

## VETERAN RESOURCES

After meeting with several Veterans and Veterans organizations, one thing is obvious; many Delaware Vets have not exercised their benefits options – or are unaware of them. I hope the information provided within this document can serve as a resource, and answer questions you may have regarding your benefits.

I have listed several websites I found that may be helpful to many of you and should reduce the number of websites you have to navigate. In addition to the website address, a brief description of the information contained on the site is provided to make navigating the information a bit less confusing and less time consuming. I hope you find this helpful.

## DELAWARE Veterans FACTS

- **There are 73,000 Veterans living in Delaware. Nearly 20,000 live in Sussex County.**
- National average for veterans receiving benefits for service-connected disabilities: 30%
- Delaware average for veterans receiving service-connected disabilities: 17%
- This gap represents **MILLIONS \$\$\$** in shortfall for Delaware Veterans
- Awareness of **Community Care**: If you live more than a 1-hour drive from a major VA Medical Facility then veterans are eligible for **COMMUNITY CARE**. Community care is a program that guarantees access to civilian providers in the local community...including surgeries, cancer treatments, etc.
- Many ways for Veterans to seek help or receive information:
  - Legion Posts
  - Am Vets Posts
  - Veterans Service officers
  - Vietnam Veterans of America
  - Online resources like VA.gov
- There are many agencies and wonderful people willing, and wanting, to help our veterans.

Other resources: Please see below for websites and details of information available from each website.

<https://vets.delaware.gov/>

- The Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs (DCVA) was established in 1987 to aid Delaware's veterans, their spouses, and dependent children. The Commission consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor, each for a 4-year term. 10 members are selected by their respective Department's and 5 At Large Members are appointed by the Governor to represent veterans throughout Delaware.

<https://vets.delaware.gov/veterans-newsletter/>

- Quarterly newsletters full of news items, helpful information on benefits and events, contact information regarding benefits and organizations to help and serve veterans.

<https://vets.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/193/2022/04/Trust-Fund-Application.pdf>

- Information and application for Veteran's Trust Fund.
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[Veterans Home - Office of Veterans Services - State of Delaware](#)

**Eligibility Requirements:**

- Honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces, or a retired member of the National Guard, or Reserves who is eligible for retirement pay at age 60 and has served on active duty for 180 days or more (not necessarily consecutively)
- A resident of Delaware for three preceding years prior to admission.
- Requires a nursing home level of care.

**Vietnam Veterans of America** Sussex County DE Chapter 1105: [www.vva1105.org](http://www.vva1105.org)

- Raises awareness to programs and services available to veterans. Highlights Agent Orange & toxic exposures; PTSD; Homeless Veterans; Minority Affairs; Veterans Health Care.

<https://www.va.gov/sussex-county-vet-center/>

We offer confidential help for Veterans, service members, and their families at no cost in a non-medical setting. Our services include counseling for needs such as depression, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and the psychological effects of military sexual trauma (MST). We can also connect you with more support in VA and your community.

[www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

- Access and manage VA benefits and healthcare

[Facilities in Delaware - Locations \(va.gov\)](#)

- Location of Veterans facilities in Delaware

**When elected I will be a resource for veterans and their families. A Veteran helping veterans. If there are additional resources that you are aware of, or if you would like to reach out to me, please use any of the following contact information:**

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