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Greetings Delaware Veterans and Families from Charles Baldwin, Chair of Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs

Paul Davis, State Commander of the Vietnam Veterans, Dave Skocik, President of the Delaware Veterans Coalition, and Joe Starrt President of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 850 recently hosted the annual convention of the National Dustoff Association in Dover Delaware. A full week of activities and events were professionally offered and a truly awesome time was had by all. The Dustoff Association has selected Dover as their HQ. The City of Dover led by Mayor Christiansen rolled out the red carpet and the Dustoff members were overwhelmed with kindness, appreciation, and support. BRAVO ZULU to the Mayor and the wonderful city of Dover.

On September 25th VETFEST was held at the town of Whitehall. An annual event hosted by Brian Disabatino in support of our veterans and to end veterans suicide. Dave Tiberi was recognized for his efforts in leading the non profit organizations 22 in 22 to end the tragedy which is veterans suicide. Brian, Dave and Angela Tiberi are true friends of the veteran community and their kindness & dedication are humbling.

We continue to struggle with the COVID virus at the veterans home with sporadic results of positive test cases. Communication to family members and updates are frequent and honest. Keeping our veterans safe at home remains top priority.

Commissioner Anna Lopez and Commissioner Bill Farley continue to work with Mayor Christiansen and the City of Dover on Suicide & Crisis Intervention in the hopes of ending veteran suicides. A noble objective led by three outstanding citizens.

The Veterans Trust Fund is awarding emergency grants to veterans in need on a monthly basis. Check with the Office of Veteran Services to apply.

I will be leaving the Commission at the end of October and moving to Italy. The last 5 years have been a pleasure to serve. I hope my contributions have been positive. God bless you for your service. Fair Winds and Following Seas.

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

Chuck Baldwin
Chairperson DCVA

Veterans Day Message from Secretary Bullock



As we approach Veterans Day, we will once again rightfully honor our nation's veterans and their families for their commitment and sacrifice to our country. Our country has stood for over 234 years because of the selflessness of countless brave women and men who risked much, and in many cases, their lives to defend our democracy and our freedoms.



As Secretary of State, I am proud and grateful to lead the Office of Veterans Services and the Delaware Veterans Home. To my staff and me, it is important that we continue providing high-quality services as well as resources to all veterans and their families in the First State. Our staff has worked diligently throughout the pandemic to ensure that our level of service to veterans remains superb, and I hope you will continue to take advantage of those services and resources.

I thank you for your service, and I wish you a safe and peaceful Veterans Day.

Jeffrey W. Bullock
Delaware Secretary of State

Director's Initiative



The AMC Museum is one of many new connections OVS plans to incorporate into future services

OVS has implemented an initiative of bringing new veteran resources to the Delaware region. We are dedicated to providing First State veterans and families a variety of options when it comes to their needs outside the military. What does this mean?

While nurturing our local and existing resources we are expanding to national organizations and 501(c)3's to look at new avenues for a veteran's unique needs.

Since July we have added several new veteran resources to our professional network. Some organizations provide, new roofs for disabled veterans, K-9 therapy companions, care taker support, employment, and home energy efficiency. We are adding resources everyday and look forward to our partnerships.

Why is this important?

Our Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve service members are the muscle of this great nation, our veterans are the bone structure, and our veteran's families are the blood pumping through our veins. It is vital we continue to seek out the best our nation has to offer in order to properly care for our veteran's and families to protect the integrity of those that sacrificed so much. - Joshua Matticks, OVS Executive Director

SIGNED VETERAN LEGISLATION

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What does it mean for Delaware Veterans?



House Bill 214

The Disabled Veterans Property Tax Relief and Education Fund means school districts are authorized to create a credit against school taxes for up to the full amount of school tax liability for property owned by a veteran with a 100% disability rating who is domiciled in this state. The full amount of such credit will be reimbursed by a transfer from the State's General Fund to the County Receiver for distribution to such school districts.

Senate Bill 117

This bill allows schools and school districts to submit an application to the Department of Education to have a school designated as a Purple Star School.





DELAWARE FOREST SERVICE NEWS

“Saluting Branches” – Arborist Day of Service



MILLSBORO, Del. — Dozens of arborists and professionals from three Delaware tree care companies volunteered for the 7th Annual “Saluting Branches” event by devoting a day to trimming, shaping, and removing hazardous trees from the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro. The Delaware site was one of 40 sites throughout the United States that participated in the event, which attracted more than 3,000 volunteers. Workers from Tri-State Tree Care, Complete Tree Care, and Cypress Tree Care spent their entire day as a way to pay tribute to the veterans and their service.

Jay Ashby, who runs Cypress Tree Care and also serves as Chair of Delaware’s Community Forestry Council, called it a “Great day of service for our resting veterans.”

Joe Shoup from Cypress Tree Care was glad to be back after participating in 2019 but having last year’s event canceled due to COVID-19.

The "Rusty Eagles" landed in Dover



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Anyone who has seen a Vietnam War movie is familiar with the “whop, whop, whop,” of UH-1 “Huey” helicopters swooping to rescue wounded soldiers amid clouds of dust and gunfire. Four-man Dustoff crews flew day and night in all weather, in mountains and valleys, often under fire. Credited with saving some 900,000 lives during Vietnam, including several members of Chapter 850. Dustoff crews had a casualty rate greater than 30 percent with 214 killed, 925 wounded, and 199 helicopters lost. They have been nominated for a Congressional Gold Medal. After an initial visit in 2017, “Rusty Eagle” crews from 22 states convened in Dover between September 21-26 for their annual reunion. They were honored by Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, in a number of events throughout the week, including a dinner at Dover’s Modern Maturity Center; bus trips to the Vietnam Wall in D.C., and Ft. Miles in Lewes; and a special ceremony at the Veterans Memorial Park in Dover on Saturday, September 25. The ceremony included the unveiling of 102 memorial bricks at the park in memory of some of those lost. The keynote speaker at the event was Vietnam nurse Rhona Prescott who shared her respects and memories of her medevac brothers who delivered their wounded to her at field hospital sites. Visit [When I Have Your Wounded](#) – YouTube for the Dustoff story.





Vet Fest 2021



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The mission of Vet Fest is to provide an uplifting and educational day, bringing the military and civilian communities together to benefit our active duty and military families. This includes providing peer-to-peer networking, outreach from mental health groups, a showcase for military pride, and a display of gratitude. It also serves as a fundraising event for Stop Soldier Suicide and The 22 in 22 Challenge.

This year we have added a virtual component so that everyone can participate from any location. We hope you walk, run, or ruck with us!

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Gold Star Families



Thank you to Governor John C. Carney and Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long for honoring Gold Star Mother's, Families and V V A Chapter 83 Gold Star Program for all they do to bring awareness to the meaning of Gold Star with their annual Proclamation and reminding Delawareans of the sacrifice.

We were honored to connect with the extraordinary talents of Composer Wilson Gault Somers and have him support our endeavors to complete Phase II of the Delaware Hershel "Woody" Williams Gold Star Memorial, i.e., walkway, installation of granite benches, lighting and landscaping.

"The power of music to unify, heal and elevate our spirit cannot be overstated" Susan Booker
This quote is so true; as we joined with Gold Star Mothers, Fathers, Spouses, Children, Siblings and fellow citizens in one accord to find healing on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 through gifted musicians. The Requiem for 9/11 is a rare and fitting tribute to the heroism and bravery of everyday citizens who fight to protect their fellow citizens and our freedom.

This is an especially difficult time for each of us as we grieve the tragic loss of 13 of our Nation's finest in Afghanistan. Gold Star Families not only grieve for these 13 families, but relive our own grief. We are also reminded of the brave first responders who knowingly and willingly dove into, ultimately, their death, in hopes of saving others. Many of our military were mere children on 9/11, but grew-up vowing an attack on our homeland would never happen again and they enlisted in the military. Many of them fought overseas for defense of freedom and lost their lives.

The Requiem 9/11 allowed each of us to put aside our personal feelings and unite, as one, to honor our brave men and women who gave the last full measure. Words are truly inadequate to say thank you to those who made this event possible and guide us, hopefully, to completion of our Delaware Gold Star Memorial, a place where we can each sit and reflect on the lives of those who cared more about others than themselves.

Judy C. Campbell, worked with the Delaware National Guard to obtain reserved Gold Star and Purple Heart Recipient reserved parking at the DENG. A virtual dedication ceremony was held on the last Sunday of September, which is American Gold Star Mothers and Families Day.



Veterans Coalition

engages with Dept. of Correction for incarcerated veterans

The Delaware Veterans Coalition is engaged with the Delaware Department of Correction to connect with incarcerated veterans. The effort began in late 2019 with a letter from a Vietnam-era veteran in the James T. Vaughn Correctional Facility in Smyrna that was followed with visits to the veteran over a period of months. The veteran was paroled nearly a year ago but chose to remain involved with reaching out to his fellow veterans in conjunction with the Coalition, according to Coalition President Dave Skocik.

Several meetings have taken place, the latest on September 9, with DOC Commissioner Monroe B. Hudson to discuss ways to increase informational contacts and material to incarcerated veterans to make them aware of benefits they've earned through their service, many of which will be available upon their release. The meeting included representatives of the Veterans Coalition; Delaware Veterans Court; the Legislature; the Commission of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Administration. Additional meetings are scheduled.

Friends Gearing up for Annual Trust Dinner

The Friends of Delaware Veterans will host its annual Black Tie Optional fundraising dinner in conjunction with Veterans Day to benefit the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund on Saturday, November 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Dover's Modern Maturity Center.

"The dinner was canceled in last year due to Covid, but we're looking forward to a grand event this year," said Dave Skocik, Friends president.

The Delaware Veterans Trust Fund was signed into law in 2013 under the Commission of Veterans Affairs. It provides emergency financial assistance to honorably discharged veterans residing in Delaware. It has stopped cutoff of utilities, repossessions of vehicles, provided repairs for housing and other emergency grants. All grants go directly to creditors.

The Friends was established in 2014 as the fundraising arm of the Veterans Trust Fund. Its board members are all veterans who work pro bono throughout the year in conjunction with the Commission. All contributions are tax deductible.

Dinner tickets will remain \$100 and include a plated meal, entertainment, a keynote speaker, an auction and a great deal of comradery, according to Friends Vice President Paul Davis.

Checks can be mailed to DCVA (Del. Commission of Veterans Affairs), 802 Silver Lake Blvd., Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904.

Call 302-257-3117 or email sherri.taylor@delaware.gov, for information.

FRIENDS OF DELAWARE VETERANS HOSTS
THE

7th Annual



VETERANS TRUST FUND *Dinner*

A charity event to help raise
funds for our veterans in need



Where: Modern Maturity Center
1121 Forrest Ave, Dover, DE 19904



SATURDAY

13 NOV 2021

6-9 PM



Black Tie Optional

Music* Food* Auctions

Follow Delaware Office of Veteran Services
on Facebook for updates and ticket sales



FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE SERVED.

For more information please contact
302-739-2792



DRBA & OVS HOST



VETERANS DAY

Ceremony

HONORING OUR NATIONS HEROES



11 NOVEMBER 2021



BEGINS AT 10:30 AM

WAR MEMORIAL PLAZA

163 CHERRY LANE

NEW CASTLE, DE 19720

FOR UPDATES PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK

OR CALL 302-739-2792



Woodbridge Marine Corp JROTC

What: Halloween 5K and Community Event

When: Saturday, October 30, 2021

Where: Bridgeville Public Library

600 South Cannon Street, Bridgeville, DE 19933

5k onsite Registration begins 8am. Race begins at 9am followed with award ceremony, 10:30am Conclusion. We will be donating 25% of our race proceeds to The Greenwood Police Department.

A Community Touch-A-Truck & Trunk-Or- Treat will take place 10:30am – 2pm

All Raffles will take place at 1:30pm

For information about how you can become a touch-A-truck sponsor, donating, or for details related to the event please email the WHS MCJROTC Boosters at mcjrotc.whs@gmail.com or call Karen Johnson at 302-245-2038 or Regina Chillas at 302-265-9984.

Upcoming Events

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Office of Veteran Services Events

Nov. 11th – Veterans Day
Ceremony, Memorial Park
Nov. 13th – Veterans Trust Fund
Dinner
Dec. 18th – Wreaths Across
America



Veterans United Outreach Events

Oct. 9th – Apple Scrapple
Festival, Bridgeville
Oct. 15th – Warriors Helping
Warriors Golf Tournament
Oct. 23 – Antique Alley –
Bridgeville
Nov. 13 & 14th – Community
Food Drive– North Dover
Redner's
Dec. 5th– Christmas Parade
Dec. 14th – Operation Feed the
Troops



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To submit future information and articles to the veterans newsletter please
email all submissions to jennifer.jensen@delaware.gov

Remembrance of the 13 fallen



- Til Valkalla



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

VA Health Chat

Connect with Your VA Care Team Over Chat



*"VA Health Chat increases
access to care for many
Veterans like me."*

U.S. Army Veteran
Josef Mendez Lopez

When in doubt, chat it out.

The VA Health Chat app provides easy online access for Veterans enrolled with Wilmington VA Medical Center and its Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Kent and Sussex Counties to chat with VA staff with minor health questions.

Use VA Health Chat for immediate answers when you:

- ✦ Need medical advice for a minor injury or illness.
- ✦ Feel ill and unsure about going to an ER or clinic.
- ✦ Have questions about your medications or need a refill.
- ✦ Have questions about your consults.
- ✦ Looking for results of lab or imaging tests.

Read Health Chat user and U.S. Army Veteran Josef Mendez Lopez's testimonial [here](#).

"I opened the app, signed in with my My HealtheVet Premium account credentials, and from there it was easy to follow the prompts and begin using the app," he said. "I was able to chat with a nurse within one minute."

VA team members are available to chat Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. local time, excluding holidays.

Download the VA Health Chat app on the VA App Store, the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. The app is also available through the VA Launchpad app.

<https://www.va.gov/wilmington-health-care/va-health-chat/>



**Veterans
Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

Ending Veteran Homelessness, Increasing Access to Affordable Housing

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted a need for Veteran housing in America. According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development's 2020 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

The [Department of Veterans Affairs \(VA\)](#) and [Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) are committed in its partnership in a mission of ending Veteran homelessness by:

- ✦ Make ending Veteran homelessness a top priority
- ✦ Lead with an evidence-based housing first approach
- ✦ Reach underserved Veterans
- ✦ Ensure the delivery of quality supportive services
- ✦ Increase the supply of and access to affordable housing

Increase the Supply of and Access to Affordable Housing

There is a low inventory of available housing for at-risk Veterans in our area, and landlords are not accepting [HUD-VASH \(VA Supportive Housing\) Program](#) vouchers at previous rates. This is leading to a housing and health crisis for vulnerable Veterans.

"Housing is an essential part of health care. Reliable housing leads to an increase in access to health care services," said Vince Kane, Director, Wilmington VA Medical Center. "When Veterans have stable housing, we can more easily connect with them and ensure they are receiving the health care services they need. Our goal is to work with private landlords to educate and encourage them to accept HUD-VASH vouchers to house our nation's Veterans. Together, we can end Veteran homelessness."

As part of this education effort, Wilmington VA Medical Center will be holding a virtual landlord resource fair in the coming months.

If you would like more information on the HUD-VASH Program, visit the websites below or contact:

- ✦ **Celia Gonzalez, VA Homeless Programs Supervisor**
Phone: 302-824-9322
- ✦ **Karen Zogheib, VA Housing Development Specialist**
Phone: 302-944-2511, ext. 4470

Resources/VA Websites:

**HUD-VASH
VA Programs for Homeless Veterans
HUD-VASH Program Eligibility
HUD-VASH Program Office**

National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at:
1-877-4AID-VET

Wilmington VA Medical Center provides health care services to approximately 33,000 Veterans through its main medical center and five Community Based Outpatient Clinics in Delaware and southern New Jersey. For more information, please visit www.wilmington.va.gov.

Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA

Beneficiaries in receipt of Pension Benefits	1-877-294-6380
<p>Benefits (VA):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burial • Death Pension • Dependency Indemnity Compensation • Direct Deposit • Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices • Disability Compensation • Disability Pension • Education • Home Loan Guaranty • Medical Care • Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment 	1-800-827-1000
CHAMPVA Meds by Mail	1-888-385-0235 (or) 1-866-229-7389
Combat Call Center	1-877-WAR-VETS (1-877-927-8387)
Debt Management Center (Collection of Non-Medical Debts)	1-800-827-0648
Children of Women Vietnam Veterans (CWVV) Foreign Medical Program (FMP) Spina Bifida Health Care Program	1-877-345-8179 (or) 1-888-820-1756
Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Dept. of VA (CHAMPVA) CHAMPVA In-House Treatment Initiative (CITI)	1-800-733-8387
eBenefits Technical Support	1-800-983-0937
Education (GI Bill)	1-888-442-4551
Health Care Benefits	1-877-222-8387
Life Insurance: Service members and/or Veterans Group Life Insurance Program All other VA Life Insurance Programs	1-800-419-1473 1-800-669-8477
Mammography Helpline	1-888-492-7844
Smoking Cessation Counselors	1-855-QUIT-VET (1-855-784-8838)
Special Issues - Gulf War/Agent Orange/Project Shad/Mustard Agents and Lewisite/Ionizing Radiation	1-800-749-8387
Status of Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD)	Dial 711
Veterans Crisis Line	1-800-273-TALK (1-800-273-8255)
Vets.gov Help Desk	1-855-574-7286
White House VA Hotline	1-855-948-2311
Women Veterans Hotline	1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)



U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Wilmington - Regional Benefit Office
(Claims & Benefits)

1601 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19805
(800) 827-1000

Wilmington - VA Medical Center

1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805

(800) 461-8262
or (302) 994-2511

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



**Community Based
Outpatient Clinic**

Dover VA –CBOC

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***

Mark Taylor

Community Outreach Specialist
Office of Director

Office: (302) 994-2511 ext. 4598
Work cell: (302) 932-7519
Fax: (302) 633-5591
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Valerie Harwood

Community Outreach Specialist
Kent & Sussex Counties

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



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



Attention Veterans & Family Members:

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

**Thank you and
continue to stay safe!**



New Castle County: Lisa Smith
Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, DE
(302) 365-8231

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

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

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



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

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

OUTREACH SCHEDULE:

**1st through 4th Thursday Mornings
8:30am to 11:30am**

Dover Department of Labor
Division of Employment and Training
(302) 739-5473
Blue Hen Corporate Center
655 South Bay Road
Dover, DE 19901

(The old Blue Hen Mall, 'round the back on the North end)

1st Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm

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

2nd Thursday Afternoon - 1:30pm to 3pm

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

3rd Thursday Afternoon 1:30pm to 3pm

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

4th Thursday Afternoon 1:30pm to 3pm

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



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



Friday, July 2, 2021

Post #28-Millsboro

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, July 9 2021

Walter L Fox/Post #2-Dover

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, August 6, 2021

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM : (302) 945-1673

Friday, August 13, 2021

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, September 10, 2021

Oak Orchard/Riverdale/Post #28-Millsboro

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM: (302) 945-1673

Friday, September 17, 2021

Walter L Fox/ Post #2 –Dover

11:00 AM– 2:00 PM: (302) 674-3922

Friday, September 24, 2021

Nanticoke, Seaford, DE

11:00 AM -2:00PM : 302-629-9915



VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy, Rm 26
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 993-7252/7253

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

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

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



VSO—VVA Representative
VA Regional Office
1601 Kirkwood Hwy.
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 540-0103

DELAWARE JOINING FORCES



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
FEB 18
MAR 18

APR 15
MAY 20
JUN 17

JUL 15
AUG 19
SEP 16

OCT 21
NOV 18
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.ng@mail.mil

DE Office of Veteran Services

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



Find us on
Facebook

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

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

Other Resources

www.DelawareHousingSearch.org
877-428-8844

Delaware 211

www.delaware211.org

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



Transitional home for homeless veterans.

HOB I for Men: (302) 424-1681

HOB II for Women & Children: (302) 422-4146

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

**VA's Adapted Housing Grants
for Disabled Veterans**
1-800-827-1000
www.eBenefits.va.gov



The Brian Conley- Veterans Resiliency Center
Warriors Helping Warriors

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

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



Veteran Employment Services

Wilmington / Allen Jones : (302) 761-8141

Newark / Freddy Rodriguez : (302) 451-3456

Dover / Danny Mosby: (302) 857-5881

Georgetown/ Gail Gartner: (302) 858-5232

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



VA Disability &
Social Security programs

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

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

Defense Finance and Accounting Services Retired Military & Annuitants

1-800-321-1080
Retirement Pay Questions



Retired Activities Office:

Bldg. 520, Room 105, Dover AFB, DE 19902

MSgt (R) Bill Oldham: (302) 677- 4610

William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil

Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:

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

Brain Injury Trust Fund

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

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

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

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

College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

Delaware State University

Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378

nscottknight@desu.edu

Delaware Technical Community College

Dover
(302) 857-1056

Georgetown
(302) 259-6073

Stanton:
(302) 454-3926

Wilmington:
(302) 571-5307

Southern Illinois University

Dover AFB: Karen M. Nagviski
(302) 734-7829

nagviski@siu.edu
DoverAFB@siu.edu

University of Delaware

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

Wesley College

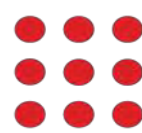
Erin Elsberry
(302) 736-2434/ Erin.elsberry@wesley.edu

Widener University School of Law

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

Wilmington University

Jim Webb / Jennifer Bacci
(302) 342-8669 / (302) 356-6962
james.s.webb@wilmu.edu
jennifer.l.bacci@wilmu.edu



**Veterans
Crisis Line**

1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

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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)*

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Veteran Organizations

Air Force Sergeants Association	(302) 677-4473	Jeremy Coney, TSgt
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.	(202) 265-0991 (302) 656-7162	DC Headquarters Donna Lowell (DE Representative) ptangel3@comcast.net
American Legion	(302) 628-5221	Richard "Ric" Santos
AMVETS	(302) 945-2170	Eugene Bradley
Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)	(302) 475-9891 (302) 674-9956	Post 1 Post 2
Delaware Veterans Coalition	(302) 270-7145	Dave Skocik delawareveteranscoalition@gmail.com
Disabled American Veterans	(302) 697-9061	Paul Lardizzone
First State Military Women Warriors	(302) 387-1309	Pat Cerhio
Fleet Reserve Association	(302) 322-0681	Philip Pushel
40 & 8	(302) 678-8077	Eugene "Chip" Rosan
Gold Star Families	(302) 593-5991	Judy Campbell
A Hero's Welcome Delaware	(302) 530-4984	Rosely Robinson ahwdelaware@gmail.com
Korean War Veterans Association	(302) 933-0228	Edward Johnson
Marine Corps League	(302) 242-7926	William C. Farley
Military Officers Association of America	(302) 335-1655 (302) 519-0611	Gene Thornton (Kent Co.) Fred Seth, Jr. (Sussex Co.)
New Castle Co. veterans/resident can contact the 2 representatives for questions/concerns. Thank you!		
Military Order of the Purple Heart	(302) 422-6760	Gary "Mo" Morris
Military Order of the World Wars	(302) 239-0641	Earl Seppala eseppala@aol.com
Nat'l Association of Black Veterans DE Chapter 94	(302) 345-6911	Nolan S. Lewis nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com nlewis2939@yahoo.com
Paralyzed Veterans of America	(302) 284-4719	Elmer (Art) Titus
The Reserve Officers Association	(302) 234-1418	LTC Richard Chappell (Ret) rwc49ps54ud@comcast.net
Veterans of Foreign Wars	(302) 526-0993	Mark Newman
Vietnam Veterans of America	(302) 697-8384	Paul Davis

Volunteer Transportation Network

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

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| 1. Hospital Service Coordinator
Wilmington VAMC
Thea Kersey
302- 633-5414
800-461-8262 X 5414
Mon-Thurs 8am—noon | 5. DAV—Dover, DE
Dispatcher: 302-697-9061
Fax: 302-697-9041
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am |
| 2. DAV Seaford, DE
Dispatcher: Henry Tiff
302-629-3759
302-858-7588 cell
Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm | 6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE
Dispatcher: 302-539-9981
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am |
| 3. People's Place Veterans Outreach Service
Milford, DE
Director: Mike Rowe
302-422-8033 X 173
Thursday—van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am | 7. DAV Chapter 44—Cape May, NJ
Coordinator: Fred Trasatti Jr.
215-778-5599 (cell)
609-886-8383 (Chapter)
Monday-Wednesday VAMC
Thursday—Philly VAMC |
| 4. American Legion Post 28
Oak Orchard, DE
Dispatcher: 302-945-1673
Monday-Thursday
Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am | 8. VTS Salisbury, MD
DAV—Ed Elder (410) 845-0933
Coordinator: Jim Boston
(443) 366-6316
Departs VFW Post 194 (Tues. & Thurs) |

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

Pick-Up Points:

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

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



delaware.gov/djf



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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