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*Hello to all service members, veterans, family members, and community partners. Summer is upon us which hopefully means more outdoor activities with families and loved ones. It is also a reminder to practice good safety measures...water/BBQ/road safety, hydrate, and don't forget to use your sun block. It has been a very busy ¼ with Memorial Day Ceremonies across the state, Flag Day ceremonies, Battleground Golf Classic and Freedom 5K walk/run fundraisers for the DE trust fund, and 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities. Thanks to all who attended this quarter and hoping you enjoyed the events and activities. Many are highlighted within this newsletter.*

*I was honored to serve as the MC for the Bridge Memorial Day ceremony. We had a great turn-out! It was wonderful to see so many Veterans and Organizations in the audience along with our honored VIP's and especially our Gold Star Mothers and Family members. We were honored to have COL Chip Hollinger, Commander of the Air Force Mortuary Affairs, DAFB, as our keynote speaker. Overall, it was a great day and event to honor our fallen comrades. Many thanks to the Delaware River and Bay Authority for the superb assistance they provide the OVS/DCVA and the State year after year.*

*As a reminder, our Commission meetings occur the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 10:00am, Office of Veteran Services Conference Room. These meetings are public, and the agenda is posted on our website. For any questions, please contact me, Josh Matticks, or Sable Vance.*

*The next quarterly newsletter will not publish until October 2022. The birthday of the Coast Guard falls on 4 August 2022. The birthday of the Air Force falls on 18 September 2022. So, honors to our Coast Guard and Air Force service members and veterans!*

*Lastly, the OVS staff, cemeteries, and DCVA Commissioners have done a great job in contributing to the success of not just advocating for our veterans and service members, but organizing events, and especially the daily tasks that it takes to assist and honor our Veterans across the state. Thanks to the support of the OVS staff and community partners.*

*Sincerely,  
Anna*



## First Annual Battleground Classic Golf Tournament takes the field

On April 29, *The First Annual Battleground Classic Golf Tournament* joined the crowded field of Spring golf tournament conjunction with co-partner Dover AFB Air Force Sergeants Association. "The Trust Fund is such a crucial piece of the Delaware Veterans support system. The dire need for more funds inspired the golf tournament and brought the different military communities together to help our struggling brothers and sisters. We had teams from Dover AFB, the American Legion, and National Guard all playing together for one great cause. It was an amazing event and we plan on it being bigger and better every year," said Jensen.

Tournament sponsors included Dover Federal Credit Union; AMVETS Post 2; National Association for Black Veterans (NABVETS); Price Automotive Group; Military Officers Association of America; Fordham and Dominion Brewing; and JAKL Beer Works in Middletown. - Contact: Dave Skocik 302-270-7145 cell.



**Photo Caption:** Jennifer Jensen, Dennis Linehan, and Joshua Matticks all of the OVS.

The National Association for Black Veterans, Inc., Delaware Chapter 94 (NABVETS) kicked off Memorial Day Weekend with a remembrance ceremony on Friday, May 27, 2022 at the African American Medal of Honor Memorial in Brandywine State Park - Wilmington, Delaware. In memory of those that have passed in armed service to this country, a wreath of artificial Poppy flowers was donated by the Wounded Warriors Project.

Honored guests included Delaware Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester, Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, Chair of the Delaware Commission of Veteran Affairs (DCVA) Anna M. Lopez, New Castle County Executive Matthew Meyer, City of Wilmington President Earnest Congo, and more. NABVETS Commander and DCVA at-large Commissioner, Nolan S. Lewis, officiated as master of ceremonies, presented certificates of appreciation and plaques to speakers in recognition of their contributions to the veteran communities of Delaware, and spoke on the significance of Memorial Day. The event concluded with an open resource fair for veteran services across the State.





A POW/MIA Chair of Honor was dedicated in Memory of Major General Carol Timmons. General Benson, Dr. Lynn Wass, unveiling the chair was General Frank Vavala and General Michael Berry. This was a chair A Hero's Welcome Delaware have been wanting to dedicate for many years since General Timmons took the command. This is the first POW/MIA Chair ever dedicated in a woman's name in Delaware. The chair will be on display at William Penn High School where General Timmons was a student.

-4/28/22 R. Robinson



The Wall that Heals was on display at William Penn High School from 4/28/22 through 5/2/22. The Wall arrived by escort and Opening Ceremonies was held on 4/28/22 at 9 am, Keynote Speaker was Vietnam Veteran and former POW at the Hanoi Hilton Ralph Galati, USAF followed by a POW/MIA Chair of Honor Dedication in memory of Major General Carol Timmons. Our Delaware National Guard was a very large part of the audience. This was only possible by efforts of Nora Hutchinson, a math teacher at William Penn HS. After losing her father in law (a Vietnam Veteran to Agent Orange) Nora looked into how to bring The Wall to her High School. With help from several teachers, administrators and the Colonial School District she was able to start the process toward her goal. Local volunteers as Dave Tiberi, David Skocik, Eric Lauppe and Rosely Robinson were the core team in raising funds to bring in The Wall. Major local companies and organizations were the key donors to make this great event happen. A total of \$35,000 was raised. Over 500 volunteers stepped up to help ERECT The Wall, provided a guide to visitors on how to find their loved one's name on the Wall, 24 hour security at night for The Wall, on the final day packed it up and sent it to the next stop in Ohio. A Candle Light Vigil was held on Saturday night 4/30/22 at 8pm. Our Keynote Speaker was Ret Major General Frank Vavala who gave a beautiful tribute to Gold Star Mothers and families. This was a community affair, we had clergy from all around New Castle, choir from Coleman Memorial Church, Tuskegee Airmen, Gold Star Mothers and families, ROTC from Wm Penn and UD provided the Color Guard, local vocalist Dave Herscher sang the solo "The Wall", the whole student body of WPHS visited the Wall. During the week we had several Gold Star sister and mothers, a decorated Marine Bobby Baldwin, the Author of The Vietnam Mailbag, Nancy Lynce and former Vietnam POW RALPH GALATI and Rick Lovekin in the auditorium to talk to the students about the sacrifice made by each and every name on The Wall. The students responded with lots of hugs after each of their speeches and stories. Thank you Nora Hutchinson for having the vision of bringing the Wall to New Castle. This is something we will never forget. It was a very special week in New Castle. Thousands visited the Wall.



## Air Force Sergeants Association teams with Friends

The Air Force Sergeants Association contributed \$500 to The Friends of Delaware Veterans at a meeting at The Landings, Dover AFB, on June 10.

“Actually, they refused to accept reimbursement for their expenses involved with supporting the First Annual Battle-ground Classic Golf Tournament that benefited the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund in April,” said Dave Skocik, president of the Friends, the official fundraising organization of the Trust Fund.

The event was co-sponsored by AFSA and the Office of Veterans Services, which is under the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs.

“Without AFSA’s help, it’s doubtful this first-time event would have succeeded and we’re grateful,” said Skocik. “Now it’s in the books and we plan to continue working with our active-duty family on the base, where many of our members first arrived in Delaware.”

**Caption:** Left to right: MSgt Joseph Moran; SrA Myriam Harchaoui; Dave Skocik; SSgt Benjamin Atwood; TSgt Austin Farley.



I was so glad to attend this different outdoor/indoor event, watching the kids run and play games. It was fun. The parents with their kids went to all vendor tables and got information and swag. There were some nice giveaways for the families. Our table gave away lots that day. I retired as a Sergeant Major in the Army and I raised a daughter and a son while serving. Both are grown now, but I understand the sacrifice military children make. So I salute my children and all military children.

-Anna Lopez





Modern Maturity Center had the honor to help celebrate WWII Veteran, James 'Tom' Anderson, with the Ghost Army. Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long and Major General Michael Berry stopped by the ceremony to honor our veteran. Along with many of the our DE General Assembly, OVS/DCVA, and many more. Veteran Anderson was also the Grand Marshal for Dover's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

Complete Article: [99-year-old Ghost Army veteran honored and praised at ceremony, Pres. Biden sends letter - 47abc \(wmdt.com\)](https://www.wmdt.com/story/47abc/99-year-old-Ghost-Army-veteran-honored-and-praised-at-ceremony-Pres.-Biden-sends-letter-47abc-wmdt.com)

## Laurie Corsa and Jenna Quigley honored by Delaware Veterans Treatment Court

On June 30, 2022 Laurie Corsa, Sussex County Veterans Service Office, Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs, and Jenna Quigley, Statewide Problem-Solving Court Coordinator, were honored by the Delaware Veterans Treatment Court. Both Corsa and Quigley helped make the Court and veterans involved with it successful. Corsa attended all the meetings from 2014 to present, arriving early and staying late. She assisted members, including the veteran mentors, with their entitlements for disability, employment and other benefits. Quigley has provided many training opportunities, assistance to staff, and was instrumental in coordinating funding resources to obtain tuition for the completion of school degrees.

The goal of Veterans Court is to assist veterans who are charged with nonviolent felonies and misdemeanors to lead them back to a productive and law-abiding life. Veterans in the program must attend regular court status conferences, participate in the development of their treatment plans, engage in community groups as required, and cooperate with veteran mentors. Qualified veterans on probation may be eligible for an early discharge upon graduation, if appropriate. Under the diversion program, prosecution for the offense will be dismissed upon successful completion. The program recognizes the unique challenges faced by veterans and significantly reduces recidivism. The Delaware program began in 2011 in Kent County and expanded to Sussex County in 2014.

Addressing Corsa and Quigley, Veterans Treatment Court Judge Richard F. Stokes, himself an Air Force Veteran, said, "Your efforts have contributed immeasurably to the success of our graduates and to the goals of the Court and reflect great credit upon yourselves!"

*Pictured: Bill Gay, Josh Matticks, Laurie Corsa, Dominic Stamila and Judge Stokes.*

*Complete article & more pictures in Delaware State News.*







## **REACHING OUT TO: INCARCERATED VETERANS**

A 2020 handwritten letter from an incarcerated veteran at Smyrna's James T. Vaughn Correctional Center to Dave Skocik, president of the Delaware Veterans Coalition, was the start of a dialog with veterans behind bars.

The letter wasn't a complaint but rather an outreach about the lack of contact with brothers and sisters outside prison walls.

It led to a series of visits with the veteran over six months and a dialog with the Delaware Department of Correction that included a number of other veteran service-related organizations. The goal was to find the best way to reach out to incarcerated veterans in the state's unified correctional system.

During the past year ongoing conversations have taken place in person and via Zoom with DOC Commissioner Monroe Hudson and Deputy Commissioner Marvin Mailey with the Coalition, the VA., the Veterans Court, the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs and its Office of Veterans Services, elected officials, a parole board member, state personnel at Sussex Correctional Institution, and a formerly incarcerated veteran who didn't want to leave his fellow veterans behind.

It's been a very fruitful exchange of information, according to Skocik, who attended the DOC Citizens' Academy in 2021 to learn about the DOC's sophisticated network.

The DOC is a unified system with all correctional facilities under the jurisdiction of the State. The Department supervises between 4,500 - 5,000 inmates within its facilities and approximately 13,000 probationers within the community. Its 2,500 employees bear responsibility for psychological and physical evaluation, medical care, housing, feeding, clothing, safety, education and other services for those committed to its facilities. They employ medical and psychological experts and counselors with specialized knowledge to work with incarcerated populations.

That includes approximately 143 military veterans at various levels of incarceration or restriction in the State's four prisons and affiliated locations, with the numbers changing as people are released or incarcerated.

The goal of collaboration with the DOC is to work with incarcerated veterans to ensure they are aware of educational and other benefits they've earned through honorable service that can be used to prepare them for reentry. In terms of education, veterans have a leg up over many in the general population because their level of education, leadership training, and specialized skills make them eligible for credit toward a college degree. Additionally, veterans' affiliation among themselves stands out from the general population.

While the DOC's ultimate goal for all inmates is to prepare them for reentry into society and lower recidivism, the Veterans Coalition will continue to work with the multitude of experts in the system to let incarcerated veterans know they are not forgotten.

Submitted by: Dave Skocik [dskocik@aol.com](mailto:dskocik@aol.com)

DCVA Chair, Anna Lopez, and Vice-Chair, Valerie Harwood spent some quality time at the DAFB Air Show with residents of the Delaware Veterans Home, Director Carol Erhardt, and key staff members caring for the residents. Coins of excellence and goody/resource bags were presented to the Veterans and staff. With tears in their eyes, the Veterans proudly accepted the coins and talked a little about their service and combat tours. It was truly an honor for Chair Lopez while enjoying the Air show with the residents. Thank you to DAFB Lt. Col. David Caswell who expeditiously ensured that all residents were in a shaded location away from the elements.



We had another successful Freedom 5K this year. Thank you to all our supporters, Buffalo Wild Wings and our community! Especially, Ray Parker with TriSports Events. This was his last year with our 5K through TriSports before he retires the end of this year. Ray is also a retired Air Force Veteran. We thank you for your service, sir!



*Pictured: Ray Parker, Commissioner McMullen with wife Kim, Commissioner Lopez, Freddy Allen with VA's Vet Center and Josh Matticks (OVS Dir.)*



*Visit: [TriSportsEvents.com](https://trisportsevents.com) for more pictures & future races/events.*

## TRIBUTE TO FALLEN SOLDIERS

James and Donna Lowell (American Gold Star Mother/Wilmington Chapter President), will be honored by the 'Tribute to Fallen Soldiers' in remembrance of their son, John W. Lowell, USN.

Thursday, August 4th, 2022 @ 9:30am

Memorial Way Plaza  
163 Cherry Lane  
New Castle, DE 19720

More information, please visit: <https://tributetofallensoldiers.com>



FIRST STATE HOG & ROMMEL HARLEY-DAVIDSON IN SMYRNA INVITE YOU TO A

# CHARITY RIDE & BIKE SHOW

TO BENEFIT THE FRIENDS OF DELAWARE VETERAN'S HOME ON  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28TH ★ 9 AM - 3 PM**



★ 9:00 AM: REGISTRATION FOR BIKE SHOW & RIDE ★

★ 9:45 AM: REGISTRATION FOR BIKE SHOW ENDS ★

★ 10:00 AM: BIKE SHOW JUDGING BY VETERANS AT THE HOME ★

★★★ **WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT NOON!** ★★★

**1ST PLACE: \$150 ★ 2ND PLACE: \$75 ★ 3RD PLACE: \$50**

ALL FUNDS COLLECTED WILL GO TO THE FRIENDS OF DELAWARE VETERANS HOME. PRIZE MONEY IS FUNDED THROUGH PRIVATE DONATIONS.

★★★ **RIDE TO ROMMEL @ 1:00 PM** ★★★

RIDE BEGINS AT THE VETERANS HOME LOCATED AT 100 DELAWARE VETERANS BLVD, MILFORD, DE 19963

★ **FREE DOGS & BURGERS ★ CHIPS, SODAS & WATER** ★

★ **INFORMATION BOOTHS FOR VETERANS & ANYONE INTERESTED IN VETERANS AFFAIRS** ★

COVID RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST STAY AT LEAST SIX FEET AWAY FROM THE VETERANS TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY. NO MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED, AND NO PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE VETERANS WILL BE ALLOWED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AS WE DO OUR BEST TO KEEP OUR VETERANS SAFE!



DELAWARE VETERANS HOME ★ 100 DELAWARE VETERANS BLVD, MILFORD, DE 19963

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## *Gold Star Families Memorial Monument*

**September 1st @ 10:00 AM**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE DELAWARE GOLD STAR FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT FOR OUR PHASE II DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY. WE ARE WE ARE EXCITED TO PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THIS BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL!**

*Brought to You By:*

*Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 83 Gold Star Program*

*Woody Williams Foundation*

*Delaware River Bay Authority*

***To RSVP Please Contact Judy C. Campbell  
HerdSis1@gmail.com or (302) 593-5991***

**FOR DIRECTIONS TO DRBA VETERANS MEMORIAL  
PARK:**

[HTTP://VETERANSMEMORIALPARK.US/](http://veteransmemorialpark.us/)



# RESOURCE DRIVE THRU

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 16TH**

**RESOURCE  
9AM—1PM**

**FOOD BANK  
9AM-12PM**



**OVS/DCVA  
802 SILVER LAKE BLVD.  
DOVER, DE 19904  
302-739-2792**

**Delaware residents can drive up, stay in their cars to receive groceries and information on Veterans Resources.**



- Veteran Crisis Awareness
- VET CTR—Mental Health Resources
- Enrolling in VA Healthcare
- Filing Compensation Claims
- And more!!



**Please have valid Delaware ID to receive Food Bank assistance. Thank you!**

## VETERAN COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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U.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs

**POC: WILMINGTON VA OUTREACH SPECIALIST  
VALERIE HARWOOD AT 302-357-8715**

## **September Stand Down: to assist Delaware veterans to achieve independence and self-sufficiency**

The Annual Delaware Veterans Stand Down will return **Friday, September 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Dover's Schutte Park.

The event, first begun in 2009 was cancelled for the last two years because of the pandemic is full on for this year, according to organizer Liz Byers-Jiron of the Delaware Veterans' Awareness Center Foundation at 12385 Sussex Highway Greenwood, DE.

A Veterans Stand Down is a one-day outreach event for all veterans and their guests. It is organized, planned, and carried out by a volunteer committee that plans year-round. Agencies and local service providers across the state offer critically needed assistance in one convenient location. Services include housing, medical, dental, flu shots, behavioral health, VA eligibility assessment and benefits, in addition to haircuts, legal service, hot food, warm clothing, employment readiness assistance, and camaraderie.

### **DELAWARE 2022 VETERANS' STAND DOWN**

**Friday  
23 September 2022  
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM**

**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**

**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](mailto:Lbjnavcret@hotmail.com)**

**[veteransawarenesscenter.com](http://veteransawarenesscenter.com)**

"The 2019 event featured 150 organizations that assisted 1,500 veterans, and we look forward to a good turnout this year. We rely on financial support and in-kind donations from the community," said Mr. Jiron. "We are also looking for a volunteer photographer, golf cart drivers, transportation truck, tables and chairs along with a wish list of items for our veterans."

All donations are tax-deductible, and checks should be made payable to 'Delaware Veterans Stand Down' 12385 Sussex Highway, Greenwood, DE 19950.



L-R: LeSans Alexander, Liz Byers-Jiron, Anna Lopez (Back) Mindy Bacchus and Kyvha Curtis. Ladies were sorting out logistics for the event's registration tables.





**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 Phred & Mark Farner  
formerly of Grand Funk Railroad*

**9 - 11 AM** Veteran Groups  
Arrive & 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](http://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.





My name is Logan Ament and I am from Boy Scout, Troop 204 in Odessa, Delaware. I would like to provide you with information regarding my Eagle Scout Service Project. In speaking with Ken Bodine and David Skocik, it was recommended that for the upcoming Delaware Commission of Veteran's Affairs newsletter that I provide you with all the supporting documentation for the Eagle Scout project.

Over the last 20 years, the United States has been engaged in military operations as part of the Global War on Terror. This took place in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. Thousands of our servicemen and servicewomen took part in these operations. This is a younger demographic of veterans who have demonstrated bravery and loyalty to our country. Because of this, I believe they deserved to be honored just as many other veterans have in the past. They deserve to be memorialized. **As part of my Eagle Scout Service Project, I will be constructing a memorial dedicated to those who served in the Global War on Terror.**

The memorial will be constructed at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3792 in Townsend, DE. **The design consists of three parts:** a monument, a small flower bed, and a walkway. As part of project funding, I am currently having a brick fundraiser that consists of engraved brick pavers that will be installed as part of the memorial. **My goal is to sell 250 bricks with 24 bricks currently sold to date.** Each purchase helps build this project, brick by brick. Attached you find a fillable brick form for those who would like to purchase a brick. These forms should be mailed directly to the VFW Post 3792.

Other ways to support this project include monetary donations. Checks must be made payable to Troop 204 and mailed directly to the VFW Post 3792. Another great way to support me and my project is by promoting my Facebook Page **@GWOTM**.

As part of the Delaware Commission of Veteran's Affairs, I would like to include the fillable brick form and the project flyer in their next newsletter. By doing this, I believe the project can reach more people and become more of a success. Please see the attached the project flyer and some 3D models of the memorial that you may use for your next newsletter. You may also use the attached link for the brick form, whichever is easier for you to use. <https://bit.ly/3P3HZyD>. For any future newsletters, I would be more than happy to provide updates as the project progresses.

I deeply value your support for my Eagle Scout Service Project.

Sincerely,  
Logan Ament



## GLOBAL WAR ON TERROR MEMORIAL

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

LOGAN AMENT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 204

### How to Support the Project:

There are THREE different ways you can help make this memorial a reality:

#### Purchasing a Brick

- Complete a brick form in honor of a loved one or someone significant. Brick forms can be found on my Facebook Page @GWOTM.

#### Donating

- By donating, you are helping fund the memorial. Checks should be made out to Troop 204 and mailed to the Post.

#### Promoting Project

- Share our Facebook Page and spread the word about the project.

### ★ PROJECT MISSION ★

The mission of this Eagle Scout Project is to construct a memorial at the VFW Post 3792 in Townsend, Delaware.

The memorial will honor those who served in operations of the Global War on Terror.

The design will consist of three parts: a monument, small flower bed, and a walkway.

#### Interested in Project?

For more information, please follow my Facebook Page **@GWOTM**





## MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY FOR HEALTH

### Dial 988 then Press 1 for the Veterans Crisis Line Launched Nationwide

On July 16, 2022, the Veterans Crisis Line transitioned to a new number,  
[Dial 988 then Press 1](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net) ([www.veteranscrisisline.net](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net))

Signed into law in 2020, the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act authorized 988 as the new three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. All telephone service providers in the U.S. were required to activate the number by July 16, 2022; many providers chose to implement the service sooner.

VA administers the Veterans Crisis Line through the Lifeline's national network. Because of VA's partnership with the Lifeline, the Veterans Crisis Line is affected by this transition to a new number.

Veterans can now use this new option by dialing 988 then pressing 1 to contact the Veterans Crisis Line. Veterans may still reach the Veterans Crisis Line with the current phone number 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, by text (838255), and through chat ([VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat) -[www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/get-help-now/chat/))

VA is leading a comprehensive communications initiative to inform our stakeholders about Dial 988 then Press 1. An [outreach toolkit](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/spread-the-word/) ([www.veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/spread-the-word/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/find-resources/spread-the-word/)) is available to inform Veterans and their caregivers, Veterans supporters, media, and external partner organizations. External-facing FAQs are available at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) ([www.veteranscrisisline.net/about/what-is-988/](http://www.veteranscrisisline.net/about/what-is-988/))

Overall information about 988 can be found on the [Federal Communications Commission's website](http://www.fcc.gov/988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline) ([www.fcc.gov/988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline](http://www.fcc.gov/988-suicide-and-crisis-lifeline))

With the launch of this new three-digit number, I hope Veterans in crisis can easily connect with care and support during their time of need.

Steven L. Lieberman, M.D. (he/him/his)  
Deputy Under Secretary for Health,  
Performing the Delegable Duties of the Under Secretary for Health

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**VA**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Administration  
Wilmington VA Medical CenterU.S. Department  
of Veterans Affairs**VA Mobile****Now available!**

The VA Health Chat app provides easy, online access to chat with VA staff when you have minor health questions.

**[mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-chat](https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-health-chat)**

## VETERAN INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Wilmington VA Medical Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Outreach Specialist will be hosting a presentation on information regarding enrollment, eligibility, services and how to navigate through the VA. Q & A and one-on-one time will be provided for all Veterans, their families, and caregivers in attendance.

**Please sign up with the front door greeter or email registration or questions to:**  
**[vhawimoutreachteam@va.gov](mailto:vhawimoutreachteam@va.gov)**

### UPCOMING SESSIONS

Dover CBOC:	Georgetown CBOC:
July 13	July 6
Aug 10	Aug 3
Sept 14	Sept 7

**10:00 am – 11:00 am**

## VISUAL IMPAIRMENT SERVICES TEAM

The VIST program provides comprehensive case management to visually impaired and blind Veterans to ensure they have equitable access to low vision services and blind rehabilitation. Veterans with low vision have sight loss that cannot be corrected with conventional lenses and their sight loss impairs their daily functioning.

Blind rehabilitation includes assessment, low vision exam, and blind skills training using low vision devices, which can be provided on an outpatient or inpatient basis. The VIST Coordinator will make the necessary referrals based on the Veteran's unique needs. The goal of the VIST program is to improve Veteran's visual functioning and maximize their independence to accomplish their identified goals.

If you have any questions or are interested in learning more, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone, e-mail.

VIST Coordinator Contact - Susan Barton, LCSW, Blind Rehabilitation Specialist

[Sue.barton@va.gov](mailto:Sue.barton@va.gov) : 302-994-2511 Ext. 4733



# Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Federal VA

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

# VA



## 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***

# **VET**★ **CENTER**

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Connection.  
Camaraderie.  
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New Castle Co: (800) 461-8262 x 5434  
Kent Co: (800) 461-8262 x 2430  
Sussex Co: (302) 225-9110

*(Readjustment Counseling Service)*

### **Freddy Lee Allen Jr. and John Richter**

Veterans Outreach Program Specialist

2710 Centerville Road, Suite 103  
Wilmington, DE 19808  
Cell: (302) 932-8402  
Office: (302) 633-5506  
Fax: (302) 994-8361

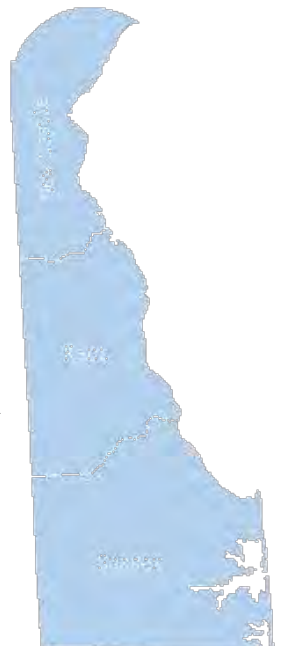
## **Veterans Affairs Community Outreach Specialist**

If you have information regarding enrollment, eligibility, compensation, healthcare, mental health, and other programs offered through the VA and community partners, please contact:

### **Valerie Harwood**

**(302) 357-8715**

[Valerie.harwood@va.gov](mailto:Valerie.harwood@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 Officer).**

**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 & Daniel Hensel  
DCVA office in Dover, DE  
(302) 257-3119/3118

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

*Please call to make an appointment with  
any of our VSOs.*



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

**Vet Center**  
2710 Centerville Road  
Wilmington, DE  
David Hilliard  
302.994.2511 x7586  
Website: [www.vfwde.com](http://www.vfwde.com)

## **OUTREACH SCHEDULE:**

**1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Mornings  
8:30am to 11:30am**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**Veteran Service Officers for all 3 Counties:**

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) 697-9061/9041 (fax)**

**Paul Lardizzone: (302) 382-3448**  
**Benjamin G. Flynn (302) 222-6788**  
**William R. Muffley (302) 382-3449**

DAV Headquarters Building  
183 South Street  
Camden, DE 19934

**Monday, Tuesday & Thursday - Call for Appts.**

Sussex County:

Dept. of Labor / Div. of Employment & Tng.  
**(302) 856-5230**  
20093 Office Circle  
Georgetown, DE 19947

**Wednesdays Only - Call for Appts.**



**Veteran Service Officer: VA Regional Office**  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy  
Wilmington, DE 19805

Nolan Lewis at (302) 345-6911  
[nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com](mailto:nabvetsde.chpt94@gmail.com) or [nlewis2939@yahoo.com](mailto:nlewis2939@yahoo.com)

Hours: 11am– 3pm (1st and 3rd Mondays of month)  
*Please contact for more schedule info.*



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

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

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

Georgetown CBOC :  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: 1PM - 4PM



**Veteran Service Officers:**  
VVA Representative  
VA Regional Office  
1601 Kirkwood Hwy.  
Wilmington, DE 19805  
(302) 540-0103



**Veteran Service Officer:**  
Joseph T. Houghton  
Dept. Service Officer:  
(302) 993-7255

Call for an appointment.



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





# DELAWARE JOINING FORCES



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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](http://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 thru:**

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

### ***Other Resources***

**[www.DelawareHousingSearch.org](http://www.DelawareHousingSearch.org)**  
**877-428-8844**

**Delaware 211**  
**[www.delaware211.org](http://www.delaware211.org)**

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



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

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



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

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

For more information, please contact us at:  
302-255-9621 or [info@standbymede.org](mailto:info@standbymede.org)

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

**VA's Adapted Housing Grants**  
**for Disabled Veterans**  
1-800-827-1000  
**[www.eBenefits.va.gov](http://www.eBenefits.va.gov)**



Transitional home for homeless veterans.

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

Heather Travis (Executive Director)



**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>**

Mindy Bacchus (Director)

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

**<http://Delaware.gov/djf/>**



### **Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.**

302-575-0660 (New Castle Co.)

302-674-8500 (Kent Co.)

302-856-0038 (Sussex Co.)

<http://www.declasi.org/>

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

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

302-478-8850 or 302-734-8820

*Offering Legal Advice & Assistance to low-income Delawareans.*

### **Widener University Delaware Law School Veterans Law Clinic**

302-477-2090

[Delaware.widener.edu](http://Delaware.widener.edu)

*Pro Bono Representation  
for veterans benefits appeals.*

### **Veterans Justice Outreach Program**

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

For more information please call: 302-468-5670

### **Veterans Treatment Court Program**

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

302-255-0800 (New Castle Co.)

302-735-1900 (Kent Co.)

302-855-7055 (Sussex Co.)

*\*Please ask for the Veterans Treatment Court*



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

*Carol Erhart (Administrator)*

### **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 counseling; guidance to access state and federal VA benefits, such as medical care and treatment; psychotherapy referrals; mental health counseling; and door-to-door transportation to medical facilities in the region.*

### **Delaware Veterans Awareness Center**

12385 Sussex Hwy

Greenwood, DE 19950

Liz & Bill Jiron: (302) 349-4898

[Veteransawarenesscenter.org](http://Veteransawarenesscenter.org)

*Veterans' Stand Down*

*Military Women's Tea*

*"Give a Vet a Smile" (Dental Program)*



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# DELAWARE VETERANS HOME



## Medical Assistance & Therapy

- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy

## Additional/Support Services

- Dining services
- Housekeeping and laundry services
- End of life care

## Visiting Hours

There are no defined visitors' hours at the Delaware Veterans Home. Family members have 24-hour access to our facility.

## Services

At the Delaware Veterans Home, residents enjoy the comfort of modern accommodations as well as the convenience of common living and dining areas for socializing with new friends. Assistance with daily living activities is available whenever needed. From personal grooming and hygiene to diet and exercise, our team is here to help. We adjust our level of care and support to meet each resident's needs and preferences.

In addition to the every day comforts of home, we strive to provide our residents with special veterans programs that are not found anywhere else. Memorial Day, Independence Day, Flag Day and Veterans' Day are very special days at our Home, and we celebrate in ways that our residents genuinely appreciate. Other ways that we make daily life more enjoyable include a wide range of daily activities, including games, arts and crafts, entertainment, and day trips.

## Amenities

- 24-hour professional nursing care
- Daily medical services
- Physical, occupational, and speech therapies
- Social services
- Library, computer, and internet access
- Gift shop
- Barbershop
- Multi-denominational chapel services

# ADMISSION CRITERIA

*Spouses and Goldstar parents will be accepted.*

- **One of the following requirements:**
  - Honorable discharge from active service (peacetime or wartime) with a minimum of 180 days of service.
  - Any National Guard Service or Reservist who is eligible for retirement pay at the age of 60.
  - National Guard overseas with active service minimum of 180 days.
- **Must have resided in the State of Delaware for the previous year prior to requesting admission.**
- **Must have a medically determined need for a skilled nursing level of care.**



## Activities

From entertainment and socials to trips and trivia we've got all of your interests covered. In addition to our daily calendar, we strive to provide our residents with special veterans programs that are not found anywhere else. Our certified activities staff is always planning a variety of programs to enjoy. Musical events, games, parties, pet therapy, celebratory meals, bingo, and day trips are just a few of the ways we keep things interesting.

## PROVIDING OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES TO VETERANS WHILE SUSTAINING AND IMPROVING THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE.

## ABOUT THE DELAWARE VETERANS HOME

Our vision is to be a recognized state and national leader in long-term veteran care, and a driving force in providing the best in nursing care, family wholeness, and ultimate enrichment for our heroes.

Being the best means serving our residents with selfless and uncompromising loyalty, respect, integrity, and commitment.

The staff of the Delaware Veterans Home is proud and committed to providing the residents with the highest quality of care in a warm and friendly environment.

Our competent team of professionals, support staff, and volunteers are resident-focused and devoted to the veterans who live at DVH.

## CONTACT US



(302) 424-6000



100 Delaware Veterans Blvd.  
Milford, DE 19963



[vethome.delaware.gov](http://vethome.delaware.gov)





### **Veteran Employment Services**

Wilmington / Allen Jones : (302) 761-8141

Newark / Freddy Rodriguez : (302) 451-3456

Dover / Danny Mosby: (302) 857-5881

Georgetown/ Gail Gartner: (302) 858-5232

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



VA Disability &  
Social Security programs

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

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

### **Defense Finance and Accounting Services** Retired Military & Annuitants

1-800-321-1080  
*Retirement Pay Questions*



### **Retired Activities Office:**

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

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

[William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil](mailto:William.Oldham.2@us.af.mil)

### **Retired Navy Activities Affairs Office:**

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

### **Brain Injury Trust Fund**

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

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

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

For additional info., please contact Director John McNeal.  
at (302)-739-3620 or [John.McNeal@delaware.gov](mailto:John.McNeal@delaware.gov)

## College & Trade Schools Military/Veterans Affairs

### **Delaware State University**

Natasha Scott-Knight: (302) 857-6378

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

### **Delaware Technical Community College**

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

### **University of Delaware**

Brooks Raup  
302-831-0552  
[braup@udel.edu](mailto:braup@udel.edu)

### **Wesley College**

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

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

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

### **Wilmington University**

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



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

# Veteran Organizations

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



## Delaware Veteran ID Card via local DMV:



Veterans ID cards are being issued by the Delaware Division of Motor Vehicles. This card is available to any Delaware veteran that served in the U. S. military and was honorably discharged. The cards are free of charge. To obtain the card, veterans must have a valid Delaware driver license or ID card and provide proof of military service, such as: Military ID / certified DD 214. (Contact OVS/DCVA at 302-739-2792, on how to certify your DD214.)

The Veteran ID cards are designed to verify an individual as a veteran in the State of Delaware, so that businesses can opt to recognize the contributions of those veterans who have faithfully served our country and represented our great state. It will also afford the veteran protection as they will no longer have to carry a DD-214, which contains sensitive information, to prove their veteran status in order to obtain the benefits provided by local businesses.

**Please note that this card is not a military ID card and does not entitle veterans to all military benefits.** Veterans would need to contact the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) to determine the federal benefits in which they are entitle. *Also, some business only offer discounts/benefits during certain military holidays/events such as Veterans Day/Memorial Day.*

## Veterans Health ID Card via Federal VA:



**Purpose of the VHIC:** The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments. It cannot be used as credit card or an insurance card and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.

**How to Receive a VHIC:** The VHIC is issued only to Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system. If you are not enrolled, you may apply for enrollment online at [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll) or by calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) Monday – Friday from 8 am- 8 pm ET. You may also apply for enrollment in person at your local VA medical facility. Once your enrollment is verified, you may have your picture taken at your local VA medical center, so that a VHIC can be mailed to you. We will mail you a Veterans Health Benefits Handbook and you will also receive a call welcoming you to the VA, typically with 5-7 days after your enrollment verification.

**For more information please contact your local VA Medical Facility:**

**Wilmington VA Hospital 800-461-8262**  
**Dover CBOC (Clinic) - Same # Ext: 2400**  
**Georgetown CBOC (Clinic) - Same # Ext: 2300**

**VA Outreach Specialist:**  
**Valerie Harwood - 302-357-8715**

## Base Access for Non-Retirees

The DoD and VA have approved two ways for newly eligible veterans to get on bases to use their benefits in person: The VA's Veteran Health ID Card (VHIC) and/or a letter from the VA (*Call 800-827-100 to request letter*) along with an acceptable REAL ID-compliant ID, which includes passports and some state driver's licenses.

The VHIC must show the veteran's eligibility status - Purple Heart, Former POW or Service Connected - on the front, under the photo, to be accepted. (*See ID above for VHIC example*)

**Entrance rules might vary by base.**

**Contact Dover AFB - Visitors Center for more information and forms to fill out: 302-677-3645**

# Volunteer Transportation Network

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

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

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

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

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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                 |





Department of Delaware  
183 South Street  
PO Box 407  
Camden, DE 19934

## ATTENTION KENT COUNTY VETERANS

The priority for DAV transportation is to transport Veterans to the Wilmington VA Medical Center for scheduled appointments. To use this courtesy service, the medical center appointments must be no earlier than 08:30 – and must be completed by 12:00.

**\*\*When not traveling to the Wilmington VA Medical Center we can provide transportation service to the VA Community Outpatient Clinic (VA CBOC) in Dover.**

DAV transportation is available Monday-Thursday only. To use this courtesy transportation the Veteran must:

- schedule with the transportation coordinator 2 weeks prior to appointment (see # below)
- have a scheduled appointment with the VA between 08:30 and 12:00 (Mon-Thur only)
- be able walk without assistance as drivers cannot physically assist passengers
- meet at one of the designated locations listed below
- provide a contact # (cell phone preferably) should DAV transportation be delayed or cancelled

### PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

- Camden (DAV Department HQs 183 South St. Camden)
- Dover (McDonald's on Rt. 10)
- Dover (Luther Towers Kings Highway)
- Dover (I-Hop in Safeway Shopping Center)
- Magnolia (Fire Dept South State St. Extension - please park behind Fire Station)
- Smyrna (Rest area on Rt. 13)

Thank you for your Service!

DAV Transportation Coordinator - Dover

302-697-9061

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](http://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](http://delawareveteranstrustfund.com)

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

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

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

Joshua Matticks  
OVS, Executive Director  
302-739-2792  
[Joshua.matticks@delaware.gov](mailto:Joshua.matticks@delaware.gov)

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



26669 Patriots Way  
Millsboro, DE 19966  
(302) 934-5653

Administrator: Greg 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

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## TO BE COMPLETED BY DCVA

\_\_\_ Approved \_\_\_ Pending \_\_\_ Disapproved

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of,  
Colonel Dr. Ronald G. Sarg (USAF, ret.)  
July 27, 1944—July 22, 2022*



*We are dedicating next quarter's newsletter to Dr. Sarg. Please forward any pictures and stories to [sable.vance@delaware.gov](mailto:sable.vance@delaware.gov) by 9/26/22 to share in our next newsletter. Thank you!*

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