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Director's Corner

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!!

Individuals with general questions about coronavirus can call [2-1-1](tel:2-1-1) or text your ZIP code to 898-211 for deaf and hard of hearing. For those with specific health-related questions, email us at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

Contact your primary health care provider if you have concerns about symptoms, particularly those with fever and coughing or shortness of breath.

What you can do to mitigate the impact of COVID-19:

- Wear a [face covering in public](#)
- Maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet from others)
- Practice good hand hygiene
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow
- Clean frequently used surfaces often
- Don't go to work if you are sick
- Anyone can get [tested for COVID-19](#) – even those with no symptoms
- Help us stop the virus; answer the call from our [contact tracers](#) – the phone number they call from is (302) 446-4262, or your caller ID will say DE PUBLICHEALTH

Please visit <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/> for more information.

Supportive Services FOR VETERAN FAMILIES



ARE YOU A VETERAN WHO IS HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

**Call 1-888-385-1250 now for 24/7
connection to COVID-19 Emergency Assistance**



Housing Placement and
Past-Due Rent Assistance,
Referrals & More are Available

Visit www.VMCenter.org for more information



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.



L-R: Anna Lopez, Charles Baldwin, Angela Showell.

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.

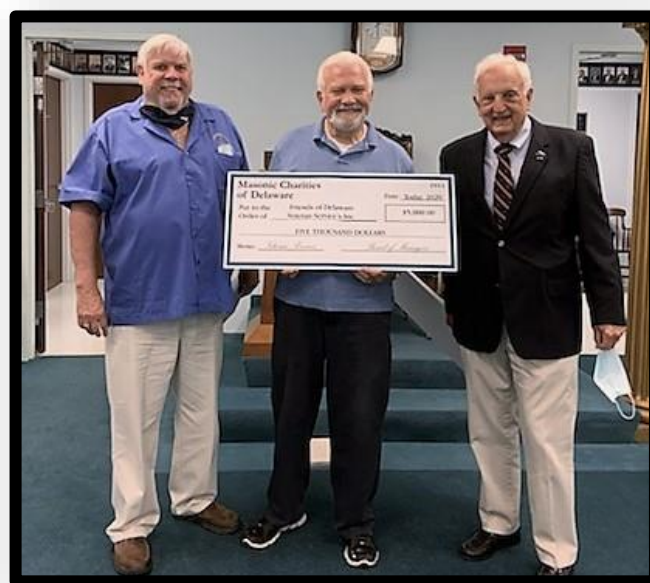
Masonic Charities of Delaware contributes to Veterans Trust Fund

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



Caption: S. Curtis Cole, Dave Skocik, Fred Roland



U.S. Army Pfc. Krystal Rivera, a motor transport operator with the Delaware Army National Guard's 1049th Transportation Company, handles jugs of milk during a drive-thru mobile pantry on the grounds of Woodbridge High School in Greenwood, DE, June 22, 2020. About 25 soldiers and airmen of the National Guard joined volunteers with the Food Bank of DE there, distributing much-needed food items to help address the increased demand for food assistance amid COVID-19.



U.S. Army Sgt. Carol Beachum, a patient administration specialist with the DE Army Nat'l Guard Medical Detachment, passes a testing kit to Airman 1st Class Abby Connor, an aerospace medical technician with the DE Air Nat'l Guard's 142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, at a drive-thru testing site for COVID-19 on the grounds of Central Middle School in Dover on June 17, 2020. About 10 soldiers and airmen with the Nat'l Guard supported the saliva-based testing of 130 people at the school location.



U.S. Army Sgt. Zell Flamer, a small arms/artillery repairer with the Delaware National Guard's 262nd Component Repair Company, directs traffic at a drive-thru coronavirus testing site on the grounds of the Epworth United Methodist Church in Rehoboth Beach, DE, June 16, 2020. About 10 soldiers of the National Guard supported the saliva-based testing of 225 people at the church location.

U.S. Army Sgt. Ed Graves, a combat medic with the DE National Guard, talks with a motorist at a drive-thru testing site for COVID-19 on the University of Delaware's Science, Technology and Advanced Research Campus in Newark, DE, June 12, 2020. About 25 soldiers and airmen with the Nat'l Guard supported the saliva-based testing of 950 people at the STAR Campus location.



U.S. Army Nat'l Guard photos were taken by Capt. Brendan Mackie.
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/delawarenationalguard/albums>

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 166h 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.



DE Nat'l Guard's adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Carol Timmons, relinquished command of the DNG to Brig. Gen. Michael Berry at the Army Aviation Facility in New Castle, Del., March 2, 2019. (SpC. Laura Michael/ANG)

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 McCreary & 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



L-R Fred Yetter, Donna & Rocky Graves, Judy & Richard Campbell at Bear Cemetery, 5/30/2020

Top Picture: L-R NCC Executive Matt Meyer, Judy C. Campbell, Donna Graves, Rocky Graves, Dan Kapitanic, Delaware Patriot Guard and MG Frank Vavala (Ret) 5/25/2020

Delaware Veterans Coalition

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
ds kocik@aol.com
270-7145 cell

The Brian Conley Veteran Resiliency Center

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



DE State President, Anastasia Clair



*Anastasia with Bill Conley
and veterans at the 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.whwonline.org or
Make check payable to Warriors Helping Warriors
Send to 13 Farmhouse Rd., Newark, DE 19711

For more information call/text Bill 302-685-2997 or email:
wbrankin122@comcast.net

Grab a group of friends or business partners and
come out to support Warriors Helping Warriors.

**Patriots Glen
National Golf
Course**

**300 Patriots Way
Elkton, MD 21921**

**Registration
Begins at
11:00 am**

**Shotgun Start:
12 noon**

**Buffet dinner
and Prizes
5:00 pm**

**\$125 per
player**

**\$500 per
foursome**

DELAWARE 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 MyHealtheVet 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
- Email campaigns – sign up at www.wilmington.va.gov/features/index.asp
- Social media – Follow @WilmingtonVAMC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#)

Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
<p>Benefits (VA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burial • Death Pension • Dependency Indemnity Compensation • Direct Deposit • Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices • Disability Compensation • Disability Pension • Education • Home Loan Guaranty • Medical Care • Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment 	1-800-827-1000
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
Combat Call Center	1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	1-800-827-0648
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Spina Bifida Health Care Program	1-877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Dept. of VA (CHAMPVA) CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI)	1-800-733-8387
eBenefits Technical Support	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Health Care Benefits	1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance: Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs	1-800-419-1473 1-800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline	1-888-492-7844
Smoking Cessation Counselors	1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	1-800-749-8387
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	Dial 711
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
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)



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

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/>



**Community Based
Outpatient Clinic**

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***

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

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Fax: (302) 633-5591
Email: Valerie.camarillo@va.gov



File online with eClaims at www.benefits.va.gov.



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!



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



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.

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



VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Rm 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 Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

Georgetown CBOC :
2nd & 4th Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM



VSO—VVA Representative
VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy.
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 993-7250-7250

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

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/>



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)



Are you in need of emergency food assistance?
The Food Bank of Delaware directly
distribute to the public!

222 Lake Blvd. Newark, DE 19713	1040 Mattlind Way Milford, DE 19963
Mon-Fri: 7:00am—3:30pm	Mon-Friday: 8am—4pm
3rd Thursday: 7:30am—7pm	2nd Tuesday: 8am-7pm
2nd Saturday: 9am-noon	2nd Saturday: 9am-noon
Entrance in back of bldg., near loading ramp.	Enter through the front door with green awning.



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/>



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

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



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:

<https://scpd.delaware.gov/brain-injury-funds.shtml>

For additional info., please contact Director John McNeal.
at (302)-739-3620 or John.McNeal@state.de.us

College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

Delaware State University

Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378

nscottknight@desu.edu

Delaware Technical Community College

Dover: Rebecca Craft

(302) 857-1056

rcraft@dtcc.edu

Georgetown: Angela Showell

(302) 259-6073/

ashowel3@stcc.edu

Stanton: Wilford Oney

(302) 454-3926

woney@dtcc.edu

Wilmington: Joe Limmina

(302) 571-5307

jlimmina@dtcc.edu

Southern Illinois University

Dover AFB: Karen M. Nagyiski

(302) 734-7829

nagyiski@siu.edu

DoverAFB@siu.edu

University of Delaware

Brooks Raup

302-831-0552

braup@udel.edu

Wesley College

Erin Elsberry

(302) 736-2434/ Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu

Widener University School of Law

Pattie Donoghue

(302) 477-2710/ pmdonoghue@widener.edu

Wilmington University

Jim Webb / Jennifer Bacci

(302) 342-8669 / (302) 356-6962

james.s.webb@wilmu.edu

jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu



**Veterans
Crisis Line**
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

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<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>

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*



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



100 Delaware Veterans Blvd
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 424-6000
Veterans Nursing Home

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.*



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)*

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<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>

Veteran Organizations

Air Force Sergeants Association	(302) 677-5264	Alexander Collazo, MSgt
American Legion	(302) 628-5221	Richard “Ric” Santos
AMVETS	(302) 945-2170	Eugene Bradley
Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)	(302) 475-9891 (302) 674-9956	Post 1 Post 2
Delaware Veterans Coalition	(302) 270-7145	Dave Skocik delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com
Disabled American Veterans	(302) 697-9061	Paul Lardizzone
First State Military Women Warriors	(302) 387-1309	Pat Cerhio
Fleet Reserve Association	(302) 322-0681	Philip Pushel
40 & 8	(302) 678-8077	Eugene “Chip” Rosan
Gold Star Families	(302) 593-5991	Judy Campbell
A Hero’s Welcome Delaware	(302) 530-4984	Rosely Robinson ahwdelaware@gmail.com
Korean War Veterans Association	(302) 933-0228	Edward Johnson
Marine Corps League	(302) 242-7926	William C. Farley
Military Officers Association of America	(302) 335-1655 (302) 519-0611	Gene Thornton (Kent Co.) Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)
New Castle Co. veterans/resident can contact the 2 representatives for questions/concerns. Thank you!		
Military Order of the Purple Heart	(302) 422-6760	Gary “Mo” Morris
Military Order of the World Wars	(302) 239-0641	Earl Seppala eseppala@aol.com
Nat’l Association of Black Veterans	(302) 345-6911	Nolan S. Lewis
Paralyzed Veterans of America	(302) 284-4719	Elmer (Art) Titus
The Reserve Officers Association	(302) 234-1418	LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net
Veterans of Foreign Wars	(302) 526-0993	Mark Newman
Vietnam Veterans of America	(302) 697-8384	Paul Davis

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.

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| 1. Hospital Service Coordinator
Wilmington VAMC
Thea Kersey
302- 633-5414
800-461-8262 X 5414
Mon-Thurs 8am—noon | 5. DAV—Dover, DE
Dispatcher: 302-697-9061
Fax: 302-697-9041
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am |
| 2. DAV Seaford, DE
Dispatcher: Henry Tiff
302-629-3759
302-858-7588 cell
Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm | 6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE
Dispatcher: 302-539-9981
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am |
| 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 | 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 |
| 4. American Legion Post 28
Oak Orchard, DE
Dispatcher: 302-945-1673
Monday-Thursday
Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am | 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:

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| • Camden: DAV, 183 South Street | • Magnolia: Fire Department |
| • Dover: McDonald's - Route 10 | • Dover: IHOP/Safeway Shopping Ctr. |
| • Dover: Luther Towers, Kings Hwy | • Smyrna: Rest Area |

This community-level effort directly supports military service members, veterans and their families by addressing critical issues and needs including: Financial and legal assistance; job training and employment; homelessness and housing; behavioral health and wellness; and education. Veterans can use this website to search for resources listed above. Our website is growing weekly with service providers that are registering their services to our veteran community. To include attending our quarterly meetings. For more information, POC are below.



delaware.gov/djf

Larence Kirby
DCVA-Executive Director
302-739-2293
larence.kirby@delaware.gov

Christine F. Kubik
DNG/Community Relations
(302) 326-7582
chritine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil



The Delaware Trust Fund, signed into law in September 2013, is administered by the DCVA. The Friends of DE Veterans, Inc. was established in 2014 to serve as the fund raising arm of the Trust Fund. For more information and how to donate please visit: delawareveteranstrustfund.com

To apply for “emergency” financial assistance through DVTF, please contact any of the following offices:

New Castle Co. - 302-365-8231
Kent Co. - 302-739-2792
Sussex Co. - 302-648-3068

**Please allow 5-7 business days for processing.*

Delaware State Veterans Cemeteries

Veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States, their spouses, and dependent children may be interred at the DE Veterans Memorial Cemeteries. Eligibility requirements are prescribed by the National Cemetery Administration. Please contact the cemeteries or DCVA for an application or further questions/concerns.



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

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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"Veterans First in the First State"



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PREVENT THE SPREAD



STAY HOME IF
YOU'RE SICK



WASH HANDS
FOR 20 SECONDS



WEAR A FACE
COVERING OR MASK



STAY AT LEAST
6 FT APART

PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.

Thank you.

For more information please visit:
de.gov/coronavirus



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AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Division of Public Health