# Pennsylvania 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Veterans Summit IV



# Hosted by Congressman Joe Sestak

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"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation"

-George Washington

## From Congressman Joe Sestak

Dear Fellow Veterans and Guests,

Welcome to *Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District Veterans Summit IV*. Since the spring of 2007, these gatherings have served to provide Veterans and their families access to the decision-makers and caseworkers charged to inform and advocate for Veterans on the issues that matter most to them.

With tonight's event we will have hosted more than 1,800 Vets, families, and friends at these summits and I would like to thank the many government, and non-government organizations who have been, and are, present to help Veterans and their families convert their benefits into better healthcare, enhanced educational opportunities, and employment options to secure their families' future. This evening, over seventy organizations are present and I encourage you to visit as many as possible.

This occasion differs from previous summits. We gather to honor a young Soldier from Springfield High School who heroically gave his life in combat in South Vietnam 45 years ago. Through the diligence of MAJ Joel Sugdinis, USA (Ret.), (Then) 1LT Larry Gwin, USA, SSG John Eade, USA (Ret.), and Congressman Lynch of Massachusetts, SPC4 Barry Burnite has been posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his courage and heroism in the Ia Drang Valley. Tonight is dedicated to Barry, his sister Judith Nickel and the family and friends who knew and loved him.

It is also an opportunity to pay homage to the nearly 2.6 million men and women who served our nation in Vietnam, and the nearly 6.5 million additional personnel who served during the Vietnam Era. We have a particular obligation to that generation of Warrior. They fought in a bloody, costly, lengthy, and divisive conflict and on their return, were not afforded the care and respect they deserved. They came home to inadequate medical care, a lesser GI Bill than their fathers received and struggled to start their civilian careers while the economy suffered severe recessions in 1969 and 1974.

From 1975 – 2007, Congress failed to adequately fund the Department of Veterans Affairs and as a result, throughout their adult lives, Vietnam Vets have borne the brunt of increasing costs of civilian medical care, declining real wages, and extraordinary increases in the cost of education. All of those conditions made their lives uniquely difficult. But, the cruelest insult is that now, as they reach retirement age, the economy is again in crisis and they have cause to worry for the future of their children and grandchildren. They share those same concerns with their fellow Veterans of World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Bosnia, Desert Storm, and all of our nation's recent conflicts.

I am proud of the work done by the 110<sup>th</sup> and 111<sup>th</sup> Congress to address Veterans issues. Some of that work is described in the following pages. But, the fact is, much, much more must be done. The problems created over the past two decades are deep and systemic. Though our *Operation Iraqi Freedom* and *Operation Enduring Freedom* Veterans will have access to better healthcare and educational opportunities than their Vietnam War brothers and sisters, unless we fix the structural and legislative flaws that caused the most recent economic crisis, we are destined to repeat that catastrophe with even graver consequences. You can be certain that I am doing my best to see that does not happen and I ask for your continued support in that endeavor.

In closing, thank you to all of our Veterans for your service, and to the friends and family members here for the love and support you have offered to your Veteran.

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Having served as a U.S. Naval Officer for 31 years, the highest ranking military Veteran ever elected to Congress, and as the son of a WWII Veteran, I have no higher priority than the welfare of those who wore the cloth of this Nation and their families.

To that end, I have made constituent services, particularly for Veterans, a priority of mine. My district office has been open 7 days a week for an average of 12 hours/day in my three years in office. We have handled approximately 16,000 constituent cases in that time (over 4,000 of which have been for Veterans and military members).

I have also held three previous Veterans Summits. Those Summits have been attended by the Director of VISN-4, the Directors of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Coatesville VA Medical Centers, and the Director of the Philadelphia VA Regional Office & Insurance Center. My 2008 Veterans Summit was attended by Chairman Bob Filner of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs, and my 2009 Summit was attended by the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Below is a list of measures I took in the 110th Congress and 111th Congress to care for America's heroes

#### **Veterans Health Care**

#### \$375 million in FY2009 and \$533 million in FY2010 allotted to Priority 8 Veterans

Following the 2008 7th Congressional District Veterans Summit, Chairman Filner and I both submitted bills to expand the availability of health benefits to Priority 8 Veterans. This led to the inclusion of funding in the FY2009 and FY2010 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations act allotted to Priority 8 Veterans, who had been denied vital medical resources by VA protocol since 2003.

#### Largest Increase in Funding in VA history

Voted for H.R. 2764, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, which will provide Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan the high-quality health care, educational opportunities, and employment opportunities that our Vietnam Veterans were not provided.

#### Introduced H.R. 3843, the Transparency for America's Heroes Act

Would mandate public disclosure of VA medical center inspection reports

#### Submitted an Amendment to the FY 2010 National Defense Authorization Act

Amendment signed into law mandated a study on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) treatment methods.

# Co-Sponsored H.R. 1016, Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009

House passed this legislation which authorizes appropriations for the VA up to one year in advance to more effectively care for Veterans.

#### Co-Sponsored H.R. 2990, Disabled Military Retiree Relief Act of 2009

House passed this legislation which temporarily allowed for concurrent receipt of retirement pay and disability pay for Veterans with less than 20 years of service and 90 or more percent disability rating.

#### Co-Sponsored H.R. 1211, The Women Veterans Health Care Improvement Act

House passed this legislation which is targeting care toward the needs of women Veterans, especially those of Afghanistan and Iraq.

#### Voted for H.R. 1, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

This legislation, signed into law, authorized \$2.1 billion for construction of VA Medical facilities as well as medial facility leases.

#### Voted for H.R. 3819, The Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act of 2008

House passed this legislation in the 110th Congress which would have required the VA to reimburse Veterans for emergency treatment at non VA facilities.

#### **Veterans Education**

# Voted for H.R. 2642, "Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2008" which included the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill

This legislation, signed into law, restored full, four-year college scholarships for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, similar to the educational benefits available after WWII. The VA will match any tuition grants given by participating schools to our Veterans as a provision of the Post 9/11 GI Bill.

#### **Introduced H.R. 3813, the Veterans Training Act**

This legislation would expand coverage under the Post-9/11 GI Bill to cover vocational, non-degree granting programs.

#### Introduced H.R. 3733, the Armed Forces Education Parity Act

This legislation would expand the Community College of the Air Force, which allows service members to transition their military training into academic credit, to admit students from all the services.

#### Sponsored H.R. 3625, Higher Education Relief for U.S. Troops (HEROS)

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, made permanent the Secretary of Education's authority to provide U.S. Troops called to active duty with education relief, including leeway on repaying student loans.

#### **Veterans Employment**

# Voted for H.R. 4253, The Military Reservist and Veterans Small Business Reauthorization Opportunity Act

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, expanded small business opportunities for Veterans and helped military reservists keep their businesses afloat during and after deployment.

#### **Military Families**

# Voted for H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2009

Authored language in the bill that mandated a minimum of \$5,000 per month for autistic therapy services for the children of service members.

# Co-Sponsored H.R. 5826, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Act of 2008

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, increased rates of compensation for those with service-connected disabilities, as well as dependency and indemnity compensation to survivors of Veterans.

# Voted for H.R. 2346, The 2009 Supplemental Appropriations Bill for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and the Pandemic Flu

This legislation, signed into law, secured \$276 million for 25 child development centers that will provide 5,000 child care spaces for military families.

# Voted for H.R. 6081, The Heroes Earnings Assistance and Relief Tax Act of 2008 (HEART Act)

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, provided \$1.2 billion in targeted tax breaks to military personnel and their families.

#### **Homeless Veterans**

#### Introduced H.R. 4569, The Expanded Housing for America's Heroes Act

This legislation would amend participant funding contribution requirements for housing vouchers under the HUD-VASH program from a maximum of 30 percent of a family's monthly adjusted income to a maximum of 25 percent of the family's monthly adjusted income.

#### Co-Sponsored H.R. 403, The Homes for Heroes Act of 2009

This legislation, passed by the House, requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide at least 20,000 rental vouchers each year to homeless Veterans and creates a new supportive housing program.

# Supported H.R. 1171, The Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Reauthorization Act of 2009

This legislation, passed by the House, amended to provide an additional \$10 million for services dedicated to homeless women and homeless Veterans with children

#### **Supporting Our Troops**

#### Voted for H.R. 1585, The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and passed by the House and Senate but vetoed by President Bush, included numerous readiness initiatives to strengthen our military and contains a 3.5% military pay raise.

# Voted for H.R. 3222, The Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, helped improve military readiness, provided the National Guard and Reserve with needed equipment, upgraded military health care, and provided additional support to military families.

# Voted for H.R. 5658, The Duncan Hunter National Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009

This legislation, introduced in the 110th Congress and signed into law, helped to restore military readiness, provided a 3.9% military pay raise, and contained provisions to reform military contracting.

# H.R. 2346, 2009 Supplemental Appropriations for Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Pandemic Flu

This legislation, signed into law, provided \$2.8 billion to cover identified shortfalls in military personnel accounts, gave \$240 million above the president's request for defense health and programs to support military families, including \$94 million in family advocacy services.

#### Co-Sponsored Department of Defense Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2009

This legislation extended bonuses and special pay to members of the Armed Forces. The benefits are available for enlisted servicemen and women and encourage them to reenlist, remain on active duty, and accept certain special assignments until December 31, 2010.

### Agenda

#### 6:00 PM: Auditorium

- Parade of the Colors: United States Army 3rd US Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard"
- Invocation: Rev. John B. Cartwright, Calvary Independent Baptist Church, United States Naval Academy Class of 1968, Vietnam Veteran
- "The Star Spangled Banner": Greg Clark, Ridley High School, Senior
- Welcome: Congressman Joe Sestak (PA-07)
- Presentation of Silver Star for SPC4 Barry Burnite, US Army to his sister Judith Nickel of Brookhaven, PA

#### 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

Exhibit Hall will be open

#### 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

"Abandoned Heroes"
 A Documentary by filmmaker David Block
 Will be playing in Room B101

#### 6:30 PM—9:00 PM

• Excerpts from the PCN Series:

"World War II: In Their Own Words"

Will be playing in Room B103

# SPC4 Barry Burnite



The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, has awarded the SILVER STAR to:

# (THEN) SPECIALIST FOUR BARRY T. BURNITE UNITED STATES ARMY

For gallantry in action against the enemy on 17 November 1965, in Ia Drang Valley, Republic of South Vietnam, while serving as a Machine Gunner in 2d Platoon, Company A, 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). During the Battle of Landing Zone Albany, Specialist Burnite was wounded early in the attack but continued to fight. Throughout the battle, he remained in the fight to redistribute ammunition, provide first aid to his wounded comrades, and rally his squad to attack the North Vietnamese forces. Specialist Burnite returned fire while continuously exposing himself to intense enemy fire. He defied enemy attacks directed at him to employ his machine gun with deadly results allowing other Soldiers to seek cover and continue to fight. As forces advanced, Specialist Burnite joined a group of three other Soldiers and subsequently flanked advancing enemy soldiers to clear an area in front of his platoon and reduce attacks on the command post. As enemy forces concentrated on his position, outnumbering his comrades, Specialist Burnite stayed behind to cover his unit's withdrawal and was mortally wounded. The gallantry displayed by Specialist Four Burnite was in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 7th Cavalry, and the United States Army.



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### Fxhibitors

#### 13. Aetna

980 Jolly Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422 Phone: (866) 582-9629; <u>www.aetna.com</u>

#### 19. AMVets

Phone: (877) 726-8387; www.amvets.org; amvets@amvets.org

#### 14. Anderson Elder Law

206 Old State Road, Media, PA 19063

Phone: (610) 566-4700; Fax: (610) 566-4702; andersonelderlaw.com;

landerson@andersonelderlaw.com

#### 15. ARMing Heroes

www.armingheroes.org

#### 27. Bank of America

4610 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131

www.bankofamerica.com; www.bankofamerica.com/military/

#### 28. Block Law Office

840 First Avenue, Suite 100, King of Prussia, PA 19406 27 Turner Lane, Embassy Court, West Chester, PA 19380

Phone: (610) 812-6012; Fax: (610) 430-3291; ajblock@comcast.net

#### 29. The Boeing Company

1 South Stewart Avenue, Ridley Park, PA 19078-1001

Phone: (610) 591-2121; www.boeing.com

#### 22. Cabrini College

610 King of Prussia Road, Radnor, PA 19087

Admissions Phone: (610) 902-8552; www.cabrini.edu

#### 73 U.S. Census Bureau

Folcroft: Delmar Drive, Folcroft, PA 19032

Phone: (484) 493-7080

Norristown: Markley Street, Norristown, PA 19401

Phone: (484) 681-7020

www.census.gov

#### 30. Center for Advocacy for the Rights and Interests of the Elderly (CARIE)

100 S. Broad Street, 1500 Land Title Building, Philadelphia, PA 19110-1088 Phone: (215) 545-5728; Toll Free: (800) 356-3606; Fax: (215) 545-5372; carie.org

#### 42. Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired

100 West 15th Street, Chester, PA 19013 Phone: (610) 874-1476; <a href="https://www.cbvi.net">www.cbvi.net</a>

### Fxhibitors

#### 17. Center for Veterans Enterprise (US Department of Veterans Affairs)

810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420

Phone: (866) 584-2344; www.vetbiz.gov

#### 37. Chevney University of Pennsylvania

1837 University Circle P.O. Box 200, Cheyney, PA 19319

(800) CHEYNEY; Admissions: (610) 399-2275; www.cheyney.edu; admissions@cheyney.edu

#### 43. Child Guidance Resource Centers (CGRC)

2000 Old West Chester Pike, Havertown, PA 19083

Phone: (484) 454-8700; Fax: (484) 454-8706; www.cgrc.org

#### 3. Coatesville VA Medical Center

1400 Blackhorse Hill Rd; Coatesville, PA 19320

Phone: (610) 384-7711; www.coatesville.va.gov

#### 38. Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development

Quarters M-7, Suite 100, 1321 Intrepid Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19112

Phone: (215) 218-3886; Fax: (215) 218-3889; www.collegiateconsortium.org;

info@collegiateconsortium.org

#### 44. Community Action Agency of Delaware County

Toal Building, 2nd and Orange Streets, Media, PA 19063

Phone: (610) 891-5101; www.caadc.org

#### 45. Consumer Credit Counseling Services of Delaware Valley (CCCSDV)

1608 Walnut Street, 10th Floor; Philadelphia, PA 19103

Phone: (215) 563-5665; www.cccsdv.org

#### 32. Delaware County Dept. of Veterans Affairs

Government Center, Room 115, 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063 Phone: (610) 891-4646; Fax: (610) 566-3947; delcova@co.delaware.pa.us

#### 25. Delaware County CareerLink

Chester: 701 Crosby St., Suite B; Chester, PA 19013; (610) 447-3350

Delaware County Community College: 901 S. Media Line Road; Media, PA 19063; (610) 723-6000

#### **46. Delaware County Literacy Council**

2217 Providence Ave, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: (610) 876-4811; www.delcoliteracy.org; delco@delcoliteracy.org

#### 47. Delaware River Port Authority

One Port Center, 2 Riverside Drive, PO Box 1949, Camden, NJ 08101

Phone: (856) 968-2000/(215) 218-3750

PATCO: PO Box 4262, Lindenwold, NJ 08021-0218

Phone: (856) 772-6900/(215) 467-8620

www.drpa.org

#### 23. Delaware Valley College

700 East Butler Ave., Doylestown, PA 18901 Phone: (800) 2-DelVal; www.delval.edu

#### 9. Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center (DVIRC)

2905 Southampton Road; Philadelphia, PA 19154 Phone: (215) 464-8550; Fax: (215) 464-8570

Gary Hines, Military Education Corps Regional Project Manager; www.dvirc.org; ghines@dvirc.org

#### 48. Department of Homeland Security, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization

Attn: OSDBU/Room 3124-A, Washington, DC 20528

Phone: (202) 447-5555; www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/

#### 35. Disabled American Veterans

807 Maine Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

Phone: (877) I AM A VET/(877) 426-2838; www.dav.org

#### 24. Drexel University

3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 Phone: (215) 895-2000; <a href="https://www.drexel.edu">www.drexel.edu</a>

#### 39. Fidelis Design & Construction

Tone Building, 107 East Main Street, Lower Level, Suite 100, Norristown, PA 19401

Phone: (610) 277-7094; Fax: (610) 277-7095; www.fidelisdc.com

#### 49. Forean, Inc.

Phone: (888) 229-1702; www.forean.com

#### 50. Freedom & Honor

c/o Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center

213-217 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone: (215) 923-VETS; www.returntohonorworkshop.com;

mrichardson@returntohonorworkshop.com

#### 51. Graduate! Philadelphia

9th & Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: (215) 574-1341; www.graduatephiladelphia.org

#### 36. General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Detachment

P. O. Box 184, Newtown Square, PA 19073

Phone: (610) 325-9065; www.gensdbutlerdet.org; quantdrake@verizon.net

#### **52.** Helmets to Hardhats

Phone: (866) 741-6210; www.helmetstohardhats.org

#### **20. High Seas Mariners**

Mr. Leon Silver, Phone: (610) 449-7333

#### 53. Hillside Sanctuary

PO Box 183, Birchrunville, PA 19421

Phone: (484) 686-4989; Fax: (610) 827-1509; www.hillsidesanctuary.org;

HillsideSanctuary@yahoo.com

#### 27. Holy Family University

9801 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114

Phone: (215) 637-7700; www.holyfamily.edu; admissions@holyfamily.edu

#### 5. Jewish War Veterans Post 305

www.jwv.org

#### 54. Keller Williams Main Line

720 West Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 Phone: (610) 520-0100; brynmawr.yourkwoffice.com

#### 55. Magee Rehabilitation Hospital

1513 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1177 Phone: (215) 587-3000; www.mageerehab.org

#### **56. NAMI**

Delaware County: (610)623-0071; <a href="https://www.nami.org/sites/NAMIPA-DelawareCountyChapter">www.nami.org/sites/NAMIPA-DelawareCountyChapter</a>

Montgomery County: (215)886-0350; www.montconami.com

Main Line: (267)251-6240; www.NAMI.org/sites/NAMIPAMainLine

#### 57. National Alliance of Women Veterans

Phone: (202) 374-3903; phillyvet.blogspot.com; nawv2006@hotmail.com

#### 10. Neumann University

One Neumann Drive, Aston, PA 19014-1298

Phone: (610) 459-0905/800.9.NEUMANN; Admissions: (610) 558-5616; www.neumann.edu

#### 18. Pennsylvania American Legion

PO Box 2324, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2324 Phone: (717) 730-9100; www.pa-legion.com

### Fxhibitors

#### 33. Pennsylvania State Representative Bryan Lentz

630 Fairview Rd, Suite 104, Swarthmore, PA 19081

Phone: (610) 544-7301; Fax: (610) 544-7305; www.pahouse.com/Lentz/

#### 58. Operation Home and Healing

c/o Council For Relationships, 4025 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Phone: (215) 382-6680; www.operationhomeandhealing.org;

www.councilforrelationships.org

#### 59. Outward Bound Philadelphia

3250 West Sedgeley Drive, East Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, PA 19130-1001

Phone: (215) 232-9130/(866) 467-7651, Fax: (215) 232-9162; www.outwardboundphiladelphia.org;

Philadelphia@outwardbound.org

#### 11. Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Veterans/Military Education

333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: (717) 787-4313; <a href="www.pde.state.pa.us">www.pde.state.pa.us</a>

#### **60. PACE**

555 Walnut Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

Phone: (717) 787-7313; Toll Free: (800) 225-7223; Fax: (717) 772-2730;

www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/pace pacenet/17944; aging@state.pa.us

#### 40. Penn State Brandywine

25 Yearsley Mill Rd., Media, PA 19063

Phone: (610) 892-1200; Fax: (610) 892-1357; www.brandywine.psu.edu; bwadmissions@psu.edu

#### 61. Pennsylvania Bar Association

100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101 Phone: (800) 932-0311; <a href="https://www.pabar.org">www.pabar.org</a>

#### 26. Pennsylvania Institute of Technology

Media Campus; 800 Manchester Avenue; Media, PA 19063

Phone: (800) 422-0025; Fax: (610) 892-1533; www.pit.edu; info@pit.edu

#### 63. Pennsylvania Health Law Project

Corn Exchange Building, Suite 400, 123 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone: (215) 625-3663, Fax: (215) 625-3879, www.phlp.org

#### 62. Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation

Philadelphia: 444 N. 3rd Street, 5th Floor. Philadelphia, PA 19123

Phone: (215) 560-1900

Norristown: 1875 New Hope Street, Norristown, PA 19401-3146

Phone: (484) 250-4340

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/vocational rehabilitation/10356

#### 31. Philadelphia VA Regional Office & Insurance Center

5000 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144

Regional Office: (800) 827-1000; phillyro.query@va.gov; Insurance Center: (800) 669-8477;

www.vba.va.gov/ro/philly/Index.htm

#### 1 & 2. Philadelphia VA Medical Center

3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104 Phone: (215) 823-5880; <a href="https://www.philadelphia.va.gov">www.philadelphia.va.gov</a>

#### 41. The Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center

213-217 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Phone: (215) 923-VETS; www.pvmsec.org

#### 64. Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic

215 West Church Road Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone: (610) 265-8090; www.rfbd.org

#### 65. ReMed

16 Industrial Blvd., Suite 203, Paoli, PA 19301

Phone: (800) 84REMED/(484) 595-9300; www.remed.com; info@remed.com

#### 66. Ride-Away

2460 General Armistead Avenue, Suite 100 – 150, Norristown, PA 19403

Sales: (888) RIDE-AWAY: Service: (610) 631-2896; Parts: (888) 743-3292; www.ride-awaypa.com

#### 67. The Salvation Army

151 W. 15th Street, Chester, PA 19013

Phone: (610) 874-0423; www.salvationarmy.org

#### 68. Senior Resource Guide

Phone: (800) 955-8510; info@seniordirectory.com

Advertising: (800) 403-2476; sales@seniordirectory.com

www.seniordirectory.com

#### 69. Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA)

1234 Market Street, Philadelphia PA 19107

Phone: (215) 580-7800; www.septa.org

#### 4. TRICARE Regional Office North

1700 North Moore Street, Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22209

Phone: (877) 874-2273; Health Net Federal Services: (877) 874-2273; www.tricare.mil;

www.tricare.mil/tronorth/default.cfm

#### 21. Upper Darby Marine Corps League

1026 Providence Rd, Secane, PA 19018

Phone: (610) 259-USMC (8762); www.udmcl.org; udmcl@comcast.net

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#### 70. U.S. Small Business Administration - Philadelphia District Office

Parkview Tower; 1150 First Avenue; Suite 1001; King of Prussia, PA 19406

Phone: (610) 382-3062; www.sba.gov; www.sba.gov/localresources/district/pa/phil/index.html

#### 71. Social Security Administration

1570 Garrett Rd, Upper Darby, PA

807 Crosby St, Chester, PA

1101 W Chester Pike, West Chester, PA

1700 Markley St, Norristown, PA

Phone: (800) 772-1213; www.ssa.gov

#### 16. VA Education Regional Processing Office

130 South Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14202

Educational Liaison Representative (Philadelphia Regional Office): Kathleen Sampson Phone: (215) 381-3656; Fax: (215) 381-3128; www.gibill.va.gov; kathleen.samson@va.gov

#### 74. The Veterans Group

3209 Baring Street, Philadelphia Pa 19104 Phone: (215) 222-4379; theveteransgroup.org

#### 72. U.S. Department of the Treasury

1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20220

Phone: (202) 622-2000; www.ustreas.gov

#### 34. VFW Post 928

1805 MacDade Boulevard,Folsom, PA 19033-1213 Phone: (610) 461-1226; <a href="wdf.vfw.ebcom.org/pa/post928">wfw.ebcom.org/pa/post928</a>

#### 6. Victory Media Inc.

429 Mill Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Phone: (412) 269-1663; www.victorymediainc.com

#### 7 & 8. Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Post 67

211 North Morton Ave, Morton, PA

Phone: (610)626-7598; www.vvachapter67.freeservers.com

#### 75. Weichert Realtors

606 E. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA 19063 Phone: 1-800-401-0803; www.weichert.com

#### 12. Widener University Small Business Development Center

1350 Edgmont Avenue, Chester, PA.19103 Phone: (610) 619-8490; www.widenersbdc.org

### Additional Resources

Board of Veteran's Appeals: <a href="http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/">http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/</a>

Center for Minority Veterans: http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/

Center for Veterans Enterprise <a href="http://www.vetbiz.gov/">http://www.vetbiz.gov/</a> Center for Women Veterans <a href="http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/">http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/</a>

Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/</a>

exposures/gulfwar/compensation benefits.asp

Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-09: <a href="http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm">http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm</a>

Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page: http://www.va.gov/

Directory of Veterans Service Organizations: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view">http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view</a>

Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp: http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benef its/exams/index.htm

Due Process: http://www4.va.gov/VAFORMS/form\_detail.asp?FormNo=21-0506

Duty to Assist: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21 1/mr/part3/subptiii/ch01/ch01 seca.doc

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations: http://www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/

Emergency, Non-emergency, and Fee Basis Care: http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/fedben.pdf

Environmental Agents: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/environagents/">http://www1.va.gov/environagents/</a>

Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility: <a href="http://www4.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/FAQs/">http://www4.va.gov/healtheligibility/Library/FAQs/</a>

CombatFAQ.asp

Evaluation Protocol for Gulf War and Iraqi Freedom Veterans with Potential Exposure to Depleted Uranium:

http://www1.va.gov/VHAPUBLICATIONS/ViewPublication.asp?pub ID=1158

Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet: http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/dod/du factsheet 4aug98.htm

Fee Basis, Priority for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care: http://www1.va.gov/orpm/

docs/20040618\_AL39\_PrioritiesforOutpatientMedical.pdf Forms and Records Request: http://www.va.gov/vaforms/

Geriatrics and Extended Care: http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/

Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG: http://www.healthquality.va.gov/

Medically Unexplained Symptoms MUS.asp

Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health: http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHIgulfwar.pdf

Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As: <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/fags.asp">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/fags.asp</a>

Hearings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admi n21/m21 1/mr/part1/ch04.doc

Homeless Veterans: http://www1.va.gov/homeless/

Ionizing Radiation: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/radiation/index.asp

Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans: <a href="http://www.oefoif.va.gov/">http://www.oefoif.va.gov/</a>
M21-1 Table of Contents: <a href="http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21">http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21</a> 1.html

Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings: <a href="http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/">http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/</a>

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Online VA Form 10-10EZ: https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/

Parkinson's Disease and Related Neurodegenerative Disorders:

http://www1.va.gov/resdev/funding/solicitations/docs/parkinsons.pdf, or http://www1.va.gov/padrecc/Persian Gulf Registry: http://www1.va.gov/VHAPUBLICATIONS/ViewPublication.asp?pub ID=1574

Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/gulfwar/

gw newsletter feb93.pdf

Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress: <a href="http://www.research.va.gov/resources/pubs/GulfWarRpt02.cfm">http://www.research.va.gov/resources/pubs/GulfWarRpt02.cfm</a>

### Additional Resources

Power of Attorney: <a href="http://www4.va.gov/VAFORMS/form\_detail.asp?FormNo=21-22a">http://www4.va.gov/VAFORMS/form\_detail.asp?FormNo=21-22a</a>

Project 112 (Including Project SHAD): <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/shad/index.asp">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/shad/index.asp</a> Prosthetics Eligibility: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub">http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub</a> ID=337

Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/

Mental Health Program Guidelines: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?">http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?</a>

pub ID=1094

Publications Manuals: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4">http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4</a>
Publications and Reports: <a href="http://www4.va.gov/oig/publications/reports-list.asp">http://www4.va.gov/oig/publications/reports-list.asp</a>

Records Center and Vault Homepage: <a href="http://www.rcv.va.gov/">http://www.rcv.va.gov/</a>

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes">http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes</a> April 112002.doc

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/">http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/</a> ReportandRecommendation s 2004.pdf

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: http://www.vetapp.gov/

VA Best Practice Manual for Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): <a href="http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf">http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%206.pdf</a>

VA Fact Sheet: http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/vafacts.asp

VA Health Care Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/opa/publications/benefits book/benefits chap01.asp

VA Life Insurance: http://www.insurance.va.gov/miscellaneous/

VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans: http://valoans.com/va\_facts\_limits.cfm

VA MS Research: http://www4.va.gov/MS/multiple-sclerosis-research.asp

VA National Hepatitis C Program: http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/

VA Office of Research and Development: http://www.research.va.gov/default.cfm

VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War: <a href="http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp">http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp</a>

VA WMD EMSHG <a href="http://www.publichealth.va.gov/emergencymanagement/">http://www.publichealth.va.gov/emergencymanagement/</a>

VA WRIISC-DC <a href="http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/dc/FAQs/faqs-veteran.asp">http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/dc/FAQs/faqs-veteran.asp</a>

VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address <a href="http://www4.va.gov/oig/contacts/hotline.asp">http://www4.va.gov/oig/contacts/hotline.asp</a>

Vet Center Eligibility - Readjustment Counseling Service http://www.va.gov/rcs/Eligibility.htm

Veterans Benefits Administration Main Web Page: http://www.vba.va.gov/

Veterans Legal and Benefits Information: http://valaw.org/

VHA Forms, Publications, Manuals: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/

VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/

VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans Health: http://www.publichealth.va.gov/vethealthinitiative/gulfwar.asp

Vocational Rehabilitation: http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/

Vocational Rehabilitation Subsistence: <a href="http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/sa.htm">http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/sa.htm</a>

VONAPP online: http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp

WARMS - 38 CFR Book C: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html

War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center - New Jersey: http://www.wri.med.va.gov/

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