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
Director's Initiative

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

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
SIGNED VETERAN LEGISLATION

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.
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

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.
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!
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

SUNDAY
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
BEGINNS 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
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

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

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 Valhalla
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.

“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.

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“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/

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.
### Benefits (VA):

- **Burial**
- **Death Pension**
- **Dependency Indemnity Compensation**
- **Direct Deposit**
- **Directions to VA Benefits Regional Offices**
- **Disability Compensation**
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## Wilmington - Regional Benefit Office

**Claims & Benefits**

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

## Wilmington - VA Medical Center

1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
**Patient Advocate:** (302) 633-5556  
*(For all medical facilities)*

## Wilmington - VA Medical Center

1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
**Office:** (800) 461-8262 x 2300

## 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

## 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

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Community Outreach Specialist  
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Email: Valerie.camarillo@va.gov

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**Community Based Outpatient Clinic**

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**http://www.wilmington.va.gov/**

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

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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

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

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

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

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.
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:

- Behavioral 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.mil@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
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/

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

| 222 Lake Blvd. | 1040 Mattlind Way |
| Newark, DE 19713 | Milford, DE 19963 |
| Mon-Fri: 7:30am—3:30pm | Mon-Friday: 8am—4pm |
| 3rd Thursday: 7:30am—7pm | 2nd Tuesday: 8am-7pm |
| 2nd Saturday: 9am-noon | 2nd Saturday: 9am-noon |

![Food Bank of Delaware](image)

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

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

2. **24/7 Housing Help for Veterans**
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   Entrance in back of bldg., near loading ramp.
   Enter through the front door with green awning.

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   www.DelawareHousingSearch.org
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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:**

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

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http://Delaware.gov/djf/
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
302-575-0660 (New Castle Co.)
302-674-8500 (Kent Co.)
302-856-0038 (Sussex Co.)
http://www.declasi.org/

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

Legal Services Corporation of Delaware, Inc.
302-478-8850 or 302-734-8820
Offering Legal Advice & Assistance to low-income Delawareans.

Widener University Delaware Law School
Veterans Law Clinic
302-477-2090
Delaware.widener.edu
Pro Bono Representation for veterans benefits appeals.

Veterans Justice Outreach Program
Program is to avoid unnecessary criminalization of mental illness and extended incarceration.
For more information please call: 302-468-5670

Veterans Treatment Court Program
Assist justice-involved veterans with mental health & substance abuse issues to obtain necessary services & reduce recidivism.
302-255-0800 (New Castle Co.)
302-735-1900 (Kent Co.)
302-855-7055 (Sussex Co.)
*Please ask for the Veterans Treatment Court

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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New Castle Co. veterans/resident can contact the 2 representatives for questions/concerns. Thank you!
Volunteer Transportation Network

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

1. Hospital Service Coordinator
Wilmington VAMC
Thea Kersey
302–633-5414
800-461-8262 X 5414
Mon-Thurs 8am—noon

2. DAV Seaford, DE
Dispatcher: Henry Tifft
302-629-3759
302-858-7588 cell
Call Mon-Weds. 7am-9pm

3. People’s Place Veterans Outreach Service
Milford, DE
Director: Mike Rowe
302-422-8033 X 173
Thursday—van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

4. American Legion Post 28
Oak Orchard, DE
Dispatcher: 302-945-1673
Monday-Thursday
Van Arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

5. DAV—Dover, DE
Dispatcher: 302-697-9061
Fax: 302-697-9041
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

6. VFW Post 7234—Oceanview, DE
Dispatcher: 302-539-9981
Monday—Thursday
Van arrives at VAMC at 8:30am

7. DAV Chapter 44—Cape May, NJ
Coordinator: Fred Trasatti Jr.
215-778-5599 (cell)
609-886-8383 (Chapter
Monday-Wednesday VAMC
Thursday—Philly VAMC

8. VTS Salisbury, MD
DAV—Ed Elder (410) 845-0933
Coordinator: Jim Boston
(443) 366-6316
Departs VFW Post 194 (Tues. & Thurs)

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

**Pick-Up Points:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Please allow 5-7 business days for processing.

Delaware State Veterans Cemeteries

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

2465 Chesapeake City Road
Bear, DE 19701
(302) 834-8046
Administrator: Barbara A. Cooke

26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 934-5653
Administrator: Greg A. Bee

delaware.gov/djf
DELAKE 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/

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