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# **Chairman's Corner**

Greetings Delaware Veterans and Families, Spring is in the air! Thank goodness. There is good news on the veterans front and here are the highlights: 1.Paul Davis, State Chairman of the VVA and Dave Skocik, Head of the Delaware Veterans Coalition, are in talks with the Delaware Department of Corrections (DOC) on how we may better assist our incarcerated veterans. Awesome initiative and look forward to progress.

- 2. House Bill 12 (HB12) provides tax relief to 100% disabled veterans exempting their property and school taxes, has support and is moving forward for a vote. State Representative Bill Carson is leading the charge and has worked hard to keep the push on for approval.
- 3. The Delaware Veterans Home has made improvements on the communication front and is being guided by the Secretary of State office in implementing protocols to keep veterans safe. In person visitation policy, progress on the dental suite, new admissions, and providing quality care, ensure they are never idle.
- 4. We have submitted a proposal to a Delaware State Senator considering sponsoring a bill to exempt military retirement pay. This will be a tough fight. However did you know Delaware is one of 6 states that fully taxes military retirement pay!! 44 do not. One reason our veterans population has decreased from 75K in 2014 to under 70K in 2021. Hard to convince young talented veterans to relocate to Delaware to pay taxes.
- 5. Veterans homelessness is tracked very carefully by Commissioner Bill Farley and his tireless efforts continue to serve our veterans in need. Veterans in Delaware have a way forward if they so select.
- 6. We have four new Commissioners, Gregory Sutton, Nolan Lewis, Valerie Camarillo, and William Miller. Outstanding veterans excited to serve.
- 7. One significant hurdle we hope to achieve this month is assisting the Office of Veteran Services who are underpaid, overworked, and undermanned, have these issues addressed. The entire staff deserve fair compensation for their efforts and fortunately many in the Chain of Command are in agreement.

I and Vice Chair Anna Lopez are available to attend organization meetings, if invited, and look forward to working with you to ensure the words of President Abraham Lincoln remains the guide in veterans care:

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

Continue to stay safe, Chuck Baldwin - Chairperson DCVA

# Annual



Saturday, May 29th, 2021 at 10:30am

DE Veterans Memorial Cemetery 2465 Chesapeake City Rd. Bear, DE 19701 Sunday, May 30th, 2021 at 10:30am

War Memorial Plaza (DE Bridge) 163 Cherry Lane New Castle, DE 19720



Due to COVID restrictions, masks are mandatory. The events will have limited seating, but we are authorized to have folks stand and adhere to social distancing. Live streaming is still in the works & pending approval, while recorded versions will be virtually shared.

# 22nd Annual



When:

Where:

# Citibank **Freedom** 5K Run/Walk

Saturday, June 26, 2021, 9 a.m., Rain or Shine. Healthy Kids Run (kids 8 & under) starts at 8:55 a.m.

Buffalo Wild Wings, 680 Bay Road (across from the Blue Hen Corporate Center), Dover, DE.



# ts.com Benefits the Veterans Trust Fund

Course:	I'Se: Run/Walk the flat scenic rural landscape of the St. Jones Isaac Branch Trail.				
Registration:	\$25 until June 19, \$30 after and on event day. Registration starts 8 a.m. Kiddie K race is FREE! Make checks payable to Veterans Trust Fund & mail to TriSports, 2772 Hazlettville Rd, Dover, DE 19904. Contact Ray at 302-674-3213 or email: Races4u@TriSportEvents.Com. Register online at TriSportsEvents.Com.				
Silent Hero:	Can't make the race but would still like to support this event? Register as a Silent Hero!				
Awards:	Unique awards for overall male, female and master's winners and top 3 male & female runners in 10 year age groups starting with 10 & under, thru 70 & over. 5K walk awards for top 5 male & female finishers.  AWARDS to most patriotic male & female participants. Ribbons to all Kiddie K finishers.				
Amenities:	Quality "Freedom 5K" TECH SHIRTS to all participants and volunteers. Post-race festivities include free food and beverage. Results/photos posted at TriSportsEvents.Com				
Benefits:	The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund provides assistance to Delaware's veterans in financial crisis.				
This is a TriSports Events MyLaps Chip Timed Production					
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY: I know that running/walking a road race is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run/walk unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with running/walking this event including, but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including high heat and/or humidity, extreme cold, the conditions of the road and traffic on the course, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your accepting my entry to participate in the 2021Freedom 5K & Kiddie K Run/Walk, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release TriSports Events Management, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, the City of Dover, The State of Delaware and all sponsors, their representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons named in this waiver. I hereby give my permission to the event organizers and sponsors to use my name and/or picture in any publication, broadcast, telecast or other account of this event without limitation or obligation of further compensation thereof. By signing this wavier and release I certify that I fully understand its significance. No refunds will be issued.					
Age Day of Race	Sex: M F T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL				
Print Name:	Email:				
Address:	Street or P.O. Box) City State Zip				
Phone: ( )	Circle One: <u>5K Run</u> <u>5K Walk</u> <u>Silent Hero</u>				
Signature:	(All participants must sign waiver - parent or guardian signature required if entrant is under 18)				
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# Freedom 5K Run/Walk

Benefits the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund

# Saturday, June 26, 2021 Buffalo Wild Wings at 680 Bay Road, Dover, DE

(Across from the Blue Hen Corporate Center)

# **Sponsorship Form**

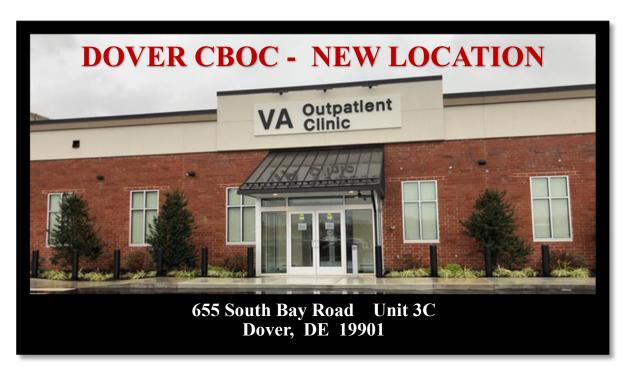
Sponsorship includes your Company or Organization listed on the Freedom 5K t-shirt.

Company/0	Organization Name	<del>_</del>
Contact Na	me	Phone
Address		
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	Gold Level Sponsor (\$500) - Ind	cludes 3 free registrations
	Silver Level Sponsor (\$300) - Il	includes 2 free registrations
	Bronze Level Sponsor (\$100) -	Includes 1 free registration
SP	ONSORSHIP Application must (Date is to allow time to process T-shirts	

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**: Please make checks payable to: Veterans Trust Fund and mail/drop off to the OVS/DCVA at 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904.

Thank you for your support!





The Dover VA CBOC – Community Based Outpatient Clinic has officially moved to it's new Dover location at 655 South Bay Road – Unit 3C, Dover, DE 19901. Their contact number remains the same: 800-461-8262 Ext: 2400.

- Look for: Blue Hen Corporate Center (Old Blue Hen Mall), Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Wayback Burgers
- Same building as: DE Unemployment Office & Health and Social Services
- Close to exits off of Route 1 & down the street from: American Legion Post 2 at 835 S. Bay Road

# SAVE LIVES Act: Vaccines Now Available to All Veterans and Spouses/Caregivers

The <u>Save Lives Act of 2021</u> has expanded eligibility to COVID-19 vaccine for ALL Veterans, including non-enrolled Veterans, as well as some spouses and caregivers of Veterans.

## How to get your COVID-19 Vaccine through Wilmington VA Medical Center:

The Wilmington VA is currently vaccinating Veterans of all ages. Please do not delay getting your vaccine.

- Enrolled Veterans: Call 302-633-5200 to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments.
- Spouses and Caregivers of Veterans Currently Registered at Wilmington VAMC:\* Report with the Veteran's ID Card, spouse's photo ID, marriage license and any other documentation proving eligibility with Veteran to the Enrollment and Eligibility Office at the Wilmington VAMC at 1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Wilmington, DE 19805, Monday Friday from 9 a.m. 2 p.m.

Non-enrolled Veterans (and their spouses and caregivers):\* Non-enrolled Veterans as <u>defined in the new legislation</u> can report with photo ID and copy of DD-214 to the Enrollment and Eligibility Office at Wilmington VAMC Monday – Friday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Spouses of non-enrolled Veteran should bring photo ID, copy of marriage license and any other documentation proving eligibility with Veteran if they are interested in getting the vaccine.

\*After registration is complete, an appointment will be scheduled at Wilmington VAMC Vaccine Clinic. Same-day appointments are available most times, but brief wait times may be encountered as we accommodate those needing vaccinations.

More information on the expanded eligibility is available on our COVID-19 webpage at or call 302-633-5200.

#### **Stay Informed**

We will continue to post routine updates around our COVID-19 vaccine program and SAVES LIVES Act on our website and on our social media channels @WilmingtonVAMC on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.



# Vietnam Veterans Day in Dover

Kent County Chapter 850 Vietnam Veterans of America heard one of their own on March 27 when former POW Ralph Galati served as keynote speaker at their annual Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at Kent County Veterans Memorial Park, Dover.

Between March 1972 and February1973 Mr. Galati lived through the hell of brutal captivity, the details of which were only revealed after the conflict. He spoke about life in the prison camp, whose ultimate focus was to stay alive. Cut off from information about the world beyond the camp, especially their loved ones, their days ranged from isolation to torture at the whim of their guards. What kept him and his fellow prisoners alive was their commitment to discipline, the military code of conduct, faith in God -- and on a daily basis, loyalty to one another. Even in isolation, they found a way to communicate via tap codes and hand signals – each of which, if discovered would result in beatings and starvation.

He told about the courage of his fellow prisoners, including 20-year-old sailor Doug Hegdahl picked up by a fisherman when he when he fell off his ship in the South China Sea and turned over to the North Vietnamese. Hegdahl pretended to be unable to read or write and several years later was released for humanitarian reasons. Unknown to his captors he memorized the names and capture dates of all 256 fellow prisoners to the tune of *Old MacDonald Had a Farm* that provided post-war accountability. "Mr. Galati's message gave personalities to the names we see on lists of the missing from all conflicts and why we must never stop searching for them," said Dave Skocik, who emceed the event.

**Photo above**: Joe Walls, Chapter 850; Maj. Gen. Frank Vavala (retired); Delaware National Guard Adjutant Gen., Maj. Gen. Mike Berry; Ralph Galati, former POW; Dave Skocik, Chapter 850.

**Photo on right:** Sam Cannan, R.T. Custer and Mike Wipf

# Watchmakers School Dedicates New Service Center

The Veterans Watchmaker Initiative at 307 6th St., Odessa, Delaware, hosted a ribbon cutting for its RT Custer Vortic Watch Building for VWI Service Center on Friday, February 26.

VWI is a unique school that has been featured nationally in print and electronic media. It trains disabled American military veterans to become watchmakers, a highly specialized skill that continues to be in demand.

VWI is headquartered in a former EMT station converted into a small but world-class watchmaking school that has caught the attention of the watchmaking industry and corporate and private donors. For more info: www.VeteransWatchmakerInitiative.org

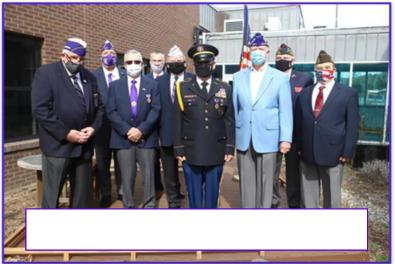
Founded in 2017 by Dover resident Sam Cannan, a retired Swiss-trained master watchmaker, the school was inspired by the post-WWII outreach of the Bulova Watch Company borne of gratitude for the sacrifices of injured American veterans. The veterans were trained, housed, and fed at no cost to them. The specialized skills they learned allowed them to support themselves and their families despite their injuries. Some worked into their 90s.

In similar fashion, VWI's students are trained by volunteer instructors with state-of-the-art equipment donated by the watchmaking industry from across the nation. The school receives community support from area businesses, including military veterans trained in carpentry and electrical skills. The collaboration makes it possible for students to attend tuition-free and be housed locally.

The keynote guest was **Robert Thomas "RT" Custer**, president of the Vortic Watch Company in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Vortic is a high-end wristwatch engineering and manufacturing company. Their inspiration lies in pairing classic watchmaking techniques and traditions with innovative, modern technology. They have been especially supportive of Delaware's unique Veterans Watchmaker Initiative and have made multiple contributions to the school because of its mission.

Mr. Custer can be reached at 484-432-3354 or at RT@vorticwatches.com for comment.





# **Newark proclaimed a Purple Heart City**

By Josh Shannon ishannon@chespub.com 02/26/2021

The City of Newark took time to pay tribute to Purple Heart recipients. In a brief ceremony in the city hall courtyard, Mayor Jerry Clifton read a proclamation declaring Newark a "Purple Heart City." In attendance were several Purple Heart veterans who were wounded in battle.

"The people that earn the Purple Heart are combat-wounded veterans, and some of them aren't with us today to talk about that, because they were awarded when they lost their life," Clifton said. "We need to continually honor their sacrifices and keep that in front of the public, so their efforts aren't in vain and they're honored for giving us the great country that we have today."

The Purple Heart City program is an initiative of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, an organization that supports Purple Heart recipients. The designation is merely ceremonial but helps honor and raise awareness of service members who were injured in combat, according to Richard Magner, adjutant of the Cooch's Bridge 9377 chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

"We want to keep the word out there that people do go off to war," Magner said. "It's just to make the civilians aware that some of them made a sacrifice but others made the ultimate sacrifice. That's just what we're trying to do. There's so much going on in the world right now with the pandemic that we want to keep our American servicemen in the forefront."

The local chapter represents approximately 100 Purple Heart recipients from Newark and the surrounding area, and Delaware's 1787 chapter in Sussex County has approximately 100 members.

Magner served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War and received his Purple Heart after being injured in the beginning of the Tet Offensive in 1968. "I took shrapnel in the right arm, right leg and the left hand. It just grazed across there, but there's still a piece in my finger," said Magner, who was a field radio operator with an artillery unit. "I spent nine days in an army evac hospital in Vietnam, and then I went right back to my battery."

Magner presented Clifton with a plaque to be displayed in city hall. Newark is the first city in Delaware to be declared a Purple Heart City. "That's quite an honor, and we have a history of honoring our veterans here, naming streets after veterans and so forth. I think this is just a logical continuation of the support that we show our veterans," Clifton said. "I'm honored to be part of continuing this legacy that Newark and Newark residents have started for our veterans."

-Submitted by Commissioner Magner, DCVA/MOPH

# **Mountaire Farms Easter Dinner Pack**

On Monday morning, bright and early on March 29th, members of Vietnam Veterans of America Sussex Chapter #1105, gathered in Selbyville at the Mountaire Farms plant to assemble Easter dinner packages for the needy in the community. The participation of VVA #1105 was coordinated this year, by President Joe Moore, Army Vietnam Vet and Vice President Rodger Rose, Air Force Vietnam Vet. Besides the traditional roasters, potatoes and veggies, a brownie mix pack was included.

None know better than our men and women who served in country in a combat situation during holidays, how significant a hot traditional meal nurtures both body and soul. Mountaire provided shirts and fed the packers with cookies, chips, hot coffee and cold soda pop. Chick Fil A added special snacks for volunteers.

Mr Rose stated that this year's event "was the most productive of those over the last five years that VVA #1105 has participated". (Written by: Rhona Prescott/ PIO, VVA#110)



L-R: Steve Flynn, Wayne Malone, Tom Haslan with wife, Sue Haslan, Bruce Graber, Rodger Rose, KC White, Robert Roberto Front: Pete Stout



# AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDAL OF HONOR MEMORIAL

#### WHO WE ARE

The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc. is a 501c(3) organization headquartered in

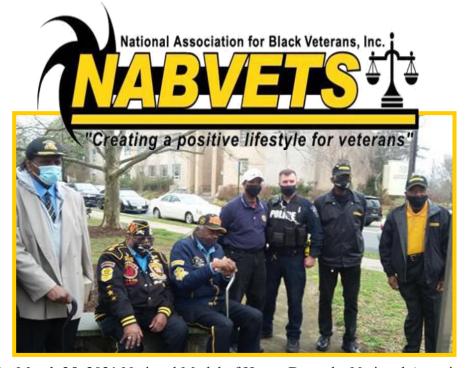
Minneapolis, Wisconsin. Founded in 1969 by a group of Vietnam war-era veterans, this membership organization has chapters in all states across the U.S., it's foreign territories, and across international boundaries.

In 2013, Nolan S. Lewis, and six other African American veterans, established the first affiliated chapter in

Wilmington, Delaware. Under the governance of a national and regional body, the Delaware Chapter strives to create a positive lifestyle for veterans and their families by protecting rights, promoting causes, and restoring dignity.

Through the City of Wilmington, Department of Parks and Recreation, NABVETS secured custodial ownership for maintenance of the monument, and has since ensured restoration of previously vandalized security lights around the monument.





On March 25, 2021 National Medal of Honor Day, the National Association For Black Veterans Delaware chapter 94 and the Buffalo Soldiers 9th, 10th, 24th and 25th Calvary paid homage to the African American Medal Of Honor Recipient Memorial located in Brandywine Park.

Sgt. Wilson K. Smith commissioned the memorial from local Sculptor, Charles Parks, in

> The monument was erected and dedicated in 1998 by the African American Medal of Honor Association, Inc.

located at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia and Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

dedicated to all African American Medal of Honor recipients from the Civil War to the Vietnam War.

#### **ABOUT THE MEMORIAL**

# Replicas of the memorial are

#### This is the first memorial of its kind, the only memorial

# LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Establish the memorial as first of its kind in the nation

Identify and recognize the historical monument in Delaware Code

Designate sustainable opportunities for maintenance and restoration of monument

Appoint NABVETS Delaware as the legislative custodian for the memorial

#### Highlights

- 92 Black Americans have been awarded Medals of Honor since the Civil War.
- Seaman Robert Augustus Sweeney is the only African American veteran to have received 2 Medals of Honor, for saving fellow soldiers in 1881 & 1883.
- Sgt. Maj. John L. Canley was the last African American veteran awarded the Medal of Honor on October 17, 2018 for heroism during the Vietnam War.

#### Statues on the Memorial

Sgt. William H. Carney was the first African American to earn a medal on May 23, 1900, for protecting the American flag at Fort Wagner during the Civil War, despite being critically wounded.





PFC Milton L. Olive III, 19, sacrificed himself on a live grenade to save fellow soldiers engaged in active combat during the Vietnam war. He

was posthumously honored on April 21, 1966.



# **Gold Star Memorial Wall at Mission BBQ**

The following were in attendance/represented on 8 Feb 2021: Gold Star Parents: Rocky and Donna Graves

Gold Star Parents: Bill and Miriam Mullen

Gold Star Parents and Siblings: Ken & Carol James, Tina, Jeff and Jonathan

Gold Star Parents and Sibling: Ty, Deb and Brent Marckese

Gold Star Father: Manny Rodriquez

Gold Star Father: Fred Yetter

Gold Star Adult children: George Higgins and Ashley Hitzig

Gold Star Sibling: Judy C. Campbell

Gold Star Representative, Judy C. Campbell accepted the kind invitation of Jennifer Rambo of Mission BBQ to speak to the staff of Mission BBQ on the meaning of Gold Star and bring several families together where they brought photos of their loved one. The photos will have a permanent place on the Gold Star Wall of Honor in Mission BBQ's Dover, Delaware location. Each photo will have an engraved brass plaque below the photos to include the deceased military service members, rank, name, killed in action or date of death and place of death.

It was utterly amazing, when we all gathered with our masks and socially distancing in place, a Gold Star Father looked at a Gold Star Mother upon his arrival and immediately said to her, "you're a teacher", her reply, "I use to be". They soon discovered that this Gold Star Mother was the teacher of this Gold Star Fathers son. Delaware has many small wonders!

The staff of Mission BBQ listened intently and offered such comments, following Judy's presentation: "I never knew the meaning behind Gold Star and Next of Kin Pins till now", "We have so much to be grateful for" "Singing the National Anthem each day at noon has taken on a new and personal meaning".

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jennifer Rambo and all the Mission BBQ staff members who welcomed us and offered us a delicious lunch following the presentation. The families were pleased to know these photos will have this place of honor for all those who visit Mission BBQ to see!

Submitted by Judy C. Campbell / Delaware Gold Star Representative / Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 https://www.delawarevva.com/Chapters/Chapter83/index.shtml





In the coming months we will be adding an ADA bedroom and bathroom to the Brian Conley Resiliency Center. This addition will allow us to serve more veterans, specifically those with physical disabilities. A huge thank you to the Head of Christiana Presbyterian Church. Their generous donation of \$10,000 will be used to fund a portion of the construction cost associated with the addition.



Dover's Modern Maturity Center dedicated a POW/MIA Chair of Honor on March 29th in connection with Vietnam Veterans Day. Members of the One Brotherhood One Mission Riding Club, Salisbury, Maryland, sponsored the chair.

Dave Skocik, president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition and a Vietnam Veteran (fourth from left), served as keynote speaker. Along with MMC staff members and State Legislators.

Veteran's Awareness Center Foundation Annual Military Women's Tea Party

# POSTPONED FUTURE DATE TO BE DETERMINED



Ever so slowly, our Country and our State is finding a way back to a post-pandemic normal. It was a disappointment to have cancelled the 2020 Tea Party, then postponing this year's event. While monitoring the changing gathering restrictions, we are working on future event plans and eagerly looking forward to celebrating and honoring you, our treasured women veteran friends.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding

Any comments, questions or concerns may be emailed to:

beth.militarytea@gmail.com



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

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



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

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

National Call Center Homeless Veterans: 1-877-424-3838 https://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ NationalCallCenter.asp 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

Vet Center Call Center: 1-877-WARNETS (927-8387)





# **Dover Mayor's Crisis Awareness Challenge underway**

While the suicide rate for those who serve in uniform remains stubbornly high, attempts to reduce it continue on a national and local level.

Dover Mayor Robin Christiansen has been working with the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs on the Mayor's Crisis Awareness Challenge in outreach to Kent County and beyond. This latest project is an outgrowth of the mayor's award-winning program to end veteran homelessness that was recognized nationally in 2016.

The Mayor's Crisis Awareness Challenge committee meets regularly. It is made up of veteran advocates, mental health professionals, emergency personnel and volunteers working to get critical information to veterans and their families and friends.

Their focus is to make critical emergency, crisis, and mental health information readily accessible. The committee continues to address challenges veterans may be having in reaching help and avoiding a crisis that could lead to suicide. For brochures or pins call 302-739-2792.

#### **Photo Captions:**

Top: Anna Lopez, Vice Chair of the Delaware Veterans Commission, displays the Suicide Awareness pin at Dover Mayor Robinson Christian's office. Bottom: Commissioner Bill Farley presents the pin to Mayor Christiansen, who holds the brochure that contains information about the program.

# **Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA**

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
Benefits (VA):	
• Burial	1-800-827-1000
• Death Pension	
Dependency Indemnity Compensation	
Direct Deposit	
<ul> <li>Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices</li> </ul>	
• Disability Compensation	
• Disability Pension	
• Education	
Home Loan Guaranty	
• Medical Care	
Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment	
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
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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)	1-877-345-8179 (or)
Spina Bifida Health Care Program	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:	1-800-419-1473
Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs	1-800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline	1-888-492-7844
Smoking Cessation Counselors	1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	1-800-749-8387
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	Dial 711
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
Vets.gov Help Desk	1-855-574-7286
White House VA Hotline	1-855-948-2311
Women Veterans Hotline	1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)



# 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**

**655 South Bay Road** (new location)

Dover, DE 19901
(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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Community Outreach Specialist Office of Director

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## Valerie Camarillo

Community Outreach Specialist Kent & Sussex Counties

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Email: Valerie.camarillo@va.gov



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



# **Attention Veterans**& Family Members:

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

Thank you and continue to stay safe!



New Castle County: Lisa Smith Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE (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:**

# 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, DE19901

(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

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

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

# $3^{rd}$ 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



#### New Castle County:

1601 Kirkwood Hwy VAMC, Room 1012 Wilmington, DE 19805

Mark Donberger, DAV NSO Supervisor Ginny Fisher: Secretary

Please call to set up appointments: 302-994-2511 Ext: 4586/4555

# 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 or 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:

 $1^{st}$  &  $3^{rd}$  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) 540-0103

# DELAWARE JOINING FORCES



A MILITARY AND COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP FOR SERVICE
MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND THEIR
FAMILIES

Delaware Joining Forces (DJF) is a network of state agencies, nonprofits and external service providers who proactively work together to provide solutions for military members, veterans and families. The DJF network is called upon to provide solutions that improve the quality of life and welfare of the statewide military community.

HOW DO YOU HELP VETERANS? Complete a service provider profile at the DJF website to describe your organization, how you currently help our service members, veterans and families (SMVF). Provide contact information and explain how SMVF may access your services. Click REGISTER from the home page to obtain a login and password. Select Start an Application.

This community-level effort directly supports military service members, veterans and their families by addressing critical issues and needs including:

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH
EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT

FINANCIAL HOMELESSNESS HOUSING LEGAL MILITARY YOUTH WELLNESS & FAITH

# **COMMUNITY NETWORK \* MONTHLY MEETINGS**

# 3rd Thursday of every Month

All DJF Community Network meetings are 8:30am-10:00am

Due to COVID restrictions, all 2021 Meetings will be virtual via ZOOM. To receive the meeting link, email Christine Kubik.

JAN 21 APR 15 JUL 15 OCT 21
FEB 18 MAY 20 AUG 19 NOV 18
MAR 18 JUN 17 SEP 16 DEC 16



No single organization can meet all the needs of our Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF), but a community of partners can provide an array of essential services. DJF is a collaborative effort led by state agencies ~ the Delaware National Guard and the DE Office of Veteran Services (OVS).



## **Delaware National Guard**

Christine F. Kubik
Director, Joint Support & Outreach Svcs, DE NG
302-326-7582 OFFICE
christine.f.kubik.nfg@mail.mil

## **DE Office of Veteran Services**

Joshua Matticks
Executive Director, DE OVS
302-739-2293 OFFICE
joshua.matticks@delaware.gov



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS REGISTER www.delaware.gov/djf

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

If you are a veteran who is homeless and need somewhere to sleep tonight...

Referral to Shelter

Housing Alliance Delaware: (302) 654-0126 X122

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

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

SSVF- Supportive Services for Veteran Families Programs

# **Connections Community Support Programs:**

(302) 250-5868 New Castle Co. (302) 518-5338 Kent Co. (302) 332-0913 Sussex Co.

VMC -Veterans Multi-Service Center:

Statewide: (302) 668-7331

Other Resources

www.DelawareHousingSearch.org 877-428-8844

Delaware 211

www.delaware211.org

**Delaware Joining Forces** 

http://Delaware.gov/djf/



Transitional home for homeless veterans.

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

> Jessica Finan (Executive Director) Stephanie Beers (Case Manager)



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

222 Lake Blvd. Newark, DE 19713	1040 Mattlind Way Milford, DE 19963	
Mon-Fri: 7:s0am—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 <a href="mailto:info@standbymede.org">info@standbymede.org</a>

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



# **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



College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

# **Retired Activities Office:**

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

# **Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:**

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

# **Brain Injury Trust Fund**

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

Applying for the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund
\*\*Applications are available here:

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

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

# **Delaware State University**

Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378 nscottknight@desu.edu

# **Delaware Technical Community College**

Dover: Rebecca Craft (302) 857-1056 rcraft@dtcc.edu

Georgetown: Angela Showell (302) 259-6073/ ashowel3@stcc.edu

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

Wilmington: Joe Limmina (302) 571-5307 ilimmina@dtcc.edu

# **Southern Illinois University**

Dover AFB: Karen M. Nagyiski (302) 734-7829 <u>nagyiski@siu.edu</u> DoverAFB@siu.edu

# **University of Delaware**

Brooks Raup 302-831-0552 braup@udel.edu

# Wesley College

Erin Elsberry (302) 736-2434/ <u>Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu</u>

# **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



# Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.

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

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

# **Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.**

302-478-8850 or 302-734-8820

Offering Legal Advice & Assistance to low-income Delawareans.

# Widener University Delaware Law School Veterans Law Clinic

302-477-2090 Delaware.widener.edu

Pro Bono Representation for veterans benefits appeals.

# **Veterans Justice Outreach Program**

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

For more information please call: 302-468-5670

# **Veterans Treatment Court Program**

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

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

\*Please ask for the Veterans Treatment Court



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



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

# **Veterans United Outreach of Delaware**

Mike Snyder: 302-678-1285 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) 236-5301 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)

# Veteran Organizations

Air Force Sergeants Association	(302) 677-5264	Alexander Collazo, MSgt	
American Legion	(302) 628-5221	Richard "Ric" Santos	
AMVETS	(302) 945-2170	Eugene Bradley	
Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)	(302) 475-9891 (302) 674-9956	Post 1 Post 2	
Delaware Veterans Coalition	(302) 270-7145	Dave Skocik delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com	
Disabled American Veterans	(302) 697-9061	Paul Lardizzone	
First State Military Women Warriors	(302) 387-1309	Pat Cerhio	
Fleet Reserve Association	(302) 322-0681	Philip Pushel	
40 & 8	(302) 678-8077	Eugene "Chip" Rosan	
Gold Star Families	(302) 593-5991	Judy Campbell	
A Hero's Welcome Delaware	(302) 530-4984	Rosely Robinson ahwdelaware@gmail.com	
Korean War Veterans Association	(302) 933-0228	Edward Johnson	
Marine Corps League	(302) 242-7926	William C. Farley	
Military Officers Association of America	(302) 335-1655 (302) 519-0611	Gene Thornton (Kent Co.) Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)	
New Castle Co. veterans/resident can co	ntact the 2 representat	ives for questions/concerns. Thank you!	
Military Order of the Purple Heart	(302) 422-6760	Gary "Mo" Morris	
Military Order of the World Wars	(302) 239-0641	Earl Seppala eseppala@aol.com	
Nat'l Association of Black Veterans DE Chapter 94	(302) 345-6911	Nolan S. Lewis <u>nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com</u> or <u>nlewis2939@yahoo.com</u>	
Paralyzed Veterans of America	(302) 284-4719	Elmer (Art) Titus	
The Reserve Officers Association	(302) 234-1418	LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) <a href="mailto:rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net">rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net</a>	
Veterans of Foreign Wars	(302) 526-0993	Mark Newman	
Vietnam Veterans of America	(302) 697-8384	Paul Davis	

# Volunteer Transportation Network

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

- 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
- 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

his community-level effort directly supports military service members, veterans and their families by addressing critical issues and needs including: Financial and legal assis-

tance; training and iob employment; homelessness housing; and 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.

Joshua Matticks OVS, Executive Director 302-739-2792 Joshua.matticks@delaware.gov



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



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

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	Las	t	
Address:					
Street	City		State	Zip	
Phone: (Home) _		(Work or Cell)			
Date Entered Servi	ce	Date Separated _		Branch of Service	
Date of Birth	Type of Dis	Type of Discharge		Highest Rank Achieved	
			(Only requi	ired if requesting rank on certificate	
Is Veteran Decease	ed? Yes or No (pl	lease circle one)			
•		ent resident of the Sto d States and honorab	•	or resident when he or she	
Please submit this	application with a c	copy of Certificate of I	Release or		
Discharge from Act	tive Duty, (DD-214)	to:			
Delaware Commiss	sion of Veterans Aff	airs			
Robbins Building					
802 Silver Lake Blv	d, Suite 100				
Dover, DE 19904					
Phone: (302) 739-2	2792 or 1-800-344-9	9900 (in State only)			
Signature of Veter	an/spouse or next o	of kin		Date	
Print Name and Re	lationship if not vet	teran			
Provide alternate a	address if different f	from above			
NOTE: Please antici	pate 2 to 3 weeks in r	eceiving your Certificat	2		
TO BE COMPLETED BY	DCVA:A	Approved	Pending	Disapproved	
Name/Title:			Date	e	

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

Please visit:

vaccinerequest.delaware.gov

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)



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

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