Greetings Delaware Veterans and Families, Happy New Year! 2021 is surely to be a better year after the tragic one we have just endured. Continue to pray for all suffering from this horrific virus and our condolences to families who have lost loved ones. Veterans nationally have been particularly hard hit as many are at risk from service connected disabilities. Director Vince Kane and staff at Elsmere/Wilmington VA have performed above and beyond in ensuring our veterans were provided with first class life saving procedures. From the greeters at the entrance, to the doctors and nurses who work tirelessly in treatment of COVID - 19 while offering continued care to veterans in whatever form it takes, to the pharmacists in providing medications without interruptions, and the custodial, security, housekeeping, cafeteria workers for providing a safe environment. Not to forget the tech personnel ensuring online procedures offer a safe alternative to in person visits. We thank you, sincerely.

The DCVA legislative committee led my Commissioners Sarg and McMullen has prepared a comprehensive and aggressive legislative agenda we will present to the Legislative Veterans Committee once the Legislature convenes. I assure you this is not a wish list. We are actively seeking sponsors to write bills and have them introduced. We must start holding accountable those who continually stall or vote no on veterans issues. The best way to achieve that objective is through the voting booth. 70K plus veterans are a large voting block in such a small state. In the future we will attempt to do better at keeping you informed on legislative issues and how you may support the process. State taxation of military retired pay, competitive pay for employees of veterans support services; Veterans Home, cemeteries, veterans service office, all require attention in an effort to attract veterans to Delaware and to ensure we are recognized as a military/veteran friendly state.

House Bill 12 which addresses 100% disabled veterans tax exemption om property tax has been reintroduced and we will observe closely how it proceeds towards a vote.

Please communicate your concerns. Be assured we are not shy about holding to task responsible individuals in ensuring fair treatment to all veterans. Veterans are my heroes!!

...to care for him who has borne the battle, and his widow and his orphan.

-Abe Lincoln.

In admiration and respect
Chuck Baldwin, DCVA Chairperson
Delaware Award For Heroism

With Great Pride, Admiration and Gratitude
It is an Honor to Announce the Recipients of the
Delaware Award for Heroism

Fred Beach
Steven Beck
Walter Bruhl
William Fintak
Jennifer Gabriele
Ronald “Skip” LeMieux
“Chief” Larry Keller, Volunteer

On May 8, 2020 our staff was faced with a situation that no one ever expects to be faced with - an active shooter. As our grounds crew went about their normal everyday tasks of burials and grounds maintenance, they suddenly heard shots ring out. This is not an unusual occurrence here at the Veterans Cemetery as there are often Military Honors provided for the internment of veterans. But there was something unusual about these shots; they didn’t sound the same. As one crew member, Steven Beck, looked toward the Administration and Chapel building, there were no Honors being performed. Then, as he scanned the area, he saw the active shooter as one of his victims fell to the ground. The shooter immediately turned his weapon toward the second victim and Steven saw the second victim shot. Steven then shouted out to the rest of the crew, ‘Someone call the police!’ By that time the entire crew was aware of the situation and Jennifer Gabriele, our grounds foreman, dialed 911 and the crew quickly made their way to the maintenance compound and locked themselves in. To their credit, every one of them acted according to the State’s Active Shooter Training.

We also have a ‘resident’ volunteer, Chief Larry Keller, who was at the time rendering his time and labor in support of our staff in the mechanic shop and any miscellaneous work that needed to be done. Chief, as we call him, rushed to the scene to provide life-saving aid to the victims until the police arrived. He put himself selflessly in harm’s way. He and another man, whose name or information is unknown, worked together. The anonymous gentleman was on the lookout for the shooter while Chief was rendering aid to the victims.

It is an honor for the Division of Veteran Services and the Department of State to recognize your alertness, observance and quick-acting response to the situation at hand.
Joshua Matticks is the new Executive Director of the Delaware Office of Veteran Services. His professional background is centered entirely around the United States military, our nations service member’s and veterans. Joshua is a Retired Air Force wounded warrior whose honorable service spanned 10 years. His service comprised of heavy aircraft maintenance and Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge of Dover AFB Honor Guard. Josh spent two years with Team Air Force as a wounded warrior athlete where he received two Bronze Medals during the 2016 Warrior Games, a nationwide competition between the branches of U.S. Military, Australia, and Britain. He volunteers with the Recovering Airman Mentorship Program through the Air Force guiding wounded warrior’s through the harsh terrain of transitioning from active service to civilian status.

Josh began working with the Office of Veteran Services as an Administrative Specialist in 2016 where his passion for helping veterans grew enormously. Josh became a Veteran Service Officer in 2017 and began a working relationship with Dover AFB to better assist Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve service member’s by creating classes to better understand the VA and its seemingly endless possibilities. Josh’s passion for helping veterans is his motivation, built around the core values of the United States Air Force: Integrity first, Service before self, and Excellence in all we do.

With nearly 10 years of active-duty service in the Army, Dennis Linehan was a crypto linguist with the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His service included multiple deployments to West Africa and Afghanistan, and combat missions alongside allied and local indigenous forces.

As a recent Wilmington University graduate with a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice; I plan to pursue a master’s degree in social work to continue working with fellow veterans.

Dennis started with the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs in November of 2019 and now works with veterans as the newly appointed Kent County Veteran Service Officer. Periodically, he’ll be called away from commission duties to mentor other veterans at Melwood Veterans Services through Operation Tohidu in Upper Marlboro, Md. (https://melwood.org/veterans-services/operation-tohidu/: A holistic retreat helping wounded warriors overcome obstacles to their recover and supporting their successful reintegration.) Dennis enjoys family outings as well as getting out on his motorcycle. With an enthusiastic outlook on learning about other cultures and picking up languages, traveling is a passion.

Elvira L. Jameson grew up in Chicago, IL being the youngest of five. She entered the Air Force in 1986 and transitioned to the AF Reserves in 2001. During her time in the reserves, she was assigned to the 514th FSS, McGuire AFB, NJ where she became the NCOIC Lodging services and training manager. In 2003 she became an Individual Mobilization Augmentee assigned to the 436th Services Squadron. She’s currently assigned to the 512th Memorial Affairs Squadron as Superintendent of Lodging. She has several wing and unit duties from Unit CPR Instructor to being part of the Wing Inspection Team (WIT) representative. Elvira was deployed to Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield and has supported Operation Desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom as NCOIC, Lodging Services. During her military career she has earned the top two highest awards a Services member can earn, the Innkeeper Award (2011) and the Hennessey Award (2017).

In her civilian sector she has worked as a Custodial Housekeeping Supervisor, Eagles Rest Inn and Golf Course Snack Bar Manager at Dover AFB. Elvira has earned her Associates Degree in Fitness, Recreation and Services Management through the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelor’s Degree in Hotel Management from American Public University System.

Elvira joined OVS right before COVID hit as our part-time Veteran Service Officer. She’s been great in helping manage our current overwhelming case load of service connected claims and other benefits for veterans and their family members. She enjoys cooking, gardening, and wine tasting in her spare time.
A Taste of Delaware History for Christmas and a Cause

For more than a half century master photographer Gary Emeigh has travelled the state and flown over it as a pilot and at one time as a crop duster.

In 2019 he published a coffee table book – 432-pages of color and black-and-white images representing more than 50 years of events and the Delawareans who made them notable for the Delaware State News and The News Journal.

“The Ink in My Blood,” 432 pages of people, places and things the average person rarely encounters, including leaders, celebrities, heroes, villains, extreme weather, sports, entertainment, police and crime stories, miracle rescues, and the average person doing meaningful and remarkable things.

And having been raised in a military family he’s never forgotten his roots with those who serve and their families. He still flies out of Dover AFB as a Civil Air Patrol pilot on search and rescue missions. That led him to offer proceeds from some of the final copies of his book to the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund. The trust fund, signed into law in September 2013, operates under the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

It provides emergency financial assistance to honorably discharged military veterans residing in Delaware. It has stopped utilities disconnections, repossession of vehicles, made emergency repairs on homes, and sometimes put food on the table. All payments are made directly to creditors. All contributions are tax-deductible. Visit www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com for more information.

“This book about our state and its history would make a wonderful Christmas gift while benefitting those who serve,” said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans. He was joined by Paul Davis, VP of the Friends and president of the Delaware Council, Vietnam Veterans of America.

Valued by the publisher at $80, the book will be provided at no cost to anyone who contributes at least $35 to the Veterans Trust Fund until they’re gone. They can be purchased at Forney’s Too on Loockerman Street in Dover or at the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Blvd., in the Silver Lake Office complex off Walker Road with checks made to Veterans Trust Fund. The office is marked by the American, Delaware, and POW/MIA flags.

Contact Paul Davis at 697-8384 or pauldavis5233@comcast.net for more information or to obtain a copy.

Photo Caption: Paul Davis, Gary Emeigh and Dave Skocik at Mission BBQ, Dover. The men met there to create the effort.

They Were Never Forgotten...

Although the annual Wreaths Across America event at Legislative Hall was cancelled due to Covid restrictions, Mark Cutrona, Director of Legislative Council’s Division of Research and Executive Assistant Colinda Marker placed wreaths sent by the Commission on the memorials surrounding the state capital on a rainy December 14. “Here’s hoping next year’s event is our best yet, with better weather,” Mr. Cutrona said. The POW/MIA and Honor and Remember flags are also being flown at the Capital.

"We are appreciative of the respect shown by these wonderful people to all who have served our state from the Colonials forward," said Paul Davis, vice president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition.
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program continues its many programs, which reach not only domestically, but nationally as they continue to be the model to the Nation on the meaning of Gold Star.

On October 9th they met to unveil the dedication of the Preston Marckese Memorial Interchange, located at Route 71 and Route 72, a project they had been working on for over two years. In keeping with Governor Carney’s COVID-19 guidelines our group was limited in size, but well represented by MG Frank Vavala (RET), former Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan, State Senator Nicole Poore, State Representative Valerie Longhurst, President of VVA Chapter 83 Tom Daws (Elaine, Vice President, Rocky Graves (Donna), Preston’s family and friends. Preston’s mother, Debbie delivered moving remarks of gratitude while her husband Ty and son, Brent looked on. Delaware Patriot Guard, under the leadership of President Dan Kapitanic presented The Colors and assisted throughout the service to bring honor to this memorable event.

Organizer and guest speaker, Gold Star Representative, Judy C. Campbell told the audience, “Preston served our Nation proudly with the Delaware National Guard 153rd Military Police and served in Iraq in 2007 and 2008. He served us, he answered the call. Words cannot repay the debt we owe him, but our actions can. This interchange dedication will keep Preston’s memory alive.”

On November 4th, 2020 Gold Star Representative, First Life-time Associate Sibling member of the Legion of Valor, Judy C. Campbell (Gold Star Sister of Sp/4 Keith Allen Campbell), presented the Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement award to Christiana High School Cadet Lieutenant Junior Grade Ny’Isis Stephenson.

Cadet Stephenson is the Unit Commanding Officer for the Christiana High School Navy Junior ROTC Unit. She is a 4-year member of the NJROTC program and will graduate in June 2021. In addition to being an exemplary student, her leadership and superb dedication make her an outstanding and well-rounded cadet and recipient of this elite award.

The Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement is truly an award of meritorious distinction. The Legion of Valor (LOV) is perhaps the most unique organization in the United States of America. Membership is not achieved by birth, social position, wealth, or academic achievement, but by extreme valor. The fundamental purpose of the LOV is to cultivate in the minds of our youth the attitude that extra effort to our country is a tradition to be continued. Members of the LOV are comprised of Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Navy Cross and Air Force Cross recipients.

Brief History:
The Legion of Valor was organized on April 23, 1890, in Washington, DC, by a group of Civil War and Indian War Campaign veterans who were recipients of the Medal of Honor. At its inception, the name was “The Medal of Honor Legion”.

For complete history and story, please contact Judy C. Campbell with the Gold Star Families at (302) 593-5991.
Wilmington VA Medical Center to begin COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution with Moderna at its Outpatient Clinics in Delaware and southern New Jersey

Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center is scheduled to expand COVID-19 vaccinations with the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine at its Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Kent and Sussex counties in Delaware and Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties in New Jersey beginning Dec. 30.

Wilmington VA Medical Center rolled out its COVID-19 vaccination program Dec. 22 at the main medical center in Wilmington following the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s Emergency Use Authorization for this vaccine. Initial doses of the vaccine were offered to health care personnel and Veterans in the community living center.

“As vaccine supplies increase, our ultimate goal is to offer COVID-19 vaccination to all Veterans and employees who want to be vaccinated,” said Vince Kane, Director of Wilmington VA Medical Center. “Initially, we will be focusing on vaccinating Veterans with higher risk factors such as age and preexisting health conditions.”

As vaccines become available for more groups of Veterans, VA care teams will reach out to eligible Veterans to schedule vaccinations. **There is no need to preregister or come to a facility to sign up.**

Even after receiving COVID-19 vaccination, employees and Veterans should continue:

- Wearing face coverings
- Washing hands often
- Watching physical distancing

**Vaccine Background**

Wilmington VA Medical Center is one of 113 VA Medical Centers across the country to receive the first limited supply of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Sites were identified based on need for the vaccine according to CDC’s 1A prioritization and capacity to store the vaccine at -20°C.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine was 94 percent effective in clinical trials in preventing COVID-19 disease. The vaccine is administered in two doses, 28 days apart. The side effects appear similar to those of other vaccines and are short-lived.

Veterans can get up-to-date information on VA’s VA COVID-19 vaccine webpage at www.va.gov/covid-19-vaccine which launched on Dec.11, and sign up to receive regular updates on the vaccine on the VA’s Stay Informed page at www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/stay-informed.

**Do Not Delay Essential Care**

The Wilmington VA Medical Center and our five CBOCs in Delaware and southern New Jersey are open, safe and are ready to care for your medical needs. Our Emergency Department remains open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and fully ready to meet your emergent health care needs. Please schedule all your appointments including blood work prior to coming to the facility.

To promote safety, we continue to discourage walk ins and ask that you please contact us via phone at 1-800-461-8262, select Option 2, so we can better coordinate your care.

Take comfort in knowing our hospital and CBOCs are safe. Doctors, nurses, our entire health care team have taken every precaution to ensure that Veterans are protected from infection when they come to the hospital, our CBOCs and emergency room. All locations are screening, require masking and employing physical distancing.

**More Information**

Wilmington VA Medical Center provides health care services to approximately 33,000 Veterans through its main medical center and five CBOCs in Delaware and southern New Jersey. For more information, please visit www.wilmington.va.gov.
The new facility in the former Blue Hen Mall at 655 S. Bay Road in Dover is scheduled to open in the beginning of 2021 will increase the clinic space from its current size of 9,000 square feet to over 29,000 square feet.

“In VA it is our mission to put Veterans first in everything we do and provide them with exceptional health. It is our privilege to meet the health care needs and challenges Veterans face. This clinic will be an example of that commitment,” said Vince Kane, Director, Wilmington VA Medical Center

The additional space will allow for the expansion of services such as: primary care, behavioral health, specialty services and telehealth.

The new clinic will include:

- 18 primary care exam rooms
- 12 mental health rooms
- 5 specialty exam rooms
- 3 women’s health rooms
- optometry rooms
- an audiology suite
- phlebotomy lab
- procedure rooms
- telehealth rooms
- conference/group meeting rooms
- staging area for home-based primary care
- physical medicine & rehabilitation suite
- offices for care coordinators
- requisite waiting, check-in, storage, & medication rooms
- patient aligned care team (PACT) model has patient entering from a patient hallway that has a quiet setting. Staff enter through the staff work area.

2. New specialty care that will be available in the new clinic
   a. All comprehensive eyecare
   b. Physical therapy
   c. Audiology services to include:
      I. Hearing tests in new audiology both
      II. Hearing aid fittings
      III. Hearing aid repairs
   d. (3) designated Women Health exam rooms (with on-suite bathrooms)
   e. Specialty exam room fitted with patient lift for Veterans that need additional assistance
   f. (2) Procedure rooms with soiled utility room for possible procedures in the future (e.g., dermatology, podiatry)
   g. Lab services designed at the front entrance with its own waiting area. Veterans that just need lab work can enter and exit clinic easily
   h. Additional offices built for Non-VHA services. (Vet Center will currently occupy 2 offices, look at VBA and VSO on site in the future)
   i. Plenty of parking spaces for Veterans in front of clinic.
   j. Large conference room that can be utilized for whole health initiatives. It has a partition wall to separate into 2 conference rooms
   k. (2) additional conference rooms for Behavioral Health Services and Non-VHA meetings

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For more information, visit wilmington.va.gov.
Dover Mayor's Crisis Awareness Challenge started last year just before the start of the Pandemic. Although it has been challenging, there is a committee made up of volunteers and Veteran Organizations that are working towards getting critical information and resources out into the community. This information provides contacts and resources specific to our Veterans/Service Members in a crisis, especially in the areas of Mental Health and Suicide Awareness. If you have questions concerning these initiatives or would like to volunteer, please contact Anna Lopez, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, Vice Chairwoman, anna.lopez@delaware.gov or anna.mlopez@yahoo.com.

If you are a Veteran in Crisis Visit or call your closest ER 24/7

Wilmington VA Medical Center
ER - 302-994-2511 Ext 4630
1601 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19905

Christiana Hospital:
302-733-1000
4755 Ogletown Stanton Road
Newark, DE 19718

Bayhealth Emergency Center:
302-659-2190
401 N. Carter Road
Smyrna, DE 19977

Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus:
302-744-6152
640 S. State Street
Dover, DE 19901

Bayhealth Medical Center:
302-430-5720
100 Wellness Way
Milford, DE 19963

Beebe Medical Center:
302-645-3300
424 Savannah Road
Lewes, DE 19958

TidalHealth Nanticoke:
302-629-6611
801 Middleford Road
Seaford, DE 19973

Are you a Veteran in crisis or do you know a Veteran in crisis?

Veterans Crisis text line at: 838255

Delaware Crisis Text Line:
Text DE to 741741

Kent County VA Suicide Prevention Coordinator:
302-354-7052

Wilmington VAMC Suicide Prevention Coordinator:
302-275-5676 or 1-800-461-8262 Ext 4805
3rd Floor Rm 3222

Kent County
DE Guidance Services:
302-678-3020

Sussex County
Mobile Crisis
Southern DE Hotline:
1-800-345-6785

New Castle County
Mobile Crisis
Northern DE Hotline:
1-800-652-2929

Crisis Intervention Services:
302-577-2484

Additional Resources for Veterans in Crisis

Contact Lifeline Crisis Support:
1-800-262-9800

Nat'l Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Delaware Hope Line
1-833-946-7333

Dover Behavioral Health Hospital:
302-741-0140

DE CORE
Mental Health Clinic
Dover: 877-777-2505

Recovery Innovations Ellendale: 302-424-5660

Sun Behavioral Health
Delaware: 302-604-5600

NAMI-Delaware: 302-427-0787

Mental Health Association
Delaware: 302-654-6833

Contact information above comes in tri-fold brochure publication, that can be requested through Anna Lopez.
American Legion Post 17 in Lewes was not going to let the COVID-19 pandemic keep them from celebrating Veterans Day Nov. 11. Planned as an outdoor event at the post’s new flag garden, rain caused the event to move under roof in the post’s pavilion.

Taking part in the ceremony were Murt Foos, president of Auxiliary Unit 17, as emcee; Kellie Bergen, Unit 17 chaplain; Ed Bergen, Post 17 commander; Doug Spelman, Squadron 17 commander; Mike Mulligan, first vice commander; Rich Mansfield, Marine Corps League; John Hammond, Post 17 chaplain; and JGar Helling, featured singer.

Special tribute was given to Lewes Mayor Ted Becker and Beebe Healthcare CEO and President David Tam as warriors and leaders in the community’s battle against COVID-19. Becker served on city council for 10 years before being elected mayor in 2014. Tam moved from California to start his new job March 17, the same time Delaware officials instituted a state of emergency because of the pandemic.

Becker, a U.S. Army and Army Reserves veteran, served from 1978-1996 as an occupational therapist with most of his duty at Walter Reed National Military Hospital in Washington, D.C., working with wounded members of the military. “I want to commend the American Legion for the important role you play to help men and women get back to a normal life,” he said.

Becker has a strong family military background with his grandfather serving in World War I in Germany and his father serving as a Merchant Marine.

Tam, who retired as a captain from the U.S. Navy 13 years ago, served for 24 years in the medical side of service, doing his pediatric residency at U.S. Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. Tam also has a strong family military background with his daughter serving as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and his wife’s father serving in Vietnam and Korea.

The Disabled American Veterans is in need of volunteer drivers. The DAV has a long proud history of serving our nation's wartime wounded, and we need YOUR help. Our Transportation Network provides much needed transportation for veterans to their VA medical appointments, at no cost to the veteran. We need patriotic volunteer drivers to help us in this endeavor so that the veterans of Delaware can receive the care they deserve.

For more information, contact
Paul Lardizzone: 302-382-3448 or Abraham Velez: 973-868-8725
Veteran Reaches Out to Civilians

A Dover businessman wanted the entire month of November to be about veterans. Navy veteran Doug DeAngelis and his wife Kathy of Patriot Auto and Truck Care at 497 S. DuPont Hwy, Dover, have come up with an idea to remind people that veterans benefit people throughout the year, not only on a single day in November.

"While veterans are honored on Nov. 11, we are going to give everyone who knows a veteran a 10 percent discount on all of our services throughout November," said Mr. DeAngelis. The idea came from a local convenience store that's discounting coffee during October and he thought why not reach out in the name of his fellow veterans.

"Bottom line, anyone who has a veteran in their family, knows a veteran, or will even say "God Bless our veterans," will be provided a discount during the entire month of November. The shop also hosts an annual Veterans Day barbeque, sometimes with military vehicles on display. Hot dogs, hamburgers and traditional picnic food from Mission BBQ will be served. The party is open to the public.

Visit www.PatriotAutoandTruckCare.com or call 302-257-5715 for more information.

Generations of Generosity

Dover resident William “Bill” Willis has never forgotten his fellow airmen of the 8th Army Air Corps and the heavy price they paid during WWII.

Nor will he forget bailing out of his B-24 Liberator over Holland. Although injured and in the shoot down and held captive by the German army, he was more fortunate than several of his fellow crewmembers who didn’t survive.

The Eighth Air Force was established as VIII Bomber Command in Langley Field, Virginia in January 1942. Later that spring an advanced detachment was established near RAF Bomber Command Headquarters at RAF Daws Hill, England. They were often referred to as “The Mighty Eighth,” specializing in heavy, strategic bombing.

But in a way of paying it forward to his fellow veterans of succeeding generations, the 95-year-old and his wife Betty presented a $10,000 check to the Friends of Delaware Veterans on December 21, 2020.

The Friends is the official fundraising organization of the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund, under the auspices of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. The Trust Fund provides emergency financial assistance to veterans residing in Delaware.

It has prevented shutoff of utilities, stopped repossessions of vehicles and made emergency repairs on homes in one-time grants paid directly to creditors. The Friends board is comprised of military veterans who serve pro bono.

“Mr. Willis was honored by the Delaware legislature in June 2019 on the 75th anniversary of D-Day. I can’t think of any more selfless gift to help veterans than this,” said Dave Skocik, Friends president.

Tax deductible donations can be made at www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com.
Delaware 2021 Veterans’ Stand Down is still in effect for Friday, 17 September 2021.

For updated flyers please contact our office or Liz Jiron at 302-349-4898 or lbjnavcret@hotmail.com.

Flyer will be shared again next quarter’s newsletter. Thank you!
The Woobridge High School Marine Corps JROTC has partnered with the Communities in Schools Delaware to collect items needed for middle and high school students. The program is currently in need of the below items for the current school year. If you have any questions or would like to arrange a donation prior to the race, contact: Joy Conway at 302-232-3316 or Joy.Conway@wsd.k12.de.us

Personal Items:
Shampoo, conditioner, soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, mouthwash, maxi pads/tampons, toilet paper, towels, laundry detergent, fabric sheets, cleaning supplies

Adult Size Clothing:
New or gently used
Socks, coats, gloves, scarves, hats, pants, shirts, shorts, hoodies, & sweatshirts

School Supplies:
Backpacks, pens, pencils, highlighters, college ruled paper, spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, binders, index cards, dividers, & folders.

Thank you for supporting the Communities in Schools Delaware Program.

Online 5K registration, please visit: TriSportsEvents.com
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<td><strong>1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Vets.gov Help Desk</strong></td>
<td>1-855-574-7286</td>
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<td><strong>White House VA Hotline</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Women Veterans Hotline</strong></td>
<td>1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)</td>
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### 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/

### 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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<td>Office: (302) 994-2511 ext. 4598</td>
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<td>Work cell: (302) 932-7519</td>
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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
(302) 365-8231

Kent County: Dennis Linehan & Elvira Jameson
DCVA office in Dover, DE
(302) 257-3119/3118

Sussex County: Laurie Corsa
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE
(302) 648-3068

Hours may vary due to COVID restrictions.
Please call to make an appointment with any of our VSOs.

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

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

ATTN:: We do not have Mr. Houghton current schedule, please contact him or the American Legion for more details. Or contact he facilities he visits listed below. Thank you!

Post #28-Millsboro
(302) 945-1673
Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover
(302) 674-3922
Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro
(302) 945-1673
Callaway-Kemp-Raughley-Tee, Harrington
(302) 398-3566

New Castle County:
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Bldg. 13, Room 27
Wilmington, DE 19805
Mark Donberger, DAV NVO Supervisor
Please call to set up appointments:
302-993-7258
302-994-84254 (fax)

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

Nolan Lewis at (302) 345-6911
nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com or nlewis2939@yahoo.com

NABVETS
"Creating a positive lifestyle for veterans"

VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805
Nolan Lewis at (302) 345-6911
nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com or nlewis2939@yahoo.com

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

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/

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

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.

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

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
1-800-827-1000
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/
College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

**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/](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](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

**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/
ashowell3@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

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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)

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<td>Post 1 Post 2</td>
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<td>Delaware Veterans Coalition</td>
<td>(302) 270-7145</td>
<td>Dave Skocik <a href="mailto:delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com">delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Disabled American Veterans</td>
<td>(302) 697-9061</td>
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<td>Eugene “Chip” Rosan</td>
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<td>(302) 593-5991</td>
<td>Judy Campbell</td>
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<td>A Hero’s Welcome Delaware</td>
<td>(302) 530-4984</td>
<td>Rosely Robinson <a href="mailto:ahwdelaware@gmail.com">ahwdelaware@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>(302) 933-0228</td>
<td>Edward Johnson</td>
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<td>Marine Corps League</td>
<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>New Castle Co. veterans/resident can contact the 2 representatives for questions/concerns. Thank you!</td>
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<td>Military Order of the Purple Heart</td>
<td>(302) 422-6760</td>
<td>Gary “Mo” Morris</td>
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<td>Military Order of the World Wars</td>
<td>(302) 239-0641</td>
<td>Earl Seppala <a href="mailto:eseppala@aol.com">eseppala@aol.com</a></td>
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<td>Nat’l Association of Black Veterans DE Chapter 94</td>
<td>(302) 345-6911</td>
<td>Nolan S. Lewis <a href="mailto:nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com">nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:nlewis2939@yahoo.com">nlewis2939@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>(302) 284-4719</td>
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<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) 697-8384</td>
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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
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

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.gov/djf

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

Delaware Office of Veterans Services
302-739-2792

Delaware State Veterans Cemeteries

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.
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 ____________
Veterans who are unable to get COVID vaccination through VA healthcare, please visit: [vaccinerequest.delaware.gov](vaccinerequest.delaware.gov) (65+ only)

Don’t have computer access? Call: 1-833-643-1715

For more information, such as other age groups: [https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/](https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/)

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