, along with one celebrating the Army’s 245 birthday with a cake cutting. Mr. Garrod recently received a follow up letter from President Trump thanking him for his efforts. Patriot Auto is veteran owned and offers a 10 percent discount to veterans and first responders.

They can be reached at 257-5715 or Kathy@patriotautoandtruckcare.com. I use them for all of my autos, including four vehicles from a 1960 T-Bird antique to my wife’s 2013 SUV.

On July 1, the Commission received $100,000 for the Veterans Trust Fund as part of the State’s budget since 2019. That was the result of lobbying by the Coalition in February 2019 that upped the state’s funding from a $25,000 grant-in-aid package to part of the state’s annual budget. Lobbying for the creation of the Trust Fund began not long after the Coalition’s creation in 2011.

July 4 celebration: In late June because of the cancellation of regular events like Dover’s fireworks and parade, and under the auspices of the Veterans Coalition, I submitted a request to host a July 4 patriotic event by veterans for veterans on Legislative Mall. It was approved by state officials who supported the request.

However, after discovering that another organization (Stand Up Delaware) had also applied for a similar event and that they had paid for a stage, porta-potties, insurance, and a DJ, along with inviting several local pastors to pray for unity, I contacted them to pull my application and get the word out to my contacts. Their president invited me to emcee their event and I accepted.

As you may have read, the event unfortunately became the focus of a BLM protest that led to the arrest of one of the protestors, with another disrespecting the flag and a subsequent story about chalk BLM slogans being hosed off brick pavers by the Dover Fire Dept. early that morning. Though my name was mentioned as emcee, I had nothing to do with either activity and was disappointed that any group would want to disrupt a tribute to the nation.

Patriotic Rally Protester, July 4, 2020
In an unrelated note and on a personal basis, I’ve attended several rallies in the support of the police, including one on July 13 in Georgetown (along with retired police officer Paul Davis), and another in Dover on July 20. I do these things as an individual veteran who believes in supporting those who protect the community. I also pen an occasional letter to the editor, identifying myself as president of the Coalition but am careful to avoid controversial issues. The most recent was published on July 3 in recognition of the sacrifices made by all who have served to create and guarantee the freedoms many take for granted since 1776. I ended with a note urging our state’s coaches not to encourage their athletes to take a knee during the national anthem. I was reminded by another letter writer about the First Amendment right to do so. I know that and hope not to offend any of our members.

Steve LePage continues to work with elected representatives and Secretary of State Bullock about incorporating video equipment into the Veterans Home to allow family members to communicate with patients. The home has been closed to visitors with limited video access. Like everything else, things have been slowed by this persistent virus and Steve is still reaching out to state officials. On another note, Steve has upgraded the online images of the Veterans Memorial Park that can be seen at https://delawarevva.com/Memorials/VVAPano/index.html. Click on the arrows to pan around the image in all directions.

Paul and I continue to renew our status as lobbyists each quarter. It keeps us in contact with legislators from both parties.

Thank you to Fran and Dottie Urick for the renewal of their membership that included a contribution to the Trust Fund. Although our next Coalition meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. at FOP Lodge 3, I will continue to update you on significant information related to our efforts and invite you to contact me directly with any concerns or suggestions you may have.

Please continue to check www.DelawareVeteransCoalition for veteran related updates on events across the state. We continue to pay our webmaster to update information as received from Christine Kubik, director, Joint Support and Outreach Services, Delaware National Guard. I’ve also asked Jacob Dillon, Public Affairs Officer, Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center, to include me on his notification list of upcoming events.

Finally, in an unrelated note, it’s unlikely the Friends of Delaware Veterans will be able to host our 6th annual fundraising dinner at Dover Downs on Friday, Nov. 6, because of health restrictions. Our reservation stands for now but DD’s entire catering crew was laid off months ago. We welcome alternative fundraising ideas and venues and are open to suggestions.

Dave Skocik  
President  
dskocik@aol.com  
270-7145 cell
On Wednesday, June 24 2020 at 10:15 a.m., the Delaware State Society, Children of the American Revolution will be placing a bench in the Butterfly Garden at the Brian Conley Veteran’s Resiliency Center in Middletown, Delaware. This event was originally planned to be a dedication ceremony in March, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we were not able to hold the ceremony in March and have chosen to place the bench at this time.

Anastasia Clair, President, Delaware State Society, N.S.C.A.R., chose to install a Butterfly Garden at the Brian Conley Veteran’s Resiliency Center as the Delaware state project because she wanted to provide the veterans with a place where they could rest and find peace. She also drove a recycling program to collect at least 500 pounds of plastic in 6 months or less. Over 900 pounds of plastic was pulled from the environment throughout the state of Delaware in approximately 3 months and the Trex company donated a bench made of recycled materials, which will be placed in the garden. Brian Conley will be on hand to tell more about the Veteran’s Center.

Submitted by:
Dawn Clair dmclair@msn.com
Secretary, Delaware State Society, National Society Children of the American Revolution

The Brian Conley Veteran Resiliency Center

SEPT 11, 2020
THIRD ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER
The Brian Conley Veteran Resiliency Center
Located at 104 South Broad Street, Middletown, DE 19709
Register online: www.whywonline.org or
Make check payable to Warriors Helping Warriors
Send to 15 Farmhouse Rd., Newark, DE 19711

For more information call/text Bill 302-665-2997 or email: wbrankin122@comcast.net
Grab a group of friends or business partners and come out to support Warriors Helping Warriors.
DELWARE 2021
VETERANS’ STAND DOWN

Friday
23 April 2021
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Schutte Park
10 Electric Avenue
Dover, DE 19904

VETERANS’ STAND DOWN
Community & VA Services for ALL Veterans
Housing • Medical • Dental • Flu Shots • Behavioral Health • VA Eligibility & Benefits
Hair Cuts • Legal Service • Hot Lunch • Warm Clothing
Transportation Provided at key pick up locations.

Donations may be sent to the “Delaware Veterans’ Stand Down” at
12385 Sussex Highway • Greenwood, DE 19950

For more information contact:
302-349-4898 or lbjnavcret@hotmail.com
Our Facilities Remain Open and Ready for Your Care

To ensure the safety of our Veterans, our staff and all of our families, we wanted to talk about what to expect when you arrive at one of our facilities to receive treatment as we move through the phases of our Moving Forward Plan. Our facilities have remained open during the pandemic and are safe and ready for you to receive your health care. Your health and well-being are paramount, which is why we practice enhanced safety protocols in each of our facilities, such as:

- **Screening.** Upon entering any of our facilities, you will be asked a series of COVID-19-related health questions and have your temperature taken.
- **Masking.** Any Veteran or staff member who enters one of our facilities is required to wear a face covering.
- **Physical Distancing.** We have modified seating in our waiting areas, placed distancing signage on the floors in high-trafficked areas and reduced the occupancy of our elevators to help serve as reminders to keep the CDC-recommended six feet of physical distancing.
- **Hand Sanitizing Stations.** For your convenience, we have put up hand sanitizing stations around your facility to keep your hands clean and help prevent the spread of the virus.
- **Barriers.** You will notice plexiglass barriers up in certain areas where physical distancing is more difficult to maintain.

**Virtual Care and Secure Messaging**
During this pandemic, we have relied more on virtual care than ever before, and we encourage Veterans to utilize virtual care to receive care. You can schedule virtual appointments by calling 1-800-461-8262, select Option 2. We encourage Veterans to use Secure Messaging through My HealtheVet to ask non-urgent health related questions, manage appointments, ask for referrals or medications.

**Scheduling Appointments**
At this time, we are trying to discourage unscheduled “walk-ins” to make sure we can provide safe and timely care. Please schedule all your appointments including blood work and x-rays prior to coming to any of our facilities by calling 1-800-461-8262, select Option 2. We will work with you to try to schedule all necessary appointments during one visit to make the best use of your time.

**Visitation**
To ensure the safety of our Veterans and staff, “walk-in” care and patient visitations are being limited at this facility at this time. We apologize for this temporary inconvenience. If you are scheduled to receive medical care or participate in a treatment session with a Veteran, please let us know so we can support your participation.

**Communication**
To make sure you are receiving the most up-to-date information from us, please follow us on:

- Our website at [www.wilmington.va.gov](http://www.wilmington.va.gov)
- Email campaigns – sign up at [www.wilmington.va.gov/features/index.asp](http://www.wilmington.va.gov/features/index.asp)
- Social media – Follow @WilmingtonVAMC on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com), [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com)
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**Veterans Crisis Line**

| 1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255) |
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| Vets.gov Help Desk | 1-855-574-7286 |
| White House VA Hotline | 1-855-948-2311 |
| Women Veterans Hotline | 1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636) |
**Wilmington - Regional Benefit Office**  
*(Claims & Benefits)*  
1601 Kirkwood Highway  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(800) 827-1000

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

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

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

**Georgetown VA – CBOC**  
21748 Roth Ave  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(800) 461-8262 x 2300

**Patient Advocate:** (302) 633-5556  
*For all medical facilities*

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**Mark Taylor**  
Community Outreach Specialist  
Office of Director  
Office: (302) 994-2511 ext. 4598  
Work cell: (302) 932-7519  
Fax: (302) 633-5591  
Email: mark.taylor10@va.gov

**Valerie Camarillo**  
Community Outreach Specialist  
Kent & Sussex Counties  
Office: (800) 462-8262  
Work cell: (302) 357-8715  
Fax: (302) 633-5591  
Email: Valerie.camarillo@va.gov

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File online with eClaims at [www.benefits.va.gov](http://www.benefits.va.gov).

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Attention Veterans & Family Members:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, please make sure you contact the following agencies, veteran organizations, offices, etc. to confirm the times and locations have not changed before meeting with your VSO (Veteran Service Office).

Thank you and continue to stay safe!

New Castle County: Lisa Smith
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE
Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Please call for an appointment: (302) 365-8231

Kent County: Josh Matticks
DCVA office in Dover, DE
Monday – Friday: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Please call for an appointment: (302) 257-3119

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

Due to the renovations at the VA SVO Building, the VFW Service Officer new address is:

Vet Center
2710 Centerville Road
Wilmington, DE
David Hilliard
302.994.2511 x7586
Website: www.vfwde.com

OUTREACH SCHEDULE:

1st through 4th Thursday Mornings
8:30am to 11:30am
Dover Department of Labor
Division of Employment and Training
(302) 739-5473
Blue Hen Corporate Center
655 South Bay Road
Dover, DE 19901
(The old Blue Hen Mall, ‘round the back on the North end)

1st Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm
Blue Hen VFW Post 6483
(302) 422-4412
77 Veterans Circle
Milford, DE  19963

2nd Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm
Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961
(302) 629-3092
9767 Middleford Road
Seaford, DE  19973

3rd Thursday Afternoon 1:30pm to 3pm
Rehoboth Beach VFW Post 7447
(302) 227-3469
101 State Road
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

4th Thursday Afternoon 1:30pm to 3pm
Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961
(302) 629-3092
9767 Middleford Road
Seaford, DE  19973
REMINDER: Due to COVID restrictions, please contact the offices below to confirm times and locations have not changed. Thank you!

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

Friday, July 2, 2020
Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM:
(302) 945-1673

Thursday, July 9 2020
Walter L Fox/Post #2
Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, August 7, 2020
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, August 14, 2020
Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, September 4, 2020
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, September 11, 2020
Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover
10:00 AM- 1:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, September 25, 2020
Callaway-Kemp-Raughley-Tee, Harrington

New Castle County:
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Bldg. 13, Room 27
Wilmington, DE 19805

Please call to set up appointments or more information: 302-697-9061

Kent County:
DAV Dept. Service Officers: (302) 697-9061
Paul Lardizzone: (302) 382-3448
Benjamin G. Flynn (404) 902-1920
Audrey Cohen (302) 448-0397
William R. Muffley (302) 382-3449
DAV Headquarters Building
183 South Street
Camden, DE 19934

Monday - Thursday 8:00-11:00 AM (Walk-ins)

Sussex County:
Dept. of Labor / Div. of Employment & Tng.
(302) 856-5230
20093 Office Circle, Georgetown, DE 19947

For more info. please call: 302-697-9061

National Association for Black Veterans, Inc.
VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805

Nolan Lewis at (302) 345-6911
Nabvetsde.chat94@gmail.com

Hours: 11am– 3pm (1st and 3rd Mondays of month)
Please contact for more schedule info.

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Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 993-7250/7253

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

Dover CBOC:
1st & 3rd Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

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(302) 993-7250-7250

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Please contact for more schedule info.
If you are a veteran who is homeless and need somewhere to sleep tonight...

Referral to Shelter

**Housing Alliance Delaware:**
(302) 654-0126 X122

The Department of Veterans Affairs
(302) 994-2511 X 2445

If you are a veteran who is homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless and you need help...

SSVF- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Programs

Connections Community Support Programs:
(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co.
(302) 518-5338 Kent Co.
(302) 332-0913 Sussex Co.

**VMC - Veterans Multi-Service Center:**
Statewide: (302) 668-7331

- **Other Resources**
- www.DelawareHousingSearch.org
  877-428-8844

Delaware 211
www.delaware211.org

Delaware Joining Forces
http://Delaware.gov/djf/

24/7 Housing Help for Veterans
877-424-3838

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Stand By Me can help you reach financial well-being at every stage of your life.

Personal financial coaching is available free of charge to Delawareans from all walks of life.

For more information, please contact us at:
302-255-9621 or info@standbymede.org

Statewide Emergency Repair Program (SERP)
Housing Development Corporation
302-491-4010
Toll Free: 844-413-0038

VA’s Adapted Housing Grants for Disabled Veterans
1-800-827-100
www.eBenefits.va.gov

The Brian Conley—Veterans Resiliency Center
Warriors Helping Warriors

104 S. Broad Street
Middletown, DE 19709
(302) 696-2320/ 2318 (fax)
https://www.whwonling.org

Please visit our DE Joining Forces website to research more resources available to veterans:
http://Delaware.gov/djf/

Transitional home for homeless veterans.

HOB I for Men:(302) 424-1681
HOB II for Women & Children: (302) 422-4146

Jessica Finan (Executive Director)
Stephanie Beers (Case Manager)
Veteran Employment Services
Wilmington / Allen Jones : (302) 761-8141
Newark / Freddy Rodriguez : (302) 451-3456
Dover / Danny Mosby: (302) 857-5881
Georgetown/ Gail Gartner: (302) 858-5232
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VA Disability & Social Security programs

For more information please visit:
https://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/

Call or visit your local Social Security Office:
1-800-772-1213

Defense Finance and Accounting Services
Retired Military & Annuitants

1-800-321-1080
Retirement Pay Questions

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

Brain Injury Trust Fund
State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) currently has funding available for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund & encourages people who may benefit to apply.

Applying for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
**Applications are available here:
For additional info., please contact Director John McNeal.
at (302)-739-3620 or John.McNeal@state.de.us

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Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378
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Delaware Technical Community College
Dover: Rebecca Craft
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Georgetown: Angela Showell
(302) 259-6073/ ashovel3@stcc.edu

Stanton: Wilford Oney
(302) 454-3926
woney@dtcc.edu

Wilmington: Joe Limmina
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Dover AFB: Karen M. Nagyiski
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 Widener University School of Law
Pattie Donoghue
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Wilmington University
Jim Webb / Jennifer Bacci
(302) 342-8660 / (302) 356-6962
james.s.webb@wilmu.edu
jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu

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http://Delaware.gov/djf/
Veterans United Outreach of Delaware

Mike Snyder: 302-678-1285
Gary Kalmus: gmkskier@gmail.com
http://www.veteransunitedoutreach.com/

We are a mobile educational unit, with a variety of information for all veterans and their family. We go out to the veteran community.

Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

302-575-0660 (New Castle Co.)
302-674-8500 (Kent Co.)
302-856-0038 (Sussex Co.)
http://www.declasi.org/

Provides free legal services to: People with disabilities, older citizens (60+), housing discrimination (HUD), low-income, & victims of domestic violence.

Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.

302-478-8850 or 302-734-8820

Offering Legal Advice & Assistance to low-income Delawareans.

Widener University Delaware Law School
Veterans Law Clinic
302-477-2090
Delaware.widener.edu
Pro Bono Representation for veterans benefits appeals.

Veterans Justice Outreach Program

Program is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration.

For more information please call: 302-468-5670

Veterans Treatment Court Program

Assist justice-involved veterans with mental health & substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services & reduce recidivism.

302-255-0800 (New Castle Co.)
302-735-1900 (Kent Co.)
302-855-7055 (Sussex Co.)

*Please ask for the Veterans Treatment Court

People’s Place: Veterans Outreach

Mike Rowe: (302) 422-8033 x 173
http://www.peoplesplace2.com/

Services range from career counselling; guidance to access state and federal VA benefits, such as medical care and treatment; psychotherapy referrals; mental health counseling; and door-to-door transportation to medical facilities in the region.

Delaware Veterans Awareness Center

12385 Sussex Hwy
Greenwood, DE 19950
Liz & Bill Jiron: (302) 349-4898
Veteransawarenesscenter.org
Veterans’ Stand Down
Military Women’s Tea
“Give a Vet a Smile” (Dental Program)

New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434
Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430
Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110
(Readjustment Counseling)

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<td>(302) 530-4984</td>
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<td>(302) 242-7926</td>
<td>William C. Farley</td>
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<td>Military Officers Association of America</td>
<td>(302) 335-1655 (302) 519-0611</td>
<td>Gene Thornton (Kent Co.) Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)</td>
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<td>(302) 345-6911</td>
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<td>(302) 284-4719</td>
<td>Elmer (Art) Titus</td>
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<td>The Reserve Officers Association</td>
<td>(302) 234-1418</td>
<td>LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) <a href="mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net">rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net</a></td>
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<td>(302) 526-0993</td>
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New Castle Co. veterans/resident can contact the 2 representatives for questions/concerns. Thank you!
Volunteer Transportation Network

This program is providing courtesy transportation to our Delaware veterans. Please remember this is NOT AN ENTITLEMENT. Reservations must be made 2 weeks prior to your appointment. Trips depend on availability of volunteer drivers. Veterans need to travel to designated stops. All vans leave the VAMC between noon and 1pm for return trips. Please schedule your appointments accordingly.

1. Hospital Service Coordinator
   Wilmington VAMC
   Thea Kersey
   302– 633-5414
   800-461-8262 X 5414
   Mon-Thurs 8am—noon

2. DAV Seaford, DE
   Dispatcher: Henry Tifft
   302-629-3759
   302-858-7588 cell
   Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm

3. People’s Place Veterans Outreach Service
   Milford, DE
   Director: Mike Rowe
   302-422-8033 X 173
   Thursday—van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

4. American Legion Post 28
   Oak Orchard, DE
   Dispatcher: 302-945-1673
   Monday-Thursday
   Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

5. DAV—Dover, DE
   Dispatcher: 302-697-9061
   Fax: 302-697-9041
   Monday—Thursday
   Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE
   Dispatcher: 302-539-9981
   Monday—Thursday
   Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

7. DAV Chapter 44—Cape May, NJ
   Coordinator: Fred Trasatti Jr.
   215-778-5599 (cell)
   609-886-8383 (Chapter
   Monday-Wednesday VAMC
   Thursday—Philly VAMC

8. VTS Salisbury, MD
   DAV—Ed Elder (410) 845-0933
   Coordinator: Jim Boston
   (443) 366-6316
   Departs VFW Post 194 (Tues. & Thurs)

Coatsville HSC: Al Gerhart - (610) 384-7711 X 3368

**Pick-Up Points:**

- **Camden:** DAV, 183 South Street
- **Dover:** McDonald’s - Route 10
- **Dover:** Luther Towers, Kings Hwy
- **Magnolia:** Fire Department
- **Dover:** IHOP/Safeway Shopping Ctr.
- **Smyrna:** Rest Area
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2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 834-8046
Administrator: Barbara A. Cooke

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 934-5653
Administrator: Greg A. Bee

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DELWARE 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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