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## ***Chairman's Corner***

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 by 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 on 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 interment 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.*





L-R: Elvira Jameson, Joshua Matticks and Dennis Linehan

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](http://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](mailto: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.







Gold Star Representative, Judy C. Campbell at Preston Marckese Intersection dedication



L-R Gold Star Father Ty Marckese, Gold Star Mother Deb Marckese & Gold Star Sibling Brent Marckese

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](http://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](http://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](http://www.wilmington.va.gov).



## Kent County Community Based Outpatient Clinic Set to Open Beginning of 2021 (Pending Official Date)

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 room
- 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

### Other:

1. Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT)T 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](http://wilmington.va.gov).*



## Dover Mayor's Crisis Awareness Challenge

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](mailto:anna.lopez@delaware.gov) or [anna.mlopez@yahoo.com](mailto:anna.mlopez@yahoo.com).



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

**Please call 911 or  
The Nat'l Veterans  
Crisis Line at:  
1-800-273-8255, option 1**

*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

**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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> 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**





## Post 17 Pays Tribute to Veterans: *By Ron MacArthur, Cape Gazette*

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.



*Officers of American Legion Post 17, Squadron 17 and Auxiliary Unit 17 gather at the new outdoor flag garden honoring all military branches. In the front row by the U.S. Flag, (left to right) are Beebe Healthcare CEO and President David Tam, Legionnaire Rich Mansfield, and City of Lewes Mayor Ted Becker.*



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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com).

*Betty and Bill Willis and Dave Skocik.*



**VETERANS AWARENESS CENTER FOUNDATION INVITES YOU TO ATTEND**

**Red, White & Bloom  
Military Women's Tea Party**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GARDEN STYLED PARTY  
WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO SHOW OFF YOUR FAVORITE SPRING FINERY AND  
HATS!**

**DATE: Saturday, March 20, 2021 2pm-4pm**

**Location: Dover Elks Lodge  
200 Saubury Road  
Dover, De. 19904**

**RSVP FOR THIS FREE EVENT BY MARCH 1, 2021**

**WE WOULD LOVE TO ADD ANY OF YOUR MILITARY PHOTOS TO OUR SLIDE  
SHOW!**

**PLEASE FORWARD THEM, WITH YOUR RSVP, TO THE EMAIL ADDRESS  
BELOW**

**NO LATER THAN MARCH 1, 2021**

**[beth.militarytea@gmail.com](mailto:beth.militarytea@gmail.com)  
302-349-4898**

**Registration opens at 1:45 pm**



**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 [lbjnavcnet@hotmail.com](mailto:lbjnavcnet@hotmail.com).

*Flyer will be shared again next quarter's newsletter. Thank you!*





The Modern Maturity Center (MMC) will hold a dedication ceremony for a POW/MIA chair on Monday March 29 which is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. The ceremony will be held at noon at the flag pole in the front of the building. MMC volunteer Joyce Proctor worked with One Brotherhood One Mission of Salisbury, Maryland and secured their donation of the chair at the Modern Maturity Center. The site work for the chair was donated by Bill Hufnal, a veteran of the Coast Guard and the MMC Ambassador. The DAFB Honor Guard will present the colors, there will be the singing of the National Anthem and Jim Frazier, the Mayor of Magnolia will play TAPS. If you plan on attending the ceremony, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.



**Woodbridge High School  
MCJROTC Booster Club**  
*presents*

# OPERATION RABBIT RUN 5K & BUNNY HOP Community Event

**Saturday, April 10, 2021**

5k Onsite Registration begins at 8am  
Free Healthy Kids Run at 8:50am

Race begins at 9am followed by the Awards  
Ceremony to conclude at 10:30am.

We will be donating 25% of our Race proceeds  
to The Bridgeville Police Department's K-9 unit.

The Community Event with Truck Display will  
take place 10:30am - 2pm

All Raffles take place at 1:30pm

**LOCATION:**  
Bridgeville Public Library  
600 South Cannon Street  
Bridgeville, DE 19933



For information about how you can become a Truck Display sponsor, donating, or for details related to the event please email the WHS MCJROTC Boosters at [mcjrotc.whs@gmail.com](mailto:mcjrotc.whs@gmail.com) or call Karen Johnson at 302-245-2039 or Regina Chillas at 302-265-9984.

The Woodbridge 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](mailto: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](https://www.trisportsevents.com)**



# Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
<p><b>Benefits (VA):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Burial</b></li> <li>• <b>Death Pension</b></li> <li>• <b>Dependency Indemnity Compensation</b></li> <li>• <b>Direct Deposit</b></li> <li>• <b>Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices</b></li> <li>• <b>Disability Compensation</b></li> <li>• <b>Disability Pension</b></li> <li>• <b>Education</b></li> <li>• <b>Home Loan Guaranty</b></li> <li>• <b>Medical Care</b></li> <li>• <b>Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment</b></li> </ul>	<b>1-800-827-1000</b>
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
<b>Veterans Crisis Line</b>	<b>1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)</b>
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](mailto:mark.taylor10@va.gov)

**Valerie Camarillo**

Community Outreach Specialist  
Kent & Sussex Counties

Office: (800) 462-8262  
Work cell: (302) 357-8715  
Fax: (302) 633-5591  
Email: [Valerie.camarillo@va.gov](mailto:Valerie.camarillo@va.gov)



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

## **OUTREACH SCHEDULE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> 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)*

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm**

Blue Hen VFW Post 6483  
(302) 422-4412  
77 Veterans Circle  
Milford, DE 19963

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm**

Virgil Wilson VFW Post 4961  
(302) 629-3092  
9767 Middleford Road  
Seaford, DE 19973

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Afternoon 1:30pm to 3pm**

Rehoboth Beach VFW Post 7447  
(302) 227-3469  
101 State Road  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

**4<sup>th</sup> 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

**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**



VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805

Nolan Lewis at (302) 345-6911

[nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com](mailto:nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com) or [nlewis2939@yahoo.com](mailto:nlewis2939@yahoo.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**



**ATTN:: We do not have Mr. Houghton current schedule, please contact him or the American Legion for more details. Or contact the 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



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:  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM

Georgetown CBOC :  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.DelawareHousingSearch.org)**  
**877-428-8844**

**Delaware 211**  
**[www.delaware211.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:John.McNeal@state.de.us)

## College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

### **Delaware State University**

Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378

[nscottknight@desu.edu](mailto:nscottknight@desu.edu)

### **Delaware Technical Community College**

Dover: Rebecca Craft

(302) 857-1056

[rcraft@dtcc.edu](mailto:rcraft@dtcc.edu)

Georgetown: Angela Showell

(302) 259-6073/

[ashowel3@stcc.edu](mailto:ashowel3@stcc.edu)

Stanton: Wilford Oney

(302) 454-3926

[woney@dtcc.edu](mailto:woney@dtcc.edu)

Wilmington: Joe Limmina

(302) 571-5307

[jlimmina@dtcc.edu](mailto:jlimmina@dtcc.edu)

### **Southern Illinois University**

Dover AFB: Karen M. Nagyiski

(302) 734-7829

[nagyiski@siu.edu](mailto:nagyiski@siu.edu)

[DoverAFB@siu.edu](mailto:DoverAFB@siu.edu)

### **University of Delaware**

Brooks Raup

302-831-0552

[braup@udel.edu](mailto:braup@udel.edu)

### **Wesley College**

Erin Elsberry

(302) 736-2434/ [Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu](mailto:Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu)

### **Widener University School of Law**

Pattie Donoghue

(302) 477-2710/ [pmdonoghue@widener.edu](mailto:pmdonoghue@widener.edu)

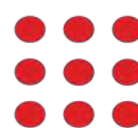
### **Wilmington University**

Jim Webb / Jennifer Bacci

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

[james.s.webb@wilmu.edu](mailto:james.s.webb@wilmu.edu)

[jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu](mailto:jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu)



**Veterans  
Crisis Line**

**1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

Please visit our DE Joining Forces website to research more resources available to veterans:

<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](http://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 or 302-382-9394  
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](http://Veteransawarenesscenter.org)  
*Veterans' Stand Down  
Military Women's Tea  
"Give a Vet a Smile" (Dental Program)*

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



# Veteran Organizations

<b>Air Force Sergeants Association</b>	(302) 677-5264	Alexander Collazo, MSgt
<b>American Legion</b>	(302) 628-5221	Richard “Ric” Santos
<b>AMVETS</b>	(302) 945-2170	Eugene Bradley
<b>Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)</b>	(302) 475-9891 (302) 674-9956	Post 1 Post 2
<b>Delaware Veterans Coalition</b>	(302) 270-7145	Dave Skocik <a href="mailto:delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com">delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com</a>
<b>Disabled American Veterans</b>	(302) 697-9061	Paul Lardizzone
<b>First State Military Women Warriors</b>	(302) 387-1309	Pat Cerhio
<b>Fleet Reserve Association</b>	(302) 322-0681	Philip Pushel
<b>40 &amp; 8</b>	(302) 678-8077	Eugene “Chip” Rosan
<b>Gold Star Families</b>	(302) 593-5991	Judy Campbell
<b>A Hero’s Welcome Delaware</b>	(302) 530-4984	Rosely Robinson <a href="mailto:ahwdelaware@gmail.com">ahwdelaware@gmail.com</a>
<b>Korean War Veterans Association</b>	(302) 933-0228	Edward Johnson
<b>Marine Corps League</b>	(302) 242-7926	William C. Farley
<b>Military Officers Association of America</b>	(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!		
<b>Military Order of the Purple Heart</b>	(302) 422-6760	Gary “Mo” Morris
<b>Military Order of the World Wars</b>	(302) 239-0641	Earl Seppala <a href="mailto:eseppala@aol.com">eseppala@aol.com</a>
<b>Nat’l Association of Black Veterans DE Chapter 94</b>	(302) 345-6911	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>
<b>Paralyzed Veterans of America</b>	(302) 284-4719	Elmer (Art) Titus
<b>The Reserve Officers Association</b>	(302) 234-1418	LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) <a href="mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net">rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net</a>
<b>Veterans of Foreign Wars</b>	(302) 526-0993	Mark Newman
<b>Vietnam Veterans of America</b>	(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<br>Wilmington VAMC<br>Thea Kersey<br>302- 633-5414<br>800-461-8262 X 5414<br>Mon-Thurs 8am—noon                   | 5. DAV—Dover, DE<br>Dispatcher: 302-697-9061<br>Fax: 302-697-9041<br>Monday—Thursday<br>Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am                                              |
| 2. DAV Seaford, DE<br>Dispatcher: Henry Tiff<br>302-629-3759<br>302-858-7588 cell<br>Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm                                       | 6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE<br>Dispatcher: 302-539-9981<br>Monday—Thursday<br>Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am                                                     |
| 3. People's Place Veterans Outreach Service<br>Milford, DE<br>Director: Mike Rowe<br>302-422-8033 X 173<br>Thursday—van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am | 7. DAV Chapter 44—Cape May, NJ<br>Coordinator: Fred Trasatti Jr.<br>215-778-5599 (cell)<br>609-886-8383 (Chapter)<br>Monday-Wednesday VAMC<br>Thursday—Philly VAMC |
| 4. American Legion Post 28<br>Oak Orchard, DE<br>Dispatcher: 302-945-1673<br>Monday-Thursday<br>Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am                     | 8. VTS Salisbury, MD<br>DAV—Ed Elder (410) 845-0933<br>Coordinator: Jim Boston<br>(443) 366-6316<br>Departs VFW Post 194 (Tues. & Thurs)                           |

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

### ***Pick-Up Points:***

- |                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • 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                 |

**T**his 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](http://delaware.gov/djf)

Delaware Office of  
Veterans Services  
302-739-2792

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



**T**he 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](http://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** \_\_\_\_\_

Veterans who are unable to get COVID vaccination through VA healthcare,

Please visit:

[vaccinerequest.delaware.gov](https://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/>



## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



DELAWARE HEALTH  
AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
Division of Public Health

Questions about coronavirus in DE?

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
CALL CENTER

 **1-866-408-1899**

 **DPHcall@delaware.gov**

**Hours of Operation**  
**M-F 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Sat.-Sun 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

The call center is open to take questions from the public, schools, medical providers, and community organizations.

People with hearing impairments can dial 7-1-1

For the latest Delaware updates:  
**[de.gov/coronavirus](https://de.gov/coronavirus)**

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