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#### FROM THE MINEFIELD:

Submitted by John Harrigan

With November right around the corner it is our busy time of the year. The Sussex County Salute to Veterans will be held at the Fair Grounds on Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm. There will be refreshments, music and the Veterans Pin will be distributed at the end. We have always had a very large turnout for this and am hoping to see as many members there as possible. On the following Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a DAR breakfast and we have been invited and can bring about 30 people. As of today we have about 20 signed up so we only have room for about 10 more so if you are interested sign the sheet or see me after the meeting.

On Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> there will be the Annual Veterans Mass here at St Francis at 2pm. As in past years this is open to all Veterans and their Family so if you can make it please attend as a way of saying Thank you for doing this. It is open to all denominations so please try and make it.

On Monday November 11<sup>th</sup> which is Veterans Day we will have a Service at the Veterans Cemetery in Sparta at 12 pm and will place Flags on all of the Graves in Honor of the service of our fellow Brothers and Sisters.

Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 2pm here at St Francis. As in years past the Chapter will supply the food and all you have to do is bring an appetizer and desert for your table and also what you would like to drink. The sign-up sheet is here at this meeting and we really need to know how many will be attending and names and ages of the Children. So if you are coming please sign up so we can order the Food.

On September 28<sup>th</sup> myself and John Brady attended the St Francis Health Fair and gave out information on what the VA has to offer. Then on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> the Legion riders held the Motorcycle run for the Cemetery and had 194 riders. I would like to Thank all those from the Chapter who attended and especially the Legion for doing this for the Cemetery and raising funds for the Building.

We will have one more meeting this year on November 24<sup>th</sup> and our December meeting is the Christmas party.

That's it for now see you at the meeting.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:

Submitted by John Brady

As I reported in the last newsletter we have a busy schedule coming up for the month of November.

First is the Salute to Veterans Parade on Sunday, November 3 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds. The parade will step off at 13:00 (1 p.m.) so we ask everyone to be there by Noon. We have always had a good showing and hope to have good one again this year. It's a short parade to be followed by hot dogs, coffee, water and desert.

Next up is an important day, Election Day. Voting is a privilege that we enjoy in this country. Many countries around the world are not so fortunate. Some people say there one vote doesn't matter. Let's take a lesson we learned in the military. The success of a mission depended on teamwork from many individuals not one person. Think of voting as being part of a team, each person doing their part matters. It doesn't matter who you wish to vote for as long as you do vote.

On Sunday, November 10, we will have our Veteran's Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church at 14:00 (2 P.M.) This is a yearly event we have done since the chapter was formed. Even though it is celebrated in a Catholic Church all veterans of any denomination are welcome and I promise the roof of the church will not cave in if you attend. Remember, THERE ARE NO ATHEISTS IN FOXHOLES!

The next day is of course Veteran's Day. True we are invited to various restaurants to eat for free but what is most important is that we honor our fellow brothers and sisters who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. The chapter will have a service at noon time at the NNJVMC Cemetery in Sparta. All are invited to attend.

As you can see we have quite a schedule ahead of us and I invite all who are able to attend these events.

Everyone have a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

### **SERVICE OFFICER:**

Submitted by Skip Kays

If you want any further information, or have any suggestions you can contact me at 973 459-9392 or at skays1@embarqmail.com.

#### Millions more Vets to be allowed to shop on base

Pay & Benefits from Military Times

Millions more will soon be allowed to shop on military bases. But some veterans wonder how they'll get access.

Some veterans have contacted Military Times to say that they are eligible for the new benefit that takes effect Jan. 1, but are concerned they won't have access to the stores. (Defense Commissary Agency/Kevin Robinson)

As defense officials get ready for 3 million more people who will be able to shop at military stores on base, some veterans are wondering whether they'll be able to use their new benefits.

Based on responses to Military Times queries, there are no answers yet for these veterans. Information was not immediately available about how many veterans could be affected.

Under a 2018 law, Purple Heart recipients; former prisoners of war; veterans with a service-connected disability from 0 to 90 percent as documented by the Department of Veterans Affairs; and certain primary veteran caregivers will be newly eligible to shop at

commissaries and exchanges. It applies to all military bases, including Coast Guard.

Medal of Honor recipients and veterans with a VA-documented service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and their authorized family members have long been authorized these privileges, under DoD policy.

Commissaries sell discounted groceries. Military exchanges sell a variety of items ranging from clothing and shoes to toys, furniture, home appliances and electronics. They have on-base gas stations and stores that sell alcoholic beverages.

This newly eligible population will also be able to use certain morale, welfare and recreational, or MWR, facilities such as golf courses, movie theaters, clubs and certain other programs and facilities that are self-sufficient, generating enough revenue through fees and/or sales to pay their operating costs.

The departments of Veterans Affairs, Defense and Homeland Security have been working together for months on plans for how the program will be implemented. A crucial part of that is the credential required to get onto the base and to shop at the stores, because most veterans who aren't retired don't have access to installations.

Defense officials are working to enable technology at the front gate to scan those veteran cards so veterans can get in to use those benefits. Commissary officials are working on adjusting their technology to enable systems to read the cards.

Some veterans have said they are eligible for the new benefits because of their disability rating, but don't qualify for the VHIC, for various reasons. One veteran said she has tried to get answers from VA about what she can do to be able to shop, but has been unsuccessful. "I hope the VA and DoD will work together to ensure that no veterans with a service-connected disability are overlooked on this benefit," said the veteran, who asked to remain anonymous.

"The VHIC is the only credential that DoD resale and MWR facilities will accept from veterans authorized privileges solely under the Purple Heart and Disabled Veterans Equal Access Act of 2018," said DoD spokeswoman Jessica Maxwell. "Specific questions about who can and how to obtain a VHIC should be directed to the Department of Veterans Affairs."

For their part, VA officials say DoD is in charge of this benefit expansion. "We are working with DoD to accommodate all eligible veterans," said VA spokesman Randy Noller.

For veteran caregivers who are newly eligible, the process will be different, initially, since caregivers aren't directly affiliated with DoD or VA, other than through the



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annual appointment to be a caregiver. The benefit applies to the primary caregiver of wounded/injured veterans who are registered in the VA caregiver program. The VA will post a memo to VA.gov for caregivers, to be used for access at the front gate, along with driver's license or other authorized form of ID. The VA process will later transition to a caregiver-type ID card, which will have scanning swipe capability.

Translation: Details are being worked out!

#### **Benefits for Survivors of Veterans**

Some of you may be aware of this, but some such as myself, were not.

I came to this after wondering if my wife was able to collect some or all of my VA disability payment if I died first. I was also discussing this with a shipmate who has learned he has a serious cancer that may be related to his service.

This is one possibility. There is way too much information needed that would be too much for this column.

If you want further information, contact me and I will send it along.

#### **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)**

DIC is a monthly benefit paid to eligible survivors of a military service member who died while on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training, OR

- veteran whose death resulted from a servicerelated injury or disease, OR
- veteran whose death resulted from a non-service-related injury or disease, and who was receiving, or was entitled to receive, VA Compensation for service-connected disability that was rated as totally disabling for at least 10 years immediately before death, OR since the veteran's release from active duty and for at least five years immediately preceding death, OR for at least one year before death if the veteran was a former prisoner of war who died after September 30, 1999.

#### Who Is Eligible?

The surviving spouse if he or she:

• validly married the veteran before January 1, 1957, OR

- was married to a service member who died on active duty, active duty for training, or inactive duty training, OR
- married the veteran within 15 years of discharge from the period of military service in which the disease or injury that caused the veteran's death began or was aggravated, OR
- was married to the veteran for at least one year, OR
- had a child with the veteran, AND
- cohabited with the veteran continuously until the veteran's death or, if separated, was not at fault for the separation, AND
- is not currently remarried.\*

The surviving child(ren), if he/she is:

- not included on the surviving spouse's DIC
- unmarried AND
- under age 18, or between the ages of 18 and 23 and attending school.

The surviving dependent parent(s) may also be eligible for an income-based benefit.

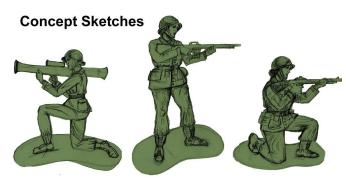
#### **How Much Does VA Pay?**

The basic monthly rate of DIC is \$1,319 for an eligible surviving spouse. The rate is increased for each dependent child, and also if the surviving spouse is housebound or in need of aid and attendance. VA also adds a transitional benefit of \$326 to the surviving spouse's monthly DIC if there are children under age 18. The amount is based on a family unit, not individual children. An allowance of \$326 a month is also available if the person receiving DIC needs aid and attendance.

## **WOMEN VETERANS:**

Submitted by Walt Hazelman

Girl's message for equality received in a big way: Green Army women figurines are on the way



# **BMC Toys® Plastic Army Women**

This illustration shows concept sketches for BMC Toys' plastic green Army women. (BMC Toys)

Just weeks after stories swirled about a complaint letter penned by an unsatisfied 6-year-old girl from Arkansas in response to a glaring lack of green Army women figurines, one toy maker is officially doing something about it.

BMC Toys, one of three companies to receive letters from young Vivian Lord — and the only to respond — has begun producing women figurines to be included in the iconic toy set that dates back to the 1930s.

Vivian Lord's letters were the result of an excited purchase of one of the iconic sets.

The once-exuberant girl became flummoxed when, sifting through figures contorted into one of an array of well-known fighting positions, she realized none looked like her.

"Why do you not make girl army men?" she wrote in her letters

"Some girls don't like pink, so please can you make army girls that look like women?"

Jeff Imel of BMC Toys wasted little time responding, notifying the disgruntled customer that he had been kicking around the idea of manufacturing green women figurines for years.

With enough support, it can happen, Imel responded. As it turns out, support came quickly.

"I promised to conduct some research, and discovered there might be enough folks looking for Little Green Army Women to consider producing some," Imel wrote in a BMC Toys blog. Customers looking for a product is just one part of the production process, however. The real hurdle was acquiring funding.

"To do a new set of figures like this, it's about the cost of a modest new car, you know, so I checked the couch cushions, came up empty," Imel joked with WNEP news

But the requests in support of young Vivian Lord kept pouring in, so Imel made the call to initiate production.

"Maybe having a set of plastic Army women will help some kid somewhere be the hero of their own story at playtime," Immel told WNEP.

"And I think that's a good thing for everybody." The new sets are scheduled for a fall 2020 release.

## **POW/MIA:**

Submitted by Bob Gilbert

- 9/16/2019: Cpl. Asa E. Vance, U.S. Army Company D, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, Lost 12/2/1950, North Korea
- 9/17/2019: Cpl. Loyd B. Odom, U.S. Army Company A, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, 31st Regimental Combat Team, Lost 12/2/1950, North Korea
- 9/18/2019: Cpl. Henry L. Phillips, U.S. Army Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Lost 11/28/1950, North Korea
- 9/23/2019: Cpl. Kenneth E. Ford, U.S. Army Company C, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, Lost 12/2/1950. North Korea
- 9/24/2019: Sgt. David C. Sewell, U.S. Army, Company M, 3rd Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, Lost 11/28/1950, North Korea
- 9/24/2019: Col. Jerome V. Hummel, U.S. Army, Heavy Mortar Company, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, Lost 11/30/1950, North Korea
- 9/24/2019: Seaman 2nd Class D.T. Kyser, U.S. Navy, USS Oklahoma, Lost 12/7/1941, Pearl Harbor
- 9/27/2019: 1st Lt. Justin G. Mills, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Lost 11/20/1943, Tarawa
- 10/1/2019: Pfc. Marley R. Arthurholtz, U.S. Marine Corps, USS Oklahoma, Lost 12/7/1941, Pearl Harbor
- 10/1/2019: Sgt. 1st Class Riley Burchfield, U.S. Army, Company D, 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, Lost 11/26/1950, North Korea



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- 10/1/2019: Pfc. John A. Shelemba, U.S. Army Company L, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, Lost 11/7/1950, South Korea
- 10/1/2019: Pfc. Louis Wiesehan, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps, Company F, 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Lost 11/21/1943, Tarawa
- 10/1/2019: Pfc. Robert J. Hatch, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company D, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Lost 11/22/1943, Tarawa
- 10/1/2019: Pfc. John R. Bayens, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company B, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Lost 11/22/1943, Tarawa
- 10/3/201: Pfc. Norman A. Buan, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company C, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Lost 11/20/1943, Tarawa
- 10/3/2019: Pfc. Jack B. Van Zandt, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, Company A, 1st Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, Lost 11/22/1943, Tarawa
- 10/3/2019: Pfc. Ray P. Fairchild, U.S. Marine Corps, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Lost 11/27/1950, North Korea

## <u>AGENT ORANGE:</u>

Submitted by Owen Martin

No report.

# **COMMUNITY/PUBLIC AFFAIRS:**

Submitted by Lou Storms

On September 10th, myself and the usual group of members, went to Lyons to serve dinner to the vets at the in-patient PTSD Unit and the Ladies Upstairs.

I'd like to thank all the guys who take the time, and make the trip with me every other month. Bob Lewis, Carl Ohlson, Ken Geer, John Fedynich, John Drinkard, Norm Seider, Bob Cubby and Skip Kays. It couldn't be done without you.

It was another great visit, good food, again supplied by ShopRite, and good conversation.

Our next trip is scheduled for November 12th. Anyone interested in joining us can sign the sheet up front or contact me.

## **Scheduled Meetings:**

Meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted.

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27<sup>th</sup> October 24<sup>th</sup> November 7<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Party)

## **Calendar of Events:**

Visit <u>www.VVA1002.org</u> for information on upcoming events.

3<sup>rd</sup> November - Salute to Veterans Parade at the Sussex County Fairgrounds be there by NOON if you are marching.

5<sup>th</sup> November – Election Day

10<sup>th</sup> November - Veteran's Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church at 14:00 (2 P.M.)

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party at St. Francis de Sales Church at 14:00 (2:00 P.M.)

# **NEW MEMBERS:**

"WELCOME HOME"

No report.

#### **PASSINGS:**

No report.

## **Homeless Committee (new):**

Submitted by John Drinkard

I've run out of Homeless Shelters, so I'm starting the series over again from the beginning. Here are some resources I have identified for the Homeless in Sussex County:

- Sussex County Emergency Services\*
  - o Prior to 4:30: 973-383-3600
  - o After 4:30: 973-940-8869
- Bridgeway Rehabilitation Services:
  - 0 973-383-8670
- Catholic Charities:
  - 0 855-767-8387
- Community Hope:
  - 0 973-463-9600
- Family Promise of Sussex County\*:
  - 0 973-579-1180
- Samaritan Inn\*:
  - 0 973-940-8872
- Veterans Haven North:
  - 0 908-537-1999
- VA Homeless Hotline:
  - 0 877-424-3838

\*provides overnight or temporary shelter

I am gathering resources and building a structure for the Homeless Committee. So all comments and contributions on this topic are welcome.

# **CONGRATULATIONS/CONCERNS:**

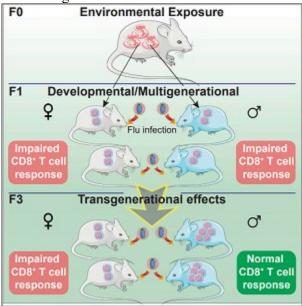
Happy November & December Anniversaries:
Kathy & Lenny Weakland
Audrey & Jerry Magnus
Happy November Birthday's:
United States Marine Corps "SEMPER
FIDELIS" Nov 10, 1775
Audrey Magnus

#### **MEMBERS CORNER:**

1. Submitted by Owen Martin Thursday, October 10, 2019

# URMC research suggests why flu season hits some harder than others

Researchers at the University of Rochester said that they have found links between environmental toxins and weakened immune systems that get passed down from generation to generation.



Paige Lawrence, who runs a lab in the environmental medicine department at the University of Rochester, said the results of the study, published this month in the journal iScience, could help explain why some people are more vulnerable to the flu than others.

#### The project started with mice.

"We got mice, we let them get pregnant, and while they were pregnant, we exposed them to very teeny tiny amounts of dioxins -- one part per billion," Lawrence said.

Dioxins are a type of pollution that is toxic to both people and mice. Their negative effects on immune systems are well-documented.

What has been less clear is whether those effects can be inherited.

To study that connection, the researchers also had a set of mice that they did not expose to dioxins. They tracked both groups for three generations -- until they had what Lawrence called, "the mouse equivalent of great-grandchildren."



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#### 2. Submitted by Owen Martin

# Do you have the evidence you need to win your unemployability claim?

by Matthew Hill

To show that you are entitled to VA unemployability you have prove that your VA service connected disabilities keep you from working. You must also have a combined rating of 70% with at least one of those ratings being for 40% or a single rating of 60% (there are many exceptions to this 40% and 60% requirement). Once you have this rating then you need to show that these disabilities keep you from working. Here is what you need:

- 1. Fill out and hand in VA's unemployability for 21 8940. VA will not approve you claim without this form
- 2. Get together medical evidence showing the severity of your service connected disability
- 3. Get any statements you can from former employers about how they saw your disabilities interfered with you work
- 4. Have your friends and family write statements about what they observe your restrictions are due to your disabilities. It is important that their statements are basic and do not try to be over technical. Essentially, they need to discuss the who, what, when, where and why. For example, "my husband will go out to mow our law with a push-mower. The lawn isn't more than a quarter acre. He makes one pass and he has to sit for twenty minutes. This is how much he can do ever since we found out that he has ischemic heart disease."
- 5. Once you have all this evidence take it to your doctor. If he believes that you cannot work due to your service connected disabilities then he needs to write a short statement. In the statement he must identify the evidence he reviewed, state that 'it is as likely as not' that you cannot work due to your service connected disabilities and then WHY. It is the 'why' that makes so many doctor

statements fall your short. The doctor must connect the evidence to you not being able to work. Back to my example above about veteran having severe heart disease a good opinion would be something like this "I have reviewed Mr. Veteran's medical records, employer statements and family statements. I believe that it is as likely as not that his heart keeps him from working because his ejection fraction is so low that he is not getting the blood flow that he needs, which in turn zaps all his energy. He would not be able to make it through a full work day.'

- 6. If you are proactive in obtaining this evidence then your chances to win will go up significantly.
- 3. Submitted by Walt Hazelman

# VA launches new health care options under MISSION Act

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched its new and improved Veterans Community Care Program on June 6, 2019, implementing portions of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act), which both ends the Veterans Choice Program and establishes a new Veterans Community Care Program. The MISSION Act will strengthen the nationwide VA Health Care System by empowering Veterans with more health care options.

"The changes not only improve our ability to provide the health care Veterans need, but also when and where they need it," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "It will also put Veterans at the center of their care and offer options, including expanded telehealth and urgent care, so they can find the balance in the system that is right for them."

Under the new Veterans Community Care Program, Veterans can work with their VA health care provider or other VA staff to see if they are eligible to receive community care based on new criteria. Eligibility for community care does not require a Veteran to receive that care in the community; Veterans can still choose to have VA provide their care. Veterans may elect to receive care

in the community if they meet any of the following six eligibility criteria:

- 1. A Veteran needs a service not available at any VA medical facility.
- 2. A Veteran lives in a U.S. state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility. Specifically, this would apply to Veterans living in Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire and the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands.
- 3. A Veteran qualifies under the "grandfather" provision related to distance eligibility under the Veterans Choice Program.
- 4. VA cannot furnish care within certain designated access standards. The specific access standards are described below:
- Drive time to a specific VA medical facility
- Thirty-minute average drive time for primary care, mental health and noninstitutional extended care services.
- Sixty-minute average drive time for specialty care.

**Note:** Drive times are calculated using geomapping software.

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4. Submitted by Walt Hazelman
Their War Came Home (see page 10)

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 1. Special Note: If you are a veteran in emotional crisis and need help RIGHT NOW, call (toll free 24/7) 1-800-273-8255 and tell them you are a veteran. All calls are confidential.
- 2. Jackets (\$60 (summer) & \$70 (winter)); t-shirts (\$15); hats (\$10); golf shirts (short sleeve \$28; long sleeve \$33) are still available. See Owen Martin for purchases or to place an order (prepayment for orders are appreciated)
- 3. Important note to families of deceased veterans, and/or requestors: *Submitted by* Bob Caggiano It is the right of every deceased Veteran to have a Military honors team attend the graveside service, to present the Flag at no charge to the family. Honors Teams are sent out, at the expense of the US Government.

In January 2000, Congress passed legislation guaranteeing Veterans the right to at least two uniformed servicemen, a flag ceremony, and the playing of TAPS at their funeral. Unfortunately, there are not enough buglers to play TAPS, so the historic melody has been played on a CD player at many Veterans' last ceremony, or more currently

on a bugle that plays Taps using an electronic insert. The volunteer organization "Bugles Across America" (a.k.a. BAA) was created to honor the service of veterans by providing Taps live by a bugler using a real instrument (such as a bugle, trumpet, cornet, or flugelhorn) at funerals or any other ceremony requiring a bugler. There are currently over 7500 volunteer buglers nationwide in all 50 states, and some overseas who stand ready to serve. BAA volunteers perform Taps as a free service.

As a Vietnam era veteran member of VVA Chapter 1002 and a BAA volunteer bugler, I am available to play for anyone who needs a bugler for Taps (or other appropriate bugle calls) for any honorable discharged veteran or related military ceremony. In the event I cannot play because of a scheduling conflict, I can generally still provide a substitute bugler so please contact me - Bob Caggiano, USAF Veteran, (973) 222-7591 (cell) or FinalTaps@gmail.com.



## **Editors Corner:**

By Linda Skellenger (AVVA)

Please have information to be included in the November newsletter to me by Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> by email: skelle@ptd.net or by snail-mail to:

Linda Skellenger 174 Lewisburg Rd. Sussex, N.J. 07461

# SOS VETERAN STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT: A DISCUSSION OF VA COMMUNITY CARE

Passaic County
October 18, 2019
1:30pm to 4:00pm
Berkeley College
Community Room
44 Rifle Camp Road
Woodland Park, NJ 01424
RSVP: David Pearson
dpearson@Catholicharities.org

On June 6, 2019, the MISSION Act took effect and VA changed the way it handles care for Veterans in the community.

Join us for an in-depth disscussion about VA Community Care, when Veterans can use it and how providers can join VA's expanding network.

VA NJ Health Care System Community Outreach Coordinator,

Dave Brimmer will lead our discussion.



# Their War Came Home 2016

... a real life documentary film
by Veterans
Norman Seider, Carl Ohlson, John Drinkard

Once you have gone to war, you can be changed forever. All too often, war does not remain on the battlefield, it comes home with the warrior. Veterans can suffer visible wounds and wounds of war that are not always visible to the outside world, yet both kinds can wreak havoc on the home front.

**SEE THIS FILM** Witness real life stories of some Veterans, their spouses, family members, and clinical experts. They will tell you how family and friends all suffer if the Veteran is in the clutches of Post Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury, alcohol and/or drug addiction, readjustment problems, identity crisis, unemployment, homelessness, and even suicide.

**SEE THIS FILM** If you or someone you love -- or someone you know -- is trying to come home to a "normal" life.

**SEE THIS FILM** If you want to know more about what life is like for some of our returning Veterans.

SEE THIS FILM It will grab you and not let you go.

**SEE THIS FILM** The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with participants in the film and people whose work it is to help returning Veterans. They will respond to your thoughts, questions or concerns.

# **FREE SCREENING!**

Wednesday, November 6<sup>th at</sup> 6 pm Sussex County Main Library