

Pennsylvania 7th Congressional District
Veterans Summit III



Hosted by
Congressman Joe Sestak

"2009, Year of the Military Family"

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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

I firmly believe that when a Veteran is hurting, a family is hurting. And, that the reverse is true—when a Veteran is secure, a family is secure. In these troubled economic times that notion is especially relevant.

That is why I have convened this event, the third *7th Congressional District Veterans Summit*. This event is special because it was developed specifically to emphasize the systems, services, and organizations dedicated to support our Veterans *and their families*.

We know that the severe recession our nation experienced in 1974 did much to complicate the return of so many of our Vietnam War Veterans. Unfortunately those young men and women came home not only to a struggling economy; they also received a lesser GI Bill than their fathers and had to navigate a Veterans Administration unprepared to deal with the unique nature of that war and the changes to our society since the 1940s.

Our Pennsylvania Army National Guard 56th Stryker Brigade is scheduled to return home in the fall from their largest deployment since WWII. When they left their jobs for the long preparations for that deployment, ours was a very different economy. They will come home to historically high rates of unemployment and an economy struggling to recover from a crisis more severe than the 1970's. As such, the time to prepare for their return is now. To that end, my staff has arranged for over 40 agencies and organizations to be present here at Ridley High School to offer their services for their family members. Additionally, those organizations will also be present to help the parents and grandparents of those warriors. It is my mission to see that family members of Veterans past, present and future can come together in support of themselves and one another. Among the organizations in attendance are: Philadelphia, Coatesville, and Wilmington VAMCs; Philadelphia Regional Office and Insurance Center; VA Education Center; RecruitMilitary.com; Widener University Veterans Law Clinic; Delaware Valley Industrial Resource Center; Social Security Administration; Disabled American Veterans (DAV); Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW); Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA); Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA); Pennsylvania Institute of Technology; The Collegiate Consortium; and many, more. Local and national leaders and decision-makers including State Representative Bryan Lentz of the Pennsylvania House Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee and State Senator Andy Dinniman of Pennsylvania Senate Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee are also in attendance.

There are over 54,000 Veterans in the 7th Congressional district and over 15 million nationwide. I am determined to see that each is aware of the benefits to which they are entitled and uses every one of them to full effect. Even today my office works with WWII and Korean War Veterans who fought in combat, but for a variety of reasons never enrolled in the VA Medical system following their service. Tragically, due to policy decisions of 2003—while our nation was at war no less—hundreds of thousands of lower-income veterans were locked out of care they need and deserve. Their wives and children are invariably shocked that our government was so callous. And when that shock passes, they face the shared, multi-generational challenge of finding and paying for, the expensive care their loved one needs. Following our 2008 Veteran Summit, Chairman Filner and I worked to find \$375 million to enroll some of these “Priority 8” lower-income Veterans in the VA medical system—but more must be done.

I know there are Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam similarly affected. We must redress that outrage and prevent this generation of Veterans and their families from suffering a similar fate. Especially today with health care costs such a burden and unemployment or underemployment eroding the stability of many families, the security of Veterans benefits are more important than ever. Beyond health care, competition for employment will be fierce for our returning Guardsmen and women. I want them, and their families, to understand how the 21st Century GI Bill, with its uniquely transferable benefits, can help them compete for and win the jobs that will offer them the purposeful life their service has earned them.

I thank every Veteran and family member present. Please take this program home and study it. Share it with the families of other Veterans you know.

It is my honor to serve you and be counted among you.

Veterans Legislative Update

I have no higher priority than the welfare of those who wore the cloth of this Nation and their families. Identifying their needs and then finding the ways and means to address those needs in a comprehensive and responsible way has been among my highest priorities since assuming office. My emphasis on Veteran quality of life and care is the reason **I received an A+ rating from Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America**, and my focus on their care will remain a priority throughout my second term in office. Below is a list of measures I took in the 110th Congress and that I am pursuing in this 111th session to care for America's heroes.

My district office has handled over 1,400 cases for Veterans, active duty servicemembers, reservists and National Guard members, and I hosted outreach events, including two previous Veterans Summits (each the largest ever conducted in Delaware County) and two Young Veterans Roundtables.

- Following last year's Veterans Summit, Congressman Bob Filner, Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee (who was in attendance) and I both submitted bills to expand the availability of health benefits to Priority 8 Veterans.
- This directly led to the inclusion of \$375 million in the 2009 appropriations bill for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs specifically allotted for Priority 8s, who have been denied vital medical resources by VA protocol since 2003.
- Following up on last session's progress, this spring I introduced HR 449, the Health Care for America's Heroes Act, which would expand the availability of health care provided by the VA Secretary by expanding coverage to vets whose incomes do not exceed 200 percent of the maximum income of a family that is eligible for treatment as a low-income family.

Established a "Veterans' Advisory Group" composed of both Veterans and those who address their needs.

Signed on as an original cosponsor to HR 1016 "The Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act of 2009."

- The bill is aimed at addressing a problem that has gone on for too long: over the last several years, funding for the VA has been approved after the beginning of the fiscal year. This puts unnecessary strain on the VA to provide required services without sufficient funding. *The bill counters this problem by authorizing advance appropriations.*

Wrote to President Obama on March 17 opposing the proposal to bill veterans' private health insurance plans for care and treatment of service-connected injuries or disabilities.

- As a result, the President announced the same day that the proposal was off the table.

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Introduced HR 1535, directing the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study evaluating and comparing the effectiveness of programs designed to diagnose, treat, and prevent post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

- The results of a recent military study show that 17.4 percent of paratroopers returning from service in Iraq are suffering from PTSD.

Introducing legislation this session to overhaul veteran disability compensation.

- The legislation will substantially modify existing law with respect to the award of disability benefits for service members and provide for superior review and management of claims.

Introduced HR 1600, which would provide for the treatment of autism under TRICARE.

- This would build from my amendment to last year's National Defense Authorization Act, which provides up to \$36,000 per year of coverage under TRICARE.

Supported legislation which ended the "widow's tax."

- H.R. 1804 incrementally increases the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance, beginning in fiscal year 2010 with a \$35 increase resulting in a monthly payment of \$95, and concluding in fiscal year 2016 with a \$245 increase resulting in a monthly payment of \$345.

Supported H.R. 1377, which expands veteran eligibility for reimbursement by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for emergency treatment furnished in a non-Department facility.

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

- The bill was amended to authorize an additional \$10 million to provide dedicated services for homeless women veterans and homeless veterans with children.

Supported H.R. 1513, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009.

- This bill would direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the rates of basic compensation for disabled veterans and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation to their survivors and dependents, along with other benefits, in order to keep pace with the rising cost-of-living.

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Sponsored an amendment to H.R. 1538, the Wounded Warriors Assistance Act, which would require the Secretary of Defense to develop a plan to help prevent Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and other stress-related psychopathologies (including substance abuse conditions) from developing in our military service members.

- The bill was passed by Congress in response to the Walter Reed scandal and improved the care of injured soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan

Co-sponsored H.R. 5167, the Justice for Victims of Torture and Terrorism Act.

- In 2003, 17 American POWs and 37 members of their family successfully sued Iraq, Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Intelligence Service for \$653 million in compensatory damages and \$306 million in punitive damages. The bill ensures the American service members tortured during the first Gulf War receive their court-adjudicated compensation from Iraq.

Sponsored an Amendment to H.R. 5658, the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act, which would establish the National Casualty Care Research Center at the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (MRMC).

Voted for the FY 2008 Military Construction-Veterans' Affairs Appropriations Act.

- The bill provides the largest increase in Veterans' funding in the 77-year history of the VA, targeted on ensuring that our Veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan receive the quality health care that they deserve.

Voted for the New GI Bill.

- Congress passed the new GI Bill as part of an amendment to the FY 2008 Emergency Wartime Supplemental. The new GI bill fully restores full, four-year college scholarships for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans, on a par with the educational benefits provided after World War II, covering up to the cost of the most expensive in-state public school and also provides transferability of unused education benefits to spouses and children.

Supported the Joshua Omvig Veterans Suicide Prevention Act.

- The bill requires a comprehensive VA program to reduce suicides among Veterans, including suicide prevention counselors at VA medical facilities and 24-hour mental health care for at-risk Veterans.

Supported reservist and veterans' small business programs.

- Congress passed the final version of H.R. 4253, Reservist and Veterans Small Business Opportunity Act, which expands small business opportunities for Veterans and helps military reservists keep their businesses afloat during and after deployment

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Supported initiatives to decrease veteran substance abuse.

- The House passed H.R. 5554, Veterans Substance Abuse Treatment Act, which requires the VA to provide the full continuum of care for substance use disorders at every VA medical center

Supported the Homes for Heroes Act, which requires HUD to provide at least 20,000 rental vouchers a year for homeless Veterans, and creates a new supportive housing program for homeless Veterans at HUD.

Voted for, and Congress passed the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Authorization and Lease Act of 2008, which authorizes \$2.1 billion in FY 2009 for several VA medical facility construction projects.

Supported H.R. 3793, the Veterans' Guaranteed Bonus Act.

- The House passed this legislation, which fully addresses the military bonus problems highlighted by the Dole-Shalala Commission – providing essential financial security to our wounded servicemen and women by guaranteeing full payment of bonuses earned and owed to them

Agenda

- 6:00** **WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS —**
CONGRESSMAN JOE SESTAK (PA — 07)
Member of the House Armed Services Committee
- 6: 15** **FIRST PANEL**
CONGRESSMAN JOE SESTAK (PA — 07)
Member of the House Armed Services Committee
MR. JOHN R. GINGRICH
Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs
MR. MICHAEL E. MORELAND
Director, Veterans Integrated Services Network 4
MR. THOMAS LASTOWKA
Director, Philadelphia VA Regional Office and Insurance Center
MR. RICHARD S. CITRON
Director, Philadelphia VA Medical Center
MR. GARY W. DEVANSKY
Director, Coatesville VA Medical Center
MR. CHARLES M. DORMAN
Director, Wilmington VA Medical Center
PA STATE SENATOR ANDREW DINNIMAN
19th Senatorial District
PA STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN LENTZ
161st Legislative District
PROFESSOR THOMAS J. REED
Director, Widener University Veterans Law Clinic
- 7:45** **FIRST PANEL ENDS**
- 7: 45** **EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGINS**
Breakout Session with Mr. Gingrich, Congressman Sestak, and senior VA officials
- 7:55** **SECOND PANEL BEGINS**
CAPTAIN BILL WALSH, USN (RET.)
District Manager, Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District
REAR ADMIRAL T. McCREARY, USN (RET.)
President, Military Advantage and Vice President, Monster Worldwide
MR. MATT MURPHY
Senior Vice President, RecruitMilitary.com
MR. DOUG MacPHERSON
Educational Liaison, Newark Regional Office
MS. ANDREA GILES
Business Development Specialist, United States Small Business Administration
MR. GLENN MCALLISTER
Director of the Small Business Development Center at Widener University
- 8: 40** **SECOND PANEL ENDS**
- 8: 40** **CLOSING REMARKS**
CONGRESSMAN JOE SESTAK (PA — 07)
- 9:00** **END**

Please Note:

- **David Blocks Documentary, “Abandon Heroes” will be playing in Room B113**
- **Veterans History Project Demonstration in Room B101**

John R. Gingrich
Chief of Staff, Department of Veterans Affairs

John R. Gingrich was appointed Chief of Staff for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) by Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki on January 21, 2009. As Chief of Staff, he works closely with the Secretary and Deputy Secretary in managing day-to-day operations of the federal government's second-largest Cabinet department, with some 286,000 employees in VA medical centers, clinics, benefits offices and national cemeteries throughout the country.



Prior to joining VA, Mr. Gingrich leveraged his expertise in strategic planning, strategic communications and leadership development as president of Strategic LINX, Inc., a consulting company employed by government agencies, corporations and non-profit organizations.

Immediately prior to his corporate career, Mr. Gingrich served in the Senior Executive Service as director for U.S. Army Strategic Communications Initiatives in the Office of the Chief of Staff, Army in the Pentagon 2000 to 2003.

Following in the footsteps of his grandfather who served in World War I, and his father, who served in World War II, Mr. Gingrich was commissioned a second lieutenant in Army artillery in 1971. He has served in a variety of command and staff positions including commander of a U.S. Army Field Artillery Battalion in Operation Desert Storm. He later was assigned to the Pentagon as Division Chief in the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, U.S. Army; then Executive Officer to the Commanding General of U.S. Army Europe and Allied Land Forces Central Europe; and then Executive Officer to Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Army and the Director, Chief of Staff, Army, Strategic Planning Group. Mr. Gingrich completed a 30 year career on his retirement from the U.S. Army as a Colonel in 2001.

Mr. Gingrich is a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

Mr. Gingrich graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Texas A&M University in 1970 and completed his Masters degree in Management at Central Texas College in 1978.

Rear Admiral T. McCreary
President, Military Advantage & Vice President, Monster Worldwide

Rear Admiral T. L. McCreary, U.S. Navy (retired), is currently the President of Military.com and Vice President of Monster Worldwide. Military.com is an affinity website designed to connect its members with the benefits of military service and to connect them with each other.

A 1978 graduate of Northern Kentucky University, McCreary began his naval career as a surface warfare officer in the Pacific Fleet. He served as electrical officer and main propulsion assistant aboard the destroyer *USS O'Brien* (DD 975). Between 1979 and 1981, he made two deployments to the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans. During his sea tour, McCreary applied for and received re-designation as a public affairs officer (PAO).

During his first PAO tour he spent two years at the Navy Office of Information in Atlanta handling regional media issues in Florida, Virginia, Alabama, and Mississippi. He then went to Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as the assistant public affairs officer for the Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet. After completing a master's degree in Mass Communication, Public Relations at San Diego State University, McCreary went to Washington, D.C., as the news director for "Navy News This Week," the Navy's half-hour internal TV news show.

In September 1989, McCreary returned to the waterfront as the public affairs officer for the battleship *USS Missouri* (BB 63). He served aboard Missouri in the Persian Gulf for Operation *Desert Storm*, attended the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, and remained aboard until March 1992 when Missouri was decommissioned.

Upon leaving Missouri, McCreary reported to Submarine Group Five in San Diego where he served as public affairs officer until June 1994. From there he moved to Bahrain where he served as the public affairs officer for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet until August 1997. He then returned to Washington, D.C., to serve as the public affairs officer for the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

In February 1999, McCreary became the public affairs officer for the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, headquartered in Hawaii. McCreary returned to Washington, DC in 2000 and became the Special Assistant to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff for Public Affairs, where he served until July 2003. He was then promoted to Rear Admiral and became the Navy's Chief of Information, responsible for Navy public affairs globally.

Upon retirement in 2006, he became the Director of Strategic Communication at the National Counterterrorism Center, where he served until February 2007, then became the Director of Strategic Communication at U.S. Special Operations Command until November 2008, when he joined the commercial world at Military.com.

Mr. Michael E. Moreland
Network Director, Veterans Integrated Services Network 4

Michael E. Moreland was appointed Network Director of the VA Healthcare – VISN 4, on December 24, 2006. In this position he directs the operations, finances and clinical programs of a health care system that serves an estimated 1.5 million veterans throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware, as well as portions of West Virginia, New Jersey, Ohio and New York. The system is comprised of ten medical centers and 40 community based outpatient clinics.



Prior to this appointment, Mr. Moreland had been the Director of the three-division VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System (VAPHS) since June 18, 2000. Mr. Moreland is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and received the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Achievement from President Bush in November 2002. He is a member of the VHA National Leadership Board Finance Committee.

Mr. Moreland began his service with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 1980 as a clinical social worker. He held progressively responsible positions with several VA Medical Centers, including serving as the Director of Butler VA Medical Center from August 1997 until his appointment to VA Pittsburgh. He was also Deputy Network Director of VA Health Care Network 2 in Upstate New York, Associate Director at Lebanon VA Medical Center in Pennsylvania, Chief of Social Work Service at the Highland Drive VA Medical Center in Pittsburgh, and held various assignments as a Clinical Social Worker in the 1980s. Mr. Moreland received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in 1978 and earned his Masters degree in Social Work from the University of Maryland in 1980.

Mr. Thomas M. Lastowka
Director, Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Insurance Center

Thomas M. Lastowka served in the US Army from 1968 until 1970. He has been Director of the Veterans Affairs Regional Office and Insurance Center (VAROIC) in Philadelphia since July 1, 1990. With 1250 employees, the Philadelphia VAROIC is the largest of the Veterans Benefits Administration's field offices. As its director, Mr. Lastowka is responsible for administering a range of VA benefits to approximately one and a quarter million veterans and their families living in eastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. These services total over one-half billion dollars in annual payments. An additional \$61 million is spent in the operation of the office.

As Director of the Regional Office and Insurance Center, Mr. Lastowka also serves as Director of VBA Insurance Service. The Insurance Service is responsible for VA trillion-dollar Life Insurance programs including the Traumatic Injury Protection program, for severely injured service members. As headquarters for the Insurance Service, the Center has policy-making responsibility for all VA Insurance programs nationwide.

Mr. Lastowka was awarded the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive by President George W. Bush in 2003. He is twice the recipient of the Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award of Meritorious Executive. Mr. Lastowka was the first recipient of VA's Annual Secretary's Equal Employment Opportunity Award for Executives and Managers. He has received numerous recognitions from the major Veterans Service Organizations.

He is a graduate of Saint James High School in Chester and St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Mr. Richard S. Citron
Director, Philadelphia VA Medical Center

Mr. Richard S. Citron was appointed Director of the Philadelphia VA Medical Center effective August 6, 2007. Previously, he served as the Director of the Wilmington VAMC from November 28, 2004 through August 5, 2007. He has over 35 years of VA health care experience, having previously served as Director, Jesse Brown VA Medical Center in Chicago, Acting Director of the VA Medical Center in Murfreesboro, and the Acting Director of the VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to these appointments, he served as Assistant Director of the VA Medical Center (University Drive), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Citron began his VA career in 1971 at the VA Medical Center in Long Beach and has served at medical centers in Newington, Loma Linda, Richmond, Brockton/West Roxbury, and VA Central Office.

Mr. Citron served in the US Army from 1968 to 1971 including one year at a MASH hospital in Chu Lai, Vietnam. He holds a Baccalaureate degree in Economics from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Southern California.

Mr. Gary W. Devansky
Director, Coatesville VA Medical Center

Mr. Gary W. Devansky became the Director at Coatesville VAMC on July 1, 1991. As Director, Mr. Devansky is the top management official responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$142 million and a staff of over 1,170 clinical, technical, and support personnel. Mr. Devansky has been the longest serving Director of Coatesville VAMC.

Mr. Devansky began his VA career at Ann Arbor, Michigan VAMC in 1978. Prior to coming to Coatesville VAMC he had been Associate Medical Center Director at Albany, New York VAMC (1990-1991) and Canandaigua, New York VAMC (1988-1990). Mr. Devansky holds membership in the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) and the Senior Executive Association (SEA). In 2004 he was a recipient of the Presidential Rank Award for Meritorious Senior Executives.

Mr. Devansky earned a Bachelor's Degree from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania and a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration from The George Washington University in Washington, DC. He is married with two sons and resides in Downingtown, Pennsylvania.

**Mr. Charles M. Dorman
Director, Wilmington VA Medical Center**

Mr. Charles M. Dorman was appointed Director of the Wilmington VA Medical Center on July 20, 2008 following his earlier appointment as Acting Director on January 20, 2008. Prior to this appointment, he was Director of the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA), where he had been Director since April 2004. Mr. Dorman has spent the last 28 years in service to veterans nationwide. He began his VA career in 1978 as an intern in Dietetics at the VA Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. His career in healthcare administration began in 1988 when he was selected as Special Assistant to the Medical Center Director at the Montrose VA Medical Center. Before being appointed as Director of the VA GLA, he was the Assistant Director at the then Sepulveda VA Medical Center and then as the Associate Medical Center Director of the VA Medical Center in Detroit, Michigan, where he was responsible for overseeing the largest single activation of a new VA Medical Center.

Mr. Dorman received his undergraduate degree in Dietetics and Food Administration from California State University at Long Beach in 1978 and his graduate degree in Human Nutrition from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio in 1980. Mr. Dorman is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives, a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) and the Federal SES Association and is a Registered Dietitian with the American Dietetic Association.

**Pennsylvania State Senator Andrew Dinniman
19th Senatorial District**

Prior to serving in the legislature, Senator Dinniman served for 15 years as a Chester County Commissioner, making him the longest-serving commissioner in county history. As Commissioner, Andy demonstrated a true commitment to the future of Chester County by taking on some of the region's most difficult issues. He worked to found the Safe Harbor Homeless Shelter, the Chester County Gleaning Project and served as one of the principal architects of Landscapes, the county's award-winning open space plan. Both as a commissioner and a state senator, Andy also has consistently opposed tax hikes and increases in spending.

Before being elected county commissioner in 1991, Senator Dinniman served on the Downingtown Area School Board and the West Whiteland Municipal Authority. A teacher and community leader, he has been honored by numerous environmental, education, veterans' and service groups: the NAACP, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Exton Regional Chamber of Commerce, Safe Harbor of Greater West Chester, the Human Relations Council of Greater West Chester and Pennsylvania Citizens for Better Libraries.

In the Senate, his priorities include economic security and job growth, local government control over local issues, open space preservation, access to education, health care reform, historic preservation, energy independence and quality-of-life issues.

Senator Dinniman serves as minority chairman of the Education Committee and is a member of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Communications and Technology, Consumer Affairs and Professional Licensure, Environmental Resources and Energy, Local Government, State Government and Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committees.

Senator Dinniman is also a member of the Ben Franklin Technology Development Authority, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council, and the Joint Legislative Air and Water Pollution Control and Conservation Committee. He also serves on the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Pennsylvania Wing of the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition, Senator Dinniman belongs to the Life Sciences and Biotechnology Caucus, the Community College Caucus, and the Joint House and Senate Autism Caucus.

**Pennsylvania State Representative Bryan Lentz
161st Legislative District**

Representative Bryan Lentz was first elected to the Pa. House of Representative in 2006 and has dedicated his life to public service. He is a fourth generation Army veteran and after graduating from Valley Forge Military Academy and College in 1984, Bryan received a full Army scholarship to attend Georgetown University.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1986. After completing the Infantry Officers Basic Course (IOBC) and U.S. Army Ranger School, Bryan was assigned to the Second Battalion of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, NC.

Lentz held leadership positions throughout his service in the 82nd Airborne Division, including the command of two rifle platoons and an 81mm mortar platoon. His overseas assignments include the recent war in Iraq, as well as tours with Multi-National Force and Observers (MFO) and NATO peacekeeping missions in the Sinai Peninsula and Bosnia. His official commendations include the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and the Bronze Star for Service. In Bosnia he oversaw millions of dollars in infrastructure development, including the first-ever Russian, Romanian, Muslim and Serbian joint bridge. In Iraq, Lentz commanded a Civil Affairs unit responsible for rebuilding the infrastructure and developing civil governance in the northern city of Mosul.

In his civilian life, Lentz served for six years as a prosecutor with the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he prosecuted gang members, rapists and other violent offenders. Since 1999, he has worked as an attorney in the private sector.

He lives in Swarthmore with wife Jennifer and sons Joseph and Thomas.

**Professor Thomas J. Reed
Director, Widener University Veterans Law Clinic**

Thomas J. Reed is Professor of Law at Widener's Delaware campus. Professor Reed received a B.A. from Marquette University in 1962. Professor Reed was commissioned 2d Lt U.S. Marine Corps in June 1962. He served in the Dominican Republic Crisis of 1965 and was awarded the Air Medal. He then received a J.D. from Notre Dame Law School in 1969, where he served as a member of the Notre Dame Law Review

Professor Reed clerked for Thornburg, McGill, Deahl, Harman, Carey & Murray, South Bend, Indiana from 1968-69. He then worked as an Associate for Reller, Mendenhall, Kleinknecht & Milligan, Richmond, Indiana from 1969-76. He joined the faculty at Western New England in 1976 and served as Assistant Professor from 1976-79, and as Associate Professor from 1979-81. Professor Reed joined the faculty at Delaware Law School as Associate Professor of Law and served in that capacity from 1981-84; as Associate Dean and Professor of Law, 1984-93; and as Professor of Law since 1984. Professor Reed was Director, Legal Skills Program from 1993-95.

Professor Reed is admitted to practice in Indiana, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, as well as in the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals 3rd Circuit, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and U.S. Supreme Court. Professor Reed teaches and writes in the areas of Evidence, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, Veterans Law and Military Law, Property, Pre-Trial Methods, Trial Methods, Land Use Planning, and Wills and Trusts.

Professor Reed has been active in a number of professional and civic organizations. He served as Reporter to the Delaware Supreme Court for the Delaware Appellate Handbook and Reporter to the Delaware Supreme Court for revisions to the Delaware Uniform Rules of Evidence. He is also involved with the Delaware Volunteer Legal Services, Inc. (pro bono Veterans Assistance Program), The Delaware Civil War Society, Inc. and The Civic War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, Inc. Most recent positions held include President, The Civil War Round Table of Wilmington, Delaware, 1999-2000, and Secretary to The Delaware Civil War Society, 1999-2000. he is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Veterans and Military Law Committee, and of the Delaware State Bar Association Veterans Law Committee and was named Taishoff Professor of Law in January 2009.

Matt Murphy
Senior Vice President, Sales and Business Development, RecruitMilitary

Matt Murphy is responsible for sales, new business development, and Government relations at RecruitMilitary. Matt was a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy, having served on the USS Hepburn (FF-1055). Matt left active duty as a lieutenant. After the Navy, Matt obtained his law degree from the University of Buffalo and practiced law for the University of Pennsylvania Health System before moving on to lead a Philadelphia-area mergers and acquisitions consulting firm. Matt joined RecruitMilitary in 2005 to develop new channels for business, new candidate aggregation strategies, and new lines of business.

RecruitMilitary is the country's only nationwide, full-service military-to-civilian recruiting firm. The Company's mission is to connect Corporate America with military veterans – via outsourced professional recruiting, a suite of online hiring products, veteran career fairs, and a bi-monthly magazine with an annual circulation of 200,000 to 230 bases worldwide. The firm has produced over 150 veteran career fairs nationwide in the last two years. The firm has worked with over 7,000 corporate clients since 1998, and has a database of over 550,000 registered job-seeking veterans. The firm's website is www.recruitmilitary.com.

Mr. Doug MacPherson
Educational Liaison Representative, Newark Regional Office

Mr. MacPherson is a two-year US Army Veteran of the Vietnam Era. He received a Bachelors (1965) and a Masters Degree (1967) from the University of Dayton.

He started working for the Veterans Administration in September 1972 as a "Contact Representative," in the interview units, and moved into the Education Unit in late 1973 and became a Compliance Survey Specialist in 1976. In 1993, Mr. MacPherson entered into his current position as an Education Liaison Representative. He has spent his entire VA career with the Newark, NJ Regional Office.

Andrea Giles
Business Development Specialist, United States Small Business Administration

Andrea Giles is a Business Development Specialist at the Philadelphia District Office of the U.S. Small Business Administration. As a Business Development Specialist, she is responsible for assisting lenders with SBA programs, and reaching out to business, government and economic development agencies to inform them about SBA programs and products. Additionally, she provides individual counseling to business owners on financing issues. Her responsibilities at SBA also include coordinating the SBA Microloan Program and monitoring the Women's Business Center program for Eastern Pennsylvania. Prior to arriving at the SBA a year ago, she was a portfolio manager and lender in both New York City and Philadelphia.

Mr. Glenn McAllister
Director, Widener University Small Business Development Center

Glenn McAllister is the Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Widener University which opened in January of 2007. Prior to joining the Widener SBDC he was a Business Consultant with the University of Delaware SBDC.

Glenn has been a successful small business owner in addition to having over 20 years of banking experience primarily with Citibank where he served as President of its banking subsidiaries in Maine and Upstate New York. Before joining Citibank, he was a Certified Public Accountant with Arthur Young & Co.

Glenn is a graduate of the University of Delaware with a degree in Accounting and has an MBA from Widener University. He served in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps.

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Registration

Main Entrance

Exhibitors

- 1. PA Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs**
Office of the Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs - Philadelphia Field Office
Veterans Administration Center, Wissahickon Ave. & Manheim St.,
P. O. Box 42938, Philadelphia, PA 19101
Phone: (215) 381-3040; Toll Free: 1-866-754-8637; Fax: (215) 381-3492
<http://www.paveterans.state.pa.us>
- 2. Pennsylvania State Representative Bryan Lentz**
630 Fairview Rd, Suite 104, Swarthmore, PA 19081
Phone: (610) 544-7301; Fax: (610) 544-7305
- 3. 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
- 4. Montgomery County Dept. of Veterans Affairs**
Human Services Center, 1430 DeKalb Street, PO Box 311, Norristown, PA 19404
Phone: (610) 278-3285; Fax: (610) 278-5935
- 5. Widener Veterans Law Clinic**
Widener University, Rm. 150, Tech I Center, 1450 Edgemont Ave., Chester, PA 19013
Phone: (610) 874-1351; Tom Reed, Director, tjreed@mail.widener.edu
<http://law.widener.edu/vetclinic/>
- 6. National Cemetery Administration – Washington Crossing National Cemetery**
830 Highland Road, Newtown, PA 18940
Mailing Address: 916 Bridgeboro Road, Beverly, NJ 08010
Phone: (609) 880-0827; Fax: (609) 871-4691
<http://www.cem.va.gov/>
- 7. PA Securities Commission**
Philadelphia Office: 1400 Spring Garden Street, Suite 1100; Philadelphia, PA 19130
Phone: (215) 560-2088; Fax: (215) 560-3977; pscwebmaster@state.pa.us
<http://www.psc.state.pa.us/index.html>
- 8. American Legion Post 93**
www.legion.org
- 9. Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) Program at The University of Pennsylvania**
220 South 40th Street, Suite 260, Philadelphia, PA 19104
Phone: (215) 898-6892; Fax: (215) 898-9301
Diane Sandefur, Project Director: 215-898-6892; sandefur@exchange.upenn.edu
<http://www.vpul.upenn.edu/aap/vub/index.php>
- 10. General Smedley D. Butler Marine Corps League Detachment**
P. O. Box 184, Newtown Square, PA 19073
Email: quantdrake@verizon.net
Phone: (610) 325-9065

Exhibitors

- 11. Montgomery County Career Link**
1855 New Hope St., Norristown, PA 19401
610-270-3429
- 12. 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; ghines@dvirc.org
<http://www.dvirc.org/>
- 13. Delaware County Dept of Employment & Training**
Delaware County CareerLink
701 Crosby St., Suite B; Chester, PA 19013
(610) 447-3350
Delaware County CareerLink – Workforce Entry Center
Delaware County Community College: 901 S. Media Line Road; Media, PA 19063
(610) 723-6000
- 14. RecruitMilitary**
422 West Loveland Avenue, Loveland, OH 45140
513-683-5020
<http://www.recruitmilitary.com/>
- 15. Career Builder**
(866) 438-1485
www.careerbuilder.com
- 16. Philadelphia VA Medical Center**
3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 823-5880
www.philadelphia.va.gov
- 17. Coatesville VA Medical Center**
1400 Blackhorse Hill Rd
Coatesville, PA 19320
(610) 384-7711
www.coatesville.med.va.gov
- 18. Wilmington VA Medical Center**
1601 Kirkwood Hwy
Wilmington, DE 19805
(302) 994-2511
www.wilmington.va.gov
- 19. VA Regional Loan Guarantee Center**
1240 East Ninth Street; Cleveland, OH 44199
1-800-729-5772
<http://www.vba.va.gov/ro/cleveland/index1.htm>

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- 20. Philadelphia VA Regional Office & Insurance Center**
5000 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144
<http://www.vba.va.gov/ro/philly/Index.htm>
Regional Office: 1-800-827-1000; phillyro.query@va.gov
Insurance Center: 1-800-669-8477
5000 Wissahickon Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19144
1-800-827-1000
- 22. U.S. 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
800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov
- 23. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**
Medicare Service Center: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227)
Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)
www.cms.hhs.gov
- 24. Widener Small Business Development Center**
1450 Edgmont Ave, Suite 120, Chester, PA 19013
610-619-8490; info@widnersbdc.org; www.widenersbdc.org
- 25. U.S. Small Business Administration – Philadelphia District Office**
Parkview Tower; 1150 First Avenue; Suite 1001; King of Prussia, PA 19406
Andrea Giles, Small Business Specialist
Phone: (610) 382-3062 ext. 3080; andrea.giles@sba.gov
- 26. PNC Bank**
1-888-PNC-BANK
www.pnc.com
- 27. Pennsylvania Bar Association**
100 South Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101
800.932.0311
www.pabar.org
- 28. 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
- 29. Magee Rehabilitation Hospital**
1513 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
800-96-MAGEE, www.mageerehab.org

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- 30. ReMed**
16 Industrial Blvd., Suite 203, Paoli, PA 19301
800-84REMEDI, 484-595-9300, info@remed.com, www.remmed.com
- 31. Give An Hour**
PO Box 5918, Bethesda, MD, 20824
info@giveanhour.org, www.giveanhour.org
- 32. Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic**
215 West Church Road Suite 111, King of Prussia, PA 19406
610-265-8090
www.rfbid.org
- 33. Delaware County Disaster Crisis Outreach & Referral Team**
- 34. Elwyn**
111 Elwyn Road; Elwyn, PA 19063
Phone: (610) 891-2000; Fax: (610) 891-2458
Sandy Corneilius – sandy_corneilius@elwyn.org
<http://www.elwyn.org/>
- 35. Collegiate Consortium for Workforce and Economic Development**
4747 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19112
Phone: 215-218-3886; Fax: 215-218-3889; <http://www.collegiateconsortium.org/>
Tyrone Beach – beach@collegiateconsortium.org
- 36. West Chester University**
Emil H. Messikomer Hall; 100 W. Rosedale Ave; West Chester, PA 19383
Phone: (610) 436-3411; Fax: (610) 436-2907; ugadmiss@wcupa.edu
<http://www.wcupa.edu/>
- 37. Rosemont College**
1400 Montgomery Ave, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Phone: (610) 527-0200;
www.rosemont.edu
- 38. Anthem Institute**
400 S. State Road; Springfield, PA 19064
1-877-600-8860
<http://www.anthem institute.com/>
- 39. Penn State Brandywine**
25 Yearsley Mill Rd., Media, PA 19063
Phone: (610) 892-1200; Fax: (610) 892-1357; bwadmissions@psu.edu
<http://www.brandywine.psu.edu/>
- 40. Pennsylvania Institute of Technology**
Media Campus; 800 Manchester Avenue; Media, PA 19063
1-800-422-0025; Fax: (610) 892-1533; info@pit.edu
<http://www.pit.edu/>

Exhibitors

41. **Liberty USO**
USO of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey, Inc.
Philadelphia International Airport, Terminal A-East
Philadelphia, PA 19153
(215) 365-8010
www.libertyuso.org
42. **Herbert W. Best VFW Post 928**
1805 MacDade Blvd, Folsom, PA 19033
(610) 461-1226
www.vfw.org
43. **High Seas Mariners**
Leon Silver
Phone: (610) 449-7333
44. **Brave Spirits**
(610) 667-3270
<http://www.bravespirits.com>
45. **FreedomandHonor.org**
1601 Valley Forge Road; Valley Forge, PA 19482
Nancy McGrory: (610) 933-8825 x241
Martin Richardson: (610) 717-7797; mrichardson@returntohonorworkshop.com
<http://www.returntohonorworkshop.com/>
46. **Operation Home and Healing**
<http://www.operationhomeandhealing.org>
<http://www.councilforrelationships.org>
John Musewicz, Program Director – (610) 642-2648 ext. 9
47. **Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #67**
(610) 626-7598; wabarner@aol.com
<http://www.vvachapter67.freesevers.com>
<http://www.vva.org>
48. **Disabled American Veterans**
877-I AM A Vet (877-426-2838)
<https://www.dav.org/>
49. **AMVets**
877-726-8387
www.amvets.org; amvets@amvets.org

Additional Resources

Appeals: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch05.doc
Board of Veteran's Appeals: <http://www.va.gov/vbs/bva/>
Center for Minority Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/centerforminorityveterans/>
Center for Veterans Enterprise <http://www.vetbiz.gov/default2.htm>
Center for Women Veterans <http://www1.va.gov/womenvet/>
Clarification on the changes in VA healthcare for Gulf War Veterans: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum1/HTML/000016.html>
Classified Records - American Gulf War Veterans Assoc.: <http://www.gulfwarvets.com/ubb/Forum18/HTML/000011.html>
Compensation for Disabilities Associated with the Gulf War Service http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/part6/ch07.doc
Compensation Rate Tables, 12-1-03: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/comp01.htm>
Department of Veterans Affairs Home Page: <http://www.va.gov/>
Directory of Veterans Service Organizations: <http://www1.va.gov/vso/index.cfm?template=view>
Disability Examination Worksheets Index, Comp: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Benefits/exams/index.htm>
Due Process: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch02.doc
Duty to Assist: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch01.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: <http://www1.va.gov/environagents/>
Environmental Agents M10: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1002
Establishing Combat Veteran Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=315
Evaluation Protocol for Gulf War and Iraqi Freedom Veterans with Potential Exposure to Depleted Uranium: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DUHandbook1303122304.DOC> or http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1158
Depleted Uranium Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/DepletedUraniumFAQSheet.doc>
Fee Basis, Priority for Outpatient Medical Services and Inpatient Hospital Care: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=206
Forms and Records Request: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/>
General Compensation Provisions: http://www.access.gpo.gov/uscode/title38/part_ii_chapter11_subchaptervi.html
Geriatrics and Extended Care: <http://www1.va.gov/geriatricsshg/>
Guideline for Chronic Pain and Fatigue MUS-CPG: http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg/cpgn/mus/mus_base.htm
Guide to Gulf War Veteran's Health: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/VHIGulfwar.pdf>
Gulf War Subject Index: <http://www1.va.gov/GulfWar/page.cfm?pg=7&template=main&letter=A>
Gulf War Veteran's Illnesses Q&As: <http://www1.va.gov/gulfwar/docs/GWIllnessesQandAsIB1041.pdf>
Hearings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch04.doc
Homeless Veterans: <http://www1.va.gov/homeless/>
Ionizing Radiation: <http://www1.va.gov/irad/>
Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom Veterans VBA: <http://www.vba.va.gov/EFIF/>
M 10 for spouses and children: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1007
M10 Part III Change 1: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1008
M21-1 Table of Contents: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/M21_1.html
Mental Disorders, Schedule of Ratings: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/regs/38CFR/BOOKC/PART4/S4_130.DOC

Additional Resources

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=1003
Persian Gulf Registry Referral Centers: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1006
Persian Gulf Veterans' Illnesses Research 2002, Annual Report To Congress http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/gulf_war_2002/GulfWarRpt02.pdf
Policy Manual Index: <http://www.va.gov/publ/direc/eds/edsmps.htm>
Power of Attorney: http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/admin21/m21_1/mr/part1/ch03.doc
Project 112 (Including Project SHAD): <http://www1.va.gov/shad/>
Prosthetics Eligibility: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=337
Public Health and Environmental Hazards Home Page: <http://www.vethealth.cio.med.va.gov/>
Mental Health Program Guidelines: http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/ViewPublication.asp?pub_ID=1094
Publications Manuals: <http://www1.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?Pub=4>
Publications and Reports: http://www1.va.gov/resdev/prt/pubs_individual.cfm?webpage=gulf_war.htm
Records Center and Vault Homepage: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/default.html>
Records Center and Vault Site Map: <http://www.aac.va.gov/vault/sitemap.html>
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses April 11, 2002: http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/Minutes_April112002.doc
Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans Illnesses: http://www1.va.gov/rac-gwvi/docs/ReportandRecommendations_2004.pdf
Research and Development: http://www.appc1.va.gov/resdev/programs/all_programs.cfm
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims: <http://www.vetapp.gov/>
VA Best Practice Manual for Post traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): <http://www.avapl.org/pub/PTSD%20Manual%20final%2006.pdf>
VA Fact Sheet: <http://www1.va.gov/opa/fact/gwfs.html>
VA Health Care Eligibility: <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility/home/hecmain.asp>
VA Life Insurance Handbook: <http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/GLIhandbook/glibookletch3.htm#310>
VA Loan Lending Limits and Jumbo Loans: http://valoans.com/va_facts_limits.cfm
VA MS Research: <http://www.va.gov/ms/about.asp>
VA National Hepatitis C Program: <http://www.hepatitis.va.gov/>
VA Office of Research and Development: <http://www1.va.gov/resdev/>
VA Trainee Pocket Card on Gulf War: <http://www.va.gov/OAA/pocketcard/gulfwar.asp>
VA WMD EMSHG <http://www1.va.gov/emshg/>
VA WRIISC-DC <http://www.va.gov/WRIISC-DC/>
VAOIG Hotline Telephone Number and Address <http://www.va.gov/oig/hotline/hotline3.htm>
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 Programs - Clinical Programs & Initiatives: http://www1.va.gov/health_benefits/page.cfm?pg=13
VHA Public Health Strategic Health Care Group Home Page: <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/>
VHI Guide to Gulf War Veterans Health: http://www1.va.gov/vhi_ind_study/gulfwar/istudy/index.asp
Vocational Rehabilitation: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/>
Vocational Rehabilitation Subsistence: <http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/vre/InterSubsistencefy04.doc>
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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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY
AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Statewide Veterans Expo

June 16th
9:00 AM—4:30 PM

Forum Building
607 South Drive, Harrisburg, PA

Topics Include:

- * Health Care
- * OEF/OIF
- * Veterans' Employment
 - * Education
- * Transitional Services

Registration is Free, But Seats are limited
Contact ODAGVA at (717) 861-8902 to register
www.paveterans.state.pa.us

Operation First Response sponsors:

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Sunday, June 14
Rose Tree Park
Rain or Shine 11:30AM—4:00PM

- 35,00 soldiers have already returned home with serious, life changing injuries
- 90% of funds received go directly to wounded soldiers and their families
- Operation First Response provides everything from paying a critical mortgage payment to purchasing a used care, school clothes for children or even providing training for a new job
- Last year more than 6,000 attended and 2,000 walked, raising more than \$89,000, this year's goal is \$100,000
- For more information or to sign up, visit www.operationfirstresonse.com

Notes: