Sincere greetings to all service members, veterans, family members, and community partners. Spring is in the air, flowers are blooming, and it’s time to dust off the lawnmowers! Hopefully we can look forward to warmer days soon! It is great to see that after two long years of the pandemic, there is light at the end of the tunnel. It is already great camaraderie to see folks in person, not just through the computer or telephone. I can proudly say that the OVS staff and Commissioners, have been there for veterans and families throughout despite the challenges. Please welcome our newest Commissioner Dan Watson (VVA).

I was honored to be able to attend the USS Delaware SSN 791 Commissioning Ceremony, Saturday 2 April. What a great historic event! Memorial Day events at the Memorial Bridge in New Castle and the Bear and Millsboro cemeteries are fast approaching. The Office of Veteran Services, cemetery staff, and DCVA are working very hard to ensure that all Memorial Day events honor our fallen comrades, Gold Star families, veterans and loved ones. Flag Day is also right around the corner so please stay in contact for updates.

Crisis Awareness efforts continue for veterans and their families. There are many events in the near future to provide critical resources to our military communities. Recently announced was the Governor’s Challenge to support the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration’s (SAMHSA) to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. Since the next quarterly newsletter will not publish until July 2022, I want to honor all U.S. Army service members and veterans and say Happy Army Birthday, 14 June 2022. Lastly, there is much going on all over the world. As the summer months approach and folks start to travel more, please remember to stay diligent and safe.

Respectfully,
Anna, Madam Chair
On April 2, I was honored to attend the commemoration of the USS Delaware. The First State has waited over 100 years to have a ship bare its name and to do it on a day with the sun shining and fair winds, added to the overall grand beauty of the event. The most inspirational part, however, was the veterans in the crowd. When asked to stand, the few peppered throughout the event rose. This struck me in two ways.

First, the pride that beams from our veterans and military when they stand up for their few seconds of recognition makes one feel the bond we all share. To say it was refreshing is an understatement. I was also in awe of the support our nation provides to our military. This was not so for our veterans in past wars. Second, our veteran population is diminishing, whether from age or lack of enlistment, we are a miniscule percentage of the country that we love. The military is a profession rarely chosen yet proudly displayed. We, as veterans represent our nation on the front lines, from land, air, and sea. We served our country with pride and honor. I was humbled to stand alongside that small but mighty group as the crowd cheered.

If you haven’t heard the phrase “Thank you for your service” recently, allow me. Thank you for your service to this great nation. You are not forgotten, and we at the Office of Veterans Services stand beside you.

For the first time in Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs history women are leading the ranks. After a commission vote Chairwoman Anna Lopez announced her new Vice Chair was Ms. Valerie Harwood.

Women in the military have had to overcome obstacles for over 200 years. Whether it was nurses in the Civil War, the first enlisted woman, or the first female fighter pilot, the women of the military have gone above and beyond to pave the way for future generations. Not only did retired Army Sergeant Major Lopez defy active duty standards and become an E9, she also leads and contributes in several veteran organizations across Delaware. Now we add National Guard (Major select) Hardwood to the mix, a duo that is sure to accomplish great tasks for the veterans of Delaware. Ms. Harwood is a vital member of the Delaware military community, working for the VA as an outreach specialist, ensuring that our veterans and their families know healthcare benefits and resources available to them. The experience, knowledge, and passion the two of these strong female leaders share will be a force to reckon with.

Females continue to make history in the active duty military and veteran communities. More than 300,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11, more than 9,000 have earned Combat Action Badges, and females now makeup 16% of the U.S. Armed Forces. We are proud to have Ms. Lopez and Harwood leading our Delaware veterans and look forward to all they will accomplish as a team.
TAX EXEMPTION
APPLICATIONS DUE BY
APRIL 30, 2022

Yes, you must apply! If you are a 100% disabled veteran, scan this for more info

House Bill 214

On August 10th, 2021, Governor Carney signed into law House Bill 214 with House Amendment 1 allowing school districts to grant a Disabled Veterans School Property Tax Credit. Beginning in 2022, qualified persons may be eligible for a tax credit against 100% of non-vocational school district property tax. This credit may only be used against property taxes assessed on a primary residence. Applications for the upcoming tax year are due April 30th.

Program Details

Qualified Persons must:
• Receive 100% disability compensation due to service-connected, permanent and total disability based on individual unemployability or a 100% disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (USVDA) and
• Have held legal domicile in Delaware for the past 3 years.

Individuals may not claim both the Disabled Veterans School Tax Credit and the Senior School Property Tax Credit.

Please Note

• Application Deadline: April 30th.
  ○ Taxpayers must pay their property tax bill in full by the end of each tax year in order to qualify for this credit in a subsequent property tax year.

• To qualify, applicants must provide:
  ○ A valid driver’s license or official state ID
  ○ Documentation of USDVA disability
  ○ A Copy of their Social Security card

All applications should be PHYSICALLY turned into the proper county office where you reside. If you have a co-owner on a mortgage their information must be provided as well.

Remember to take your state ID!

Photo: Delaware veteran organizations gathered at American Legion, Post 14, in Smyrna, to witness Governor Carney sign HB 214 into law.
THE 1ST ANNUAL
BATTLEGROUND CLASSIC

APRIL 29TH • SHOWTIME- 8:00 AM
SHOTGUN START 9AM

Jonathan's Landing
1309 Ponderosa Dr, Magnolia, DE 19962

- $100 a player
- Shotgun Start
- 4-person Scramble
- Traveling Trophy to best team, Prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin
- $5 Mulligan package, limit 2 per person
  - 2 Mulligans
  - 1 Drive from red tees
  - 2 Throws

Contact:
jennifer.jensen@delaware.gov
or
dalton.newell@us.af.mil

Scan QR code to Register!
**BATTLEGROUNDS CLASSIC**
GOLF TOURNAMENT
APRIL 29, 2022 / 8 AM SHOWTIME - 9 AM SHOTGUN START
JONATHAN'S LANDING
1309 Ponderosa Dr, Magnolia, DE 19962

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**Payment Information:** Payments can be made online or by check. Please confirm payment when emailing registration form.

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Online visit: [igfn.us/form/gW4GlA](igfn.us/form/gW4GlA) or scan the QR code

Checks:
- Drop off or mail: 802 Silver Lake Blvd Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904
- Make payable to – Friends of Delaware Veterans

Individual cost: $100
Team cost: $400

$5 – Mulligan package (limit 2 per player) includes: 2 Mulligans, 1 drive from red tee, 2 throws
PLEASE PAY DAY OF – CASH ONLY

Team Name: ___________________________

Please circle who your team represents:  Active Duty  Reserves  Guard  Veterans  Civilians
The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc., Delaware Chapter 94 (NABVETS) released its annual report and hosted two public events at the African American Medal of Honor Memorial in Wilmington, Delaware: one on February 28, 2022, commemorating Black History Month and the other on March 25, 2022, commemorating National Medal of Honor Day. Both events honored the 911 Medal of Honor recipient names embossed on the memorial and recognized their ultimate feats of sacrifice.

A third event is scheduled at the Brandywine Park location West 18th and Baynard Blvd Wilmington, DE 19802, Friday, May 27, 2022, 1 pm-4 pm kicking off Memorial Weekend. All veterans and veteran supporters are encouraged to attend this free public event.
Welcome our new Commissioner
Dan Watson

Dan Watson has been appointed by Delaware Governor John Carney to serve on the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs to a four-year term representing Delawareans who served during the Vietnam War between November 1, 1955 and April 30, 1975.

“As a life member of Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America, Dan has been involved in many projects, including our service dog program. He also worked on the construction of the stand for the UH-1 helicopter at our Kent County Veterans Memorial Park,” said Paul Davis, VVA state council president. “We are proud to have him as our commissioner.”

DE Vietnam Vets receive National Recognition

By: Dave Skocik

On March 15th, Vietnam Veterans of America National President Jack McManus traveled from Flat Rock, North Carolina, to Millboro, Del., to present the organization’s National Achievement Medal to 13 veterans from three Delaware Chapters for their long-time dedication to VVA and their communities. His visit was hosted by Chapter 1105 President Rodger Rose whose meetings are held at American Legion Post 28 on Route 24. Also attending was Ted Wilkenson Region II VVA director.

McManus served in Vietnam in the Air Force and has advocated for veterans affected by Agent Orange and other chemicals. He was elected to serve as VVA National President at VVA's 20th National convention, in November 2021 in Greensboro, North Carolina. First elected VVA national treasurer in 1995, he was reelected to the position in 1997 and again in 2019. He previously served as the VVA Michigan State Council President for six and one-half years from 1989 to 1996, overseeing the largest state program in VVA.

During his career as a private businessman, McManus's company employed approximately 3,500 in two service-sector businesses, with $150 million annually in sales. In 1978, his company was recognized as the first drug-free workplace in the building service contracting industry. The company also emphasizes special hiring programs for handicapped individuals, ex-offenders, and rehabilitated substance abusers for its internal rehabilitation programs. From 1978 to 1985, McManus was the program manager of his company's contract with the Kennedy Space Center space shuttle program in Florida.

The recipients included, in alphabetical order, Kenneth Bodine, Terry Baker, Paul Davis, Thomas Daws, Mahlon Fegley, Rocky Graves, Raymond Harris, Joe A. Moore, Woodrow “Woody” Postle, Rhona Prescott, Rodger Rose, David Skocik, and Joseph Startt.

“It was certainly an honor for our national leader to visit us, and to be recognized was icing on the cake,” said Paul Davis, president of the Delaware VVA Council.
President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden attend the commissioning celebration of the USS Delaware (SSN 791), on April 2, 2022. Due to COVID restrictions the submarine did not receive the traditional commissioning ceremony as those in the past, and became the first to be commissioned while submerged underway on April 4, 2020.

First Lady Biden stated, “This vessel will always uphold the First State’s motto of ‘Liberty and Independence,’” she said. “It’s difficult to put into words what it means to be a part of the USS Delaware family. It’s an incredible honor that I take seriously. I’ve seen the heart of this crew and it makes me proud and humbled to be your shipmate for life.”

For the first time in over a century the First State name will be yielded on the Navy Submarine. There has been seven other Navy ships named after our small historical state, none of which held the title of “ideal ship”. Cmdr. Matthew Horton stated that the USS Delaware is, “limitless in range; unmatched in power, precision, and stealth. Her engineering renders her nearly undetectable; her sensors reveal the presence of any foes. Capable of dominating across the spectrum of warfare, she excels in all her assigned missions. From the depths of the ocean, ensuring sea control, to delivering precision strikes and supporting naval special warfare.”
Mr. Skocik’s presentation included the leadership military veterans of all generations bring to Delaware, their economic impact, their positive participation in their communities, and some of the challenges they and their families face during their service and deployments. Delaware is home to some 74,000 veterans and their families.

In addition to Dover AFB and its military and civilian employees, veterans also have a substantial impact on Delaware’s seven institutions of higher learning through their educational benefits, medical care from multiple VA and community-affiliated clinics throughout the state and are part of community activities and businesses. Those who make Delaware their retirement home bring their assets and experience to the communities they become part of.

CASH Program Awards K9

Retired Air Force MSgt Tim Hamilton and Chocolate Labrador Remington became partners at Mission BBQ in Dover on April 7. The dog was presented by Kent County Chapter 850, Vietnam Veterans of America’s CASH program, (Canines Assisting Service Heroes). The ceremony was witnessed by supporters and customers with a round of applause.

Remi is the eighth fully-trained service dog presented to Delaware disabled veterans since the program’s inception five years ago. The dogs assist male and female veterans who have been diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI).

The chapter works with Nelson Miller of Riedel K9, a local trainer who specializes in training service dogs. The average training time is 18 months and costs about $10,000 per dog. Since 2017 the chapter has trained and placed service dogs for training and presentations.

The CASH program accepts puppies and contributions. It also hosts an annual fundraiser named “Four Paws Got Your Six,” a Grass Roots Rescue fundraiser. For more information about the program contact Ray Harris at cmbmap@verizon.net or 302-632-8510.
Gold Star Families

By Judy Campbell

The loss of a sibling is a complicated grief, it changes one’s position within the family, leaves them grieving their first “best-friend” and leaves them taking on a role of support for their parents. American Gold Star Siblings are often referred to as the “Silent Mourners”.

Governor John C. Carney and Lieutenant Governor Bethany Hall-Long recognize this loss and proclaimed February 8 the American Gold Star Siblings Day; they encouraged all citizens to support our American Gold Star Siblings by recognizing them and their deceased military brother/sister. (See Proclamation photo)
Drive Thru Resource Fair

On March 18th, roughly 140 families paid a visit to the Office of Veteran Services to participate in the second drive thru food bank and resource fair. This event provides assistance to veterans and military families in need. The VA outreach program has decided to extend the program due to the success. If your veteran organization would like to be a part of the drive thru resources please contact Valerie Hardwood or Sable Vance. OVS will post future dates via social media.

TBI Fund

Do you have a TBI and need services, treatment, or equipment related to your post traumatic brain injury that are not covered by your health insurance?

- Driver Evaluation Assessment/Training
- Medical Equipment
- Services, Treatment or Therapy (short-term)
- Specialized Equipment
- Case Management (short-term)
- Brain Training Neurotherapy (short-term)
- Assistive Technology
- Alternative Therapy (short-term)
- Medically Approved Summer Camps
- Eye-exam and glasses related to TBI

Contact:
302-739-3621
410 Federal St
Suite 3
Dover, DE 19901
Serving our heroes.

Better.

Find out if you qualify for a free service dog at canine.org/veterans.

Canine Companions is committed to supporting those who have served. Many brave men and women have returned home from combat with disabling injuries – visible and invisible – and Canine Companions service dogs can help veterans regain independence.

canine.org/veterans
Purple Heart Veteran awarded new car

Hard work and perseverance pays off. Retired Staff Sergeant Daniel Wright not only fought inner battles after returning from 2 tours to Iraq and 2 from Afghanistan, but he fought to succeed and become a small business owner. As a Purple Heart recipient SSG used a therapeutic art program to cope with his mental struggles, and he discovered a love/talent for drawing, and decided to become a tattoo artist. He bought and converted school bus into a traveling tattoo parlor. He travels to clients in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

On March 8th, SSG Wright was honored during the Philadelphia Flyers game in collaboration with Wells Fargo. Then on March 24th, Wells Fargo, Price Toyota Group, and Military Warriors Support Foundation presented, SSG Wright with a brand new Toyota RAV4.

If you are interested in not only getting a tattoo, also supporting a veteran owned small business please check out Wright’s scan the QR code below and make your appointment now.

Upcoming Events

**April 29th @ 0800** - Battleground Classic Golf Tournament (benefitting Delaware Veterans Trust Fund)

**May 28th @ 1000** - Bear Veterans Cemetery Memorial Day Ceremony

**May 30th @ 10:30** - Memorial Day Ceremony @ The Veterans War Memorial Plaza, (New Castle, DE)

**July 2** - Freedom 5k @ Buffalo Wild Wings

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

THE WALL THAT HEALS
VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL REPLICA & MOBILE EDUCATION CENTER
A PROGRAM OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND
FOUNDERS OF THE WALL

April 28 - May 1, 2022
at William Penn High School

Volunteer, donate & learn more at: wpthewallthatheals.com
VET FEST
RUN • RUCK • WALK

SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

TOWN OF WHITEHALL
801 MAPLETON AVENUE
MIDDLETOWN, DE 19709

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND NEIGHBORS IN THE MILITARY WITH A DAY FILLED WITH GREAT MUSIC, LAUGHTER, AND FUN!

10K RUCK

6:30 AM  Volunteers Arrive
8:00 AM  Registration & Bib Pick-Up
9:15 AM  National Anthem & Pep Rally for 10K
9:30 AM  10K GoRuck Start
12:00 PM Awards, Lunch, & Music

5K RUN & FAMILY WALK

6:30 AM  Volunteers Arrive
8:00 AM  Registration & Bib Pick-Up
10:45 AM National Anthem & Pep Rally for 5K
11:00 AM 5K Start
12:00 PM Awards, Lunch, & Music

VET FEST WELCOMES HOME IRAQ & AFGHANISTAN VETERANS
Starring Club Bbred & Mark Farner, formerly of Grand Funk Railroad

9 - 11 AM  Veteran Groups Arrange & Set Up
12:00 PM  Awards, Lunch, & Music
12 - 2 PM  Veteran & Civilian Group Social
2:00 PM  Event Concludes

ADMISSION: SUGGESTED CONTRIBUTION OF $5-10 AT THE DOOR

FOR INFORMATION & EVENT REGISTRATION, VISIT WWW.VETFESTDELAWARE.COM OR SCAN QR CODE

VET FEST MISSION:
The mission of 22in22 is to connect the military and civilian communities in order to better equip our active duty and veteran military for life. We do this by supporting the non-profit Stop Soldier Suicide, Inc. and their mission, educating the community about the needs of our warriors, and engaging the community to take action.
Benefitting the DE Veterans Trust Fund

Where: Buffalo Wild Wings - Dover

When: July 2, 2022

Start Time: 9 a.m.

POC: 302-739-2792

Freedom 5K

The Weekly Fight

Every Saturday at 9 a.m.

Free Workout


- CrossFit Petram - 14 W. Main St, Middletown
- All fitness levels welcome
- Text "Weekly Fight" to 302-454-6050 to register or for more info

Caring for Our Hidden Heroes

Elizabeth Dole Foundation
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:

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**COMMUNITY NETWORK ^ MONTHLY MEETINGS**

3rd Thursday of every Month

All DJF Community Network meetings are 8:30am-10:00am. Due to COVID restrictions, all Meetings will be virtual via ZOOM.

**Join Zoom Meeting**

ZOOM LINK for All Meetings → [https://militaryonesource.zoom.us/j/3024943825?pwd=bzdNnjIWq0MUpWcEJxbkQ2STBkZz09](https://militaryonesource.zoom.us/j/3024943825?pwd=bzdNnjIWq0MUpWcEJxbkQ2STBkZz09)

2022 Meeting ID: 302 494 3825, Passcode: 933544

Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923 US

**2022 MONTHLY MEETING DATES & TOPICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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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@army.mil

**DE Office of Veteran Services**

Joshua Matticks  
Executive Director, DE OVS  
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**Community Service Providers * Register to advertise your services to our veterans**

[www.delaware.gov/djf](http://www.delaware.gov/djf)
DELWARE 2022
VETERANS’ STAND DOWN

SAVE the DATE
Friday
23 September 2022

Schutte Park
10 Electric Avenue
Dover, DE 19904

VETERANS’ STAND DOWN
Community & VA Services for ALL Veterans
Housing • Medical • Flu Shots • Behavioral Health • VA Eligibility & Benefits
Hair Cuts • Legal Service • Hot Lunch • Warm Clothing
Transportation Provided at key pick up locations.

Donations may be sent to the “Delaware Veterans’ Stand Down” at
12385 Sussex Highway • Greenwood, DE 19950

For more information contact:
302-349-4898 or Lbjnavcret@hotmail.com
POST-TRAUMATIC GROWTH PROGRAMS FOR VETERANS /SERVICE MEMBERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

We help you and your family find relief from the symptoms of PTSD, mTBI and Chronic Pain with a series of 6-day Post-traumatic Growth Programs.

The series includes:

• **Individual Veteran/Service Member Program** – focuses on relief from trauma, innovative tools, and wellness

• **Veteran Spouse Program** - focuses on self-care, establishing boundaries, caregiver stress, & self-advocacy

• **Couples Program** - focuses on communication, connection, and strengthening the relationship

• **Family Program** - forms a more resilient bond between family members, allowing each of you to move forward together as a cohesive unit.

Our programs use a variety of tools that are not widely available and focus on relief from the symptoms of invisible wounds. You will leave the program with an Individualized Post-traumatic Growth Plan for continued healing. Our programs are held in Texas and North Carolina. For more details visit: lsfprograms.org

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

• Complete the eligibility questionnaire at lsfprograms.org

• Check your email. You will get an email requesting a DD214 and link to the application.

• We will contact you to discuss further details and scheduling.

**ELIGIBILITY**

• All service eras and US branches

• A diagnosis or service-connected disability is **NOT** required

• You must be able to interact in a group environment and be willing to have a roommate for in-person programs.

• You must be able to administer your own medication(s) and self-care

• If substance abuse has been an issue, you must have been in recovery for at least six months prior to attending.

**CONTACT US**

lsfprograms.org
1414 11th Street, Huntsville, TX 77340
936-755-6075
programs@lonesurvivorfoundation.org
ATTENTION KENT CO. VETERANS

WE WILL BE OFFERING DAV VAN PICK-UPS FROM HOME TO DOVER CBOC (CLINIC). PLEASE NOTE THE THIS PICK-UP SERVICE IS FOR VETERANS WHO ARE AMBULATORY (ABLE TO WALK). THIS SERVICE WILL ONLY BE OFFERED IF THERE IS NO ONE TRAVELING TO THE WILMINGTON VAMC.

WE WILL BE RUNNING MONDAY- THURSDAY ONLY. PLEASE CALL ME @ (302) 697-9061 OR MY CELL# (973) 868-8725 TO SCHEDULE A PICK-UP.

PLEASE TRY TO SCHEDULE YOUR DOCTORS APPOINTMENT BEFORE 12PM.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
DOVER DRIVING COORDINATOR
ABRAHAM VELEZ
Located outside of beautiful Chestertown, Maryland, Easterseals Camp Fairlee has been providing recreation and respite for individuals age 6 and up since 1954. Camp Fairlee provides a safe and accessible camp experience where campers are challenged to discover their full potential, acquire new skills, and make new and lasting friendships while under the guidance of trained and qualified staff. While campers enjoy their time at Camp Fairlee, their families are able to take a much needed break from caregiving.

The summer program at Camp Fairlee provides a traditional camp experience for campers of all ages and abilities to experience adventures! Daily schedules include activities such as arts & crafts, music, sports, games, swimming, hiking, canoeing, hayrides, campfires, and more. The summer camp staff is comprised of professionals and college students recruited from around the world. Each staff member is carefully selected based on skills and experience. An extensive week-long, pre-camp training encourages the enthusiasm, creativity, and sense of commitment that is our tradition.

To learn more about Camp Fairlee visit: www.campfairlee.com

The Mia Shorteno Fraser Scholarship Fund - For Campers of Veterans/Active Military Families

Full or partial funding is available for a limited number of campers whose family members are serving - or have served - in the US armed forces and would like to attend summer or respite sessions at Camp Fairlee.

This scholarship honors the life and work of Mia Shorteno Fraser, Psy. D. who dedicated her career to the practice of clinical psychology, and in particular, the issues facing veterans, active military, their families and caregivers. Mia was brilliant, hardworking and determined, demonstrating incredible grit in the face of adversity. Mia’s family has established this scholarship to fulfill her dream of supporting those who have served our country.

This scholarship is available to help them, their families and caregivers, who face the additional challenges of caring for loved ones with a range of disabilities.

Please complete this form to apply for a scholarship and return it with proof of military status, a copy of last year’s tax return, your essay question answer and your Camp Fairlee registration form. This confidential application will only be reviewed by the Camp Director for the purpose of determining eligibility. No other camp participant, counselor or volunteer will be aware of this application or subsequent award of scholarship, if any. There are limited scholarships available.

To register for Camp Fairlee or apply for the Mia Shorteno Fraser Scholarship please visit: www.campfairlee.com/summer-camp
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR JOB FAIR
POLYTECH HIGH SCHOOL
APRIL 27TH | 4:30PM TO 6:00PM, DOVER
823 WALNUT SHADE ROAD DOVER, DE (ENTER BACK OF SCHOOL)


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HOW CAN I UNDERSTAND AND AFFORD MY UTILITY BILLS?

HOME ENERGY COUNSELING AND CHECK-UP PROGRAM

The Home Energy Counseling & Check-up Program is designed to empower Delaware residents by providing access to high-quality energy efficiency education, products and services. You may be eligible for one of the following opportunities:

1. In-Home Energy Check-Up and Counseling: An Energy Advisor will provide a personalized overview of ways to save, plus install FREE energy-saving products (up to $100 value).

2. Energy Conservation Workshops: A FREE workshop that includes a Weatherization Kit ($30 value) and low-cost/no-cost ways to save energy.

3. One-on-One Energy Counseling: An Energy Educator will discuss your energy-related needs, provide advice and referral services.

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APPLY TODAY!
Call Toll Free @ 833-888-0410
SEEKING MENTORS

Change the world; influence a life one youth at a time!

Be a Mentor for Someone Special
Make a Difference in a Youth’s Life

Next Youth ChalleNGe Class starts March and July 2022

The Youth ChalleNGe program provides a second-chance opportunity to Delaware at-risk youth. Now entering its 13th session partnered with the Capital Guardian Youth Challenge Academy, the DNG program has been able to successfully assist and graduate 82 Cadets. Our Cadets have moved on to pursue higher education, seek employment, and some have joined the military. Mentor/Mentee relationships are key to supporting the Cadet’s success.

A Mentor is a person or friend who guides a less experienced person by building trust and modeling positive behaviors. A mentor should be able to invest in the life of a Cadet and provide personal, education, and career guidance following graduation.

Who can be a Mentor?
- Must be same sex as cadet being mentored
- Must be at least 21 years old
- Must consent to a criminal background check
- Can commit to volunteer their time for the youth in the program over the 17 ½ months of the program.

Expectations of a Mentor include:
- Complete Mentor training to prepare for the role (provided online)
- Begin building a relationship with the Cadet by writing weekly and providing encouragement during the 5 ½ months of residential phase. Participate in at least 1 (one) onsite visit.
- Continue the Mentor/Mentee relationship through visits, email or email and telephone during the 12 months post residential phase.
- Provide guidance for social development and achievement for the Cadet’s goal and objectives after graduation.
- Submit a monthly progress report to the Academy’s assigned staff monthly for 12 months post residential phase.
- Undergo a criminal background check conducted by the District of Columbia.

Take the First Step to Become a Mentor – submit your Mentor Application!

ABOUT THE PROGRAM: The Delaware National Guard, Delaware Department of Education, and the Capital Guardian Youth ChalleNGe Academy have joined to provide Delaware youth, ages 16-18, with opportunities for personal growth, self-improvement, and academic achievement. The National Guard’s Youth ChalleNGe program is for high school dropouts, those no longer attending, and those falling in high school. The Youth ChalleNGe program is a highly structured military styled, non-traditional educational environment that integrates training, mentoring, tough love, and diverse educational and extracurricular activities. The Youth ChalleNGe Academy is a 17-1/2 month program that offers at-risk youth the opportunity to get a GED after a 22-week in-resident program located in Laurel, MD. This program is an excellent opportunity for students that cannot conform to a traditional learning environment and are willing to learn but need discipline.

For more information or to obtain a Mentor Application, please contact:

Karen Hughes
Youth ChalleNGe Counselor Liaison
302-326-7102 OFFICE
karen.m.hughes18.nfg@mail.mil

NOTE: The Adjutant General has approved up to three days cumulative time for DNG technicians providing direct support to the Youth ChalleNGe program in a Mentor role. DNG Technicians should contact Ms. Hughes for further direction from HRO. This is subject to supervisor concurrence of the employee’s participation. HRO Contact is Lt Col Dave Rice.
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

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<td>1-855-VA-WOMEN (1-855-829-6636)</td>
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Wilmington - Regional Benefit Office
(Claims & Benefits)
1601 Kirkwood Highway
Wilmington, DE 19805
(800) 827-1000

Wilmington - VA Medical Center
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805
(800) 461-8262
or (302) 994-2511

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

Dover VA –CBOC
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
Email: mark.taylor10@va.gov

Valerie Harwood
Community Outreach Specialist
Kent & Sussex Counties
Office: (800) 462-8262
Work cell: (302) 357-8715
Fax: (302) 633-5591
Email: Valerie.camarillo@va.gov

eClaims
ONLINE VA CLAIMS MADE SIMPLE.

EBenefits
www.ebenefits.va.gov
ATTENTION!
Veterans & Family

Due to unforeseen COVID-19 circumstances, please contact your Veteran Service Officer to confirm appointments.

DO NOT ATTEND APPOINTMENT IF COVID SYMPTOMS ARE PRESENT.

We always place the health & safety of our veterans and VSOs first, so please help us help you.

Thank you and continue to stay safe!

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
Seafood, 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
Seafood, DE 19973
Ladies, do you miss the comradery of active duty? Are you a Active Duty, Reservist or Guard looking for a group to connect with?

Benefits of Joining:
- Networking
- Volunteer Events
- Making a difference for female veterans in Delaware

If interested please contact:
Pat Cerchio
401-338-3798
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/

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**Food Bank of Delaware**

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

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**Stand By Me**

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

**Veteran’s Resilience Center**

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

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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

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. Nagyiski
(302) 734-7829
nagyiski@siu.edu
DoverAFB@siu.edu

University of Delaware
Brooks Raup
302-831-0552
braup@udel.edu

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

Widener University School of Law
Pattie Donoghue
(302) 477-2710/ pmdonoghue@widener.edu

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

Please visit our DE Joining Forces website to research more resources available to veterans:
http://Delaware.gov/djf/
Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.
302-575-0660 (New Castle Co.)
302-674-8500 (Kent Co.)
302-856-0038 (Sussex Co.)
http://www.declasi.org/
Provides free legal services to: People with disabilities, older citizens (60+), housing discrimination (HUD), low-income, & victims of domestic violence.

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

Widener University Delaware Law School Veterans Law Clinic
302-477-2090
Delaware.widener.edu
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

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

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<td><strong>American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.</strong></td>
<td>(202) 265-0991 (302) 656-7162</td>
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<td>(302) 628-5221</td>
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<td><strong>AMVETS</strong></td>
<td>(302) 945-2170</td>
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<td>(302) 270-7145</td>
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<td><strong>Disabled American Veterans</strong></td>
<td>(302) 697-9061</td>
<td>Paul Lardizzone</td>
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<td>(302) 387-1309</td>
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<td>(302) 678-8077</td>
<td>Eugene “Chip” Rosan</td>
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<td>(302) 933-0228</td>
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<td><strong>Marine Corps League</strong></td>
<td>(302) 242-7926</td>
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<td>(302) 335-1655 (302) 262-4617</td>
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<td>(302) 422-6760</td>
<td>Gary “Mo” Morris</td>
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<td>(302) 239-0641</td>
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<td>(302) 234-1418</td>
<td>LTC Richard Chappell</td>
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<td><strong>Veterans of Foreign Wars</strong></td>
<td>(302) 526-0993</td>
<td>Mark Newman</td>
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<td><strong>Vietnam Veterans of America</strong></td>
<td>(302) 697-8384</td>
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Volunteer Transportation Network

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

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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  
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| 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.

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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: Frank Silva

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 _____________
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