DMVA News

Veterans Benefits Continue To Be Available During COVID-19:
The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) wants to assure veterans that state and federal benefits processing are still on-going. The DMVA and the Federal VA both continue to work to provide veterans with information, help them with enrolling for benefits they are entitled to and serve their needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. [Website]

PA Veterans Homes-Specific COVID-19 Updates:
The Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs puts the highest priority on the health and safety of the nearly 1,300 veterans homes residents we serve and the dedicated staff who serve them. To learn how our six veterans homes continue to serve Pennsylvania veterans during COVID-19 visit [Website]

DMVA's Southeastern Veterans' Center Is Hiring:
The Southeastern Veterans' Center in Spring City (Chester County) is hiring. Immediate positions are available for Registered Nurses, Nurse Aide Trainees and Certified Nurse Aides. [Website]

DMVA Is Hiring Nurses:
At the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, we currently have immediate openings for rewarding careers in nursing across Pennsylvania. [Website]

Call For DMVA Hall Of Fame 2020 Nominations:
Pennsylvania's adjutant general and head of the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) is calling for nominations for the DMVA Hall of Fame 2020. Election to the Hall of Fame is the department's most auspicious honor that is conferred upon an individual for monumental achievements contributing to the DMVA or Pennsylvania National Guard. Nominations must be submitted no later than Aug. 7. [Website]

Around the State

Karen Pence Visits Pittsburgh:
Second Lady Karen Pence made a stop in Pittsburgh alongside Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie at Forever Heart Farm, LLC. in Moon Township (Allegheny County) for bee boot camp. [Website](#).

**Pennsylvania’s Neighborhood Assistance Program Now Open For Applications:**
Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Davin announced that applications for the Neighborhood Assistance Program and the Neighborhood Assistance Program, Enterprise Zone Tax Credit (EZP) are now open for the 2020-21 program year and applications will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2020. [Website](#).

**National Guardsmen Descend On National Battlefield For "Best Warrior" Competition:**
With the backdrop of rolling hills, cornfields and farms, eight members of the National Guard marched for miles along roads at the Antietam National Battlefield in Maryland, where the bloodiest single day battle in U.S. history occurred. Those eight young men were competing in a leg of the Best Warrior Challenge, a competition among the best National Guardsmen from Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Pennsylvania. [Website](#).

**Assistance Is Available For Pennsylvanians Experiencing Homelessness, Unable To Pay Rent And Mortgages:**
Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Secretary Teresa Miller reminded Pennsylvanians that help is available and encouraged anyone affected financially by the COVID-19 crisis to take advantage of rent and mortgage assistance programs. [Website](#).

**PA National Guard Helps Return Remains Of Soldier Killed During Korean War:**

**AHEPA District 4 Donates Service Dogs To National Program For Vets:**
AHEPA Power District 4 of Pennsylvania donated three service dogs for to AHEPA’s national program that serves veterans. The district currently leads all contributing AHEPA districts across the country in supporting the AHEPA National Service Dogs for Warriors Foundation with its donation for deserving veterans. [Website](#).
Senate Expands List Of Conditions Caused By Agent Orange In Vietnam War:
"The Fair Care for Vietnam Veterans Act of 2020" adds bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinson's like symptoms to the list of presumptive medical conditions, paving the way for those veterans to now receive critical care and benefits from the VA. [Website.]

Alaska Native Veterans Program Land Claim Eligibility:
The Alaska Native Veterans Program of 2019 allows Alaska native veterans who served in the Vietnam era, or an heir of theirs, to claim between 2.5 and 160 acres of land in Alaska. [Website.]

Veteran Status Left Out Of Census Count:
This year when veterans fill out the 2020 census, they will be unable to designate themselves as such. The census does not collect that information. It's not just a point of pride for those who have served. Data generated by the census determines state and federal funding, as government services are allocated according to demographics. Without such a designation, organizations that focus on helping veterans find jobs and housing may not receive enough funding to support the people they serve. [Website.]

VA Provides Expanded Services For Women Veterans:
Gynecological care is just one of the many health care services now available from VA for women veterans. There are many female specific routine exams and screenings offered to women veterans through the medical center. For example, those services include colposcopy, cervical cancer screening and prevention, chronic pelvic pain, endometriosis and abnormal bleeding issues. [Website.]

**Employment Opportunities**

*This listing is offered as a resource to both Pennsylvania's veterans and businesses that seek to employ veterans. The DMVA has not investigated the positions being offered or the businesses listed, and does not warrant or guarantee either the availability or the terms and conditions of the positions listed. Please contact the employers represented in this listing directly. To have an employment opportunity listed please email: RA-VA-Newsletter@pa.gov*

Become A Commonwealth Nurse:
Help a veteran who has served their country. Comfort a person in need. The commonwealth is hiring nurses throughout Pennsylvania, offering a competitive benefits package including a state retirement, high starting salary and more. Apply today! [Website.]

DMVA Is Hiring:
WE'RE HIRING! The needs of Pennsylvania’s veterans do not diminish during this time, and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) needs staff to serve and care for our veterans at each of our six veterans homes. Working at one of our homes is a rewarding career with great benefits. The DMVA has immediate job openings for: certified nurse aides; licensed practical nurses; registered nurses; registered nurse supervisors; registered PRN nurses; custodial workers and food service workers. Apply online at Website.

Army National Guard Career Management Fields Specialist For NCO Academy:
Strategy Consulting Team is seeking to hire a career management fields specialist for the Army National Guard to provide career management fields training services for NCO Academy in Annville, PA, starting August 2020. For more information and to apply visit Website.

Manufacturer To Move Headquarters From New Jersey To Lehigh Valley, Creating 105 New Jobs:
Governor Tom Wolf announced that A.P. Deauville LLC, a manufacturer of health and beauty products, will relocate its headquarters and manufacturing operations in New Jersey to Forks Township, Northampton County, investing $16.7 million and creating 105 new jobs in the Lehigh Valley region. Website.

Wolf Administration National Company Nestle Purina PetCare Expands Operations In Mechanicsburg, Adding 94 Jobs:
Governor Tom Wolf announced that national company Nestle Purina PetCare will expand its operations in Cumberland County, hiring 94 employees and adding new processing and packaging lines to its Hampden Township location. "Purina has had a significant presence in Pennsylvania for more than 20 years, making pet food known worldwide, creating jobs and giving back to the local economy," said Gov. Wolf. Website.

Brewery BGBC LLC Is Hiring Cooks:
- Part-Time Cooks
- 1250 Simon Blvd K100, Easton, PA (Northampton County)
- For more information contact Thomas Thomasik at 610-704-0413 or email at tthomasik@gmail.com
- The Brewery BGBC LLC is looking for two part-time cooks for their small brewpub
- Facebook.

Butcher Apprenticeship Program:
Penn State Extension is hosting a 40-weeks butcher apprenticeship program. Apprentices will receive four months of in-classroom instruction and meats lab training in State College, followed by a six-month paid external apprenticeship from January to September 2021 at a Pennsylvania meat processor. For more information visit Website.
Carlisle Barracks Virtual Military Hiring Event:
- Aug. 13, 2020, noon-2 p.m.
- Join Hiring Our Heroes and representatives from organizations hiring for roles in the Carlisle Barracks area for a virtual hiring fair. This event is open to transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses, and military caregivers.
- Register at [Website](#).

Don Farr Moving And Storage Is Hiring In Allegheny County:
Don Farr is hiring for driver helper/laborer, delivery driver CDLA and delivery driver non-CDL. The positions include benefits package, promotion opportunities and job training. All positions are full-time with guaranteed minimum weekly hours. Don Farr moves military and veterans year round locally, regionally, and across the country. To apply, email Stefanie.Doyle@careerlinkpittsburgh.org or at [Website](#).

Exide Technologies Is Hiring In Lancaster, PA:
Exide Technologies is a global provider of stored electrical energy solutions, batteries and associated equipment and services for transportation and industrial markets. Your valiant service is not taken for granted at Exide Technologies. The skills you gained will be put to good use to help drive their mission forward. Exide Technologies offers a veterans-friendly culture from the executive suite to every other level in the company. Check the company out to see where you fit in. [Website](#).

G4S Secure Solutions Is Hiring:
4S Secure Solutions is currently hiring a project superintendent, security technician II, custom protection officers (armed), and upscale security officers (unarmed) for its location in Livermore, California. If you are looking for a veteran friendly employer (hired 7,560 veterans in 2019), with a growth from within policy (80 percent of upper management team came from within-including its president) and a proven track record on success for veterans, come join the team. [Website](#).

PA Department Of Health Is Hiring Contact Tracing Field Managers:
Contact tracing field managers are being hired for regions across the state. If you're interested in coordinating and leading COVID-19 contact tracing efforts in PA, visit [Website](#).

VA Hiring Housekeeping Staff - Immediate Need To Fill Positions Nationwide:
VA is seeking housekeeping staff to fill numerous, immediate openings at health care facilities across the country. Temporary, permanent, part-time and full-time positions are available. Our housekeeping staff support the mission to help veterans get better fast by keeping facilities clean and safe for patients, staff and visitors. And veterans who become housekeeping aides will work alongside fellow veterans, who make up 85 percent of VA's custodial staff. [Website](#).
Jockey In Hershey, PA Is Hiring Veterans And Military:
- Part time opportunity for key holder and sales associate
- Tanger Outlets, 159 Outlet Square, Hershey, PA (Dauphin County)
- For more information call 717-520-0880
- The Jockey clothing outlet in Hershey store manager has two job openings available to military members, veterans and their families.

Virtual Digital Media Internships For Students:
A Virtual Student Federal Service internship with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Digital Media Engagement Team provides the perfect opportunity to gain practical work experience, apply current skills, learn new skills, network and collaborate with a team of dedicated interns from across the country and VA employees while supporting and honoring our nation's veterans. College students interested in work experience at VA on projects in social media, writing, graphic design, web design and more should apply now. Website.

Wolf Administration Announces 270 New Jobs And Establishment Of New The Hershey Company Fulfillment Center:
Governor Tom Wolf announced a partnership with The Hershey Company to build a new world-class fulfillment center in Annville (Lebanon County), creating 270 new, full-time jobs. The new, 810,000-square-foot center will expand Hershey's fulfilment and warehousing capabilities to serve the United States market and will support the company's manufacturing plants and existing distribution center located in nearby Palmyra. Website.

Apprenticeship Pilot For Transitioning Service Members Will Boost Career Skills:
A new VETS Apprenticeship program assists transitioning veterans and spouses define a post-service career path. Apprenticeships connect talented workers with employers and networks in their desired industries and post-service locations. Learn how to gain paid, relevant workplace experience, classroom instruction and a nationally recognized credential. Website.

PA Options For Wellness, Inc. Hiring:
PA Options For Wellness, Inc. is hiring a digital media coordinator, director of marketing, health, safety & security manager and maintenance worker for its Harrisburg and Lancaster locations. Their mission, through clinical research partnerships, is to be a preferred provider of medical cannabis to qualified and approved patients by providing the highest quality of product, with the greatest service, in a dignified and professional manner. PA Options for Wellness is an equal opportunity employer. For more information visit Website.
PIA School For Aviation Maintenance & Electronics Open House:
- Aug. 8, 2020, 11 a.m.
- Five Allegheny County Airport, West Mifflin, PA (Allegheny County) or Web Live Stream in Microsoft Teams, no account required and access from any device.
- Aviation is advancing and evolving every day and the demand for aviation technicians is reaching new heights. A combination of retirements and industry growth has led to an unprecedented demand for PIA graduates. With PIA’s Aviation Maintenance and Aviation Electronics programs, you can be part of the force driving the industry forward.
- For more information and to register, visit Website.

Poland-Based Manufacturer To Establish Aluminum Can Manufacturing Facility And North American Center Of Excellence In Lackawanna County, Create Over 400 Jobs:
Governor Tom Wolf announced that the CANPACK Group will redevelop a former brownfield site in Lackawanna County, establishing an aluminum can manufacturing facility and North American Center of Excellence. An international manufacturer of aluminum and steel cans and glass bottles for the food and beverage sector and a subsidiary of Pennsylvania-based GIORGI GLOBAL HOLDINGS, INC., CANPACK Group's investment will create 400 new good-paying jobs for Pennsylvanians. Website.

Virtual Job Fair Hosted By Jobs717.com:
- Sept. 15-30, 2020
- For more information, call 717-598-89-590
- Register before Aug. 28, 2020. During the two-week job fair, potential candidate notifications will be sent to you via email. From there you can schedule a follow up time that works for you.
- To register, visit Website.

9-1-1 Telecommunicator At Central Susquehanna Regional 9-1-1 System:
- 30 Universal Rd., Selinsgrove, PA (Snyder County)
- Send applications to human resources coordinator at administration@csr911.org.
Application for employment is located on Website.
- 9-1-1 Telecommunicators are responsible for processing emergency and non-emergency phone calls and dispatching police, fire, and EMS agencies to the emergency. CSR911 operates a state of the art emergency communications center in Selinsgrove.
- Website.

Advanced Disposal Is Hiring Veterans:
Advanced Disposal recognizes the unique skill sets that veterans bring to the workforce. That is why they place an emphasis on hiring qualified veterans into their ranks. Please contact Military Program Manager, Ramiro.carmona@advanceddisposal.com. To apply visit Website.
Life Science Company Expansion To Bring New Jobs To Chester County:
Governor Tom Wolf announced that Fujirebio Diagnostics, Inc., a manufacturer of in vitro diagnostics (IVD) in Chester County, will expand its operations in southeastern Pennsylvania, creating 41 new jobs and retaining more than 348. [Website.](#)

Pursue A Future As A Nurse At VA:
Students pursuing bachelor's degrees in nursing who are interested in fulltime VA careers caring for America's veterans are invited to apply for the VA Learning Opportunities Residency (VALOR) program. VALOR offers up to 800 hours of salary dollars to eligible students at a rate of 80 percent of a Nurse I, Level 1, Step 1 pay. [Website.](#)

IRS Is Hiring Contact Service Representatives:
IRS is looking to hire 80 contact service representatives for seasonal positions with paid training in October. The positions are located in Pittsburgh and several other locations across the country. To apply visit [Website.](#)

PA COVID-19 Jobs-Hiring Immediately:
Have you lost your job due to COVID-19 related business closures? Employers across the state are in need of hiring thousands of critical roles. For more information visit [Website.](#)

Career Link-Translate Your Military Skills And Experience:
PA Career Link helps find civilian occupations that best align with your military skills, experience and training. Career Link offers a variety of veteran services for transitioning to civilian professions. [Website.](#)

Post-Military Career At VA:
Job changes can be stressful and transitioning to your first civilian career after life in the military only adds another layer of complexity. VA understands the challenges that come with that transition. VA patients are veterans, and many of VA employees are former military as well. Many have walked in your shoes. Pursue a career at one of the most veteran-friendly employers in the country. [Website.](#)

Veteran Events

This listing is offered as a service to individuals and organizations to promote their veteran and military-oriented events being held in Pennsylvania. The information is taken directly from emailed submissions from requestors. DMVA is not responsible for incorrect information submitted. Please send details on events to RA-VA-Newsletter@pa.gov and include the following key pieces of information: 1. Name of
Establishing And Sustaining A Small Farm Operation Workshop:
- Aug. 7, 2020, Noon-4:30 p.m.
- Glen Cauffman Farm, 545 Centerville Rd., Millerstown, PA (Perry County)
- Established, beginning, and future small farmers. Those with an interest in starting a sheep or goat operation or improving an existing one will find this workshop especially helpful.
- Register at [Website](#).

Pennsylvania Veteran Farming Project - Start Or Sustain Your Small Ruminant (Goat/Sheep) Operation Workshop:
- Aug. 8, 2020, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Glen Cauffman Farm, 545 Centerville Rd., Millerstown, PA (Perry County)
- Established, goat/sheep farmers or beginning farmers exploring raising ruminants for profit. This workshop focuses on hands-on, practical, and interactive learning and will include a field walk over hilly terrain.
- Register at [Website](#).

Jeep Cruise In Bedford County:
- Aug. 15, 2020, Noon-5 p.m.
- 215 Hideaway Ranch Rd., Claysburg, PA (Bedford County), off PA 869
- For more information visit [Facebook page](#).
- Navy veteran-owned Hideaway Ranch in partnership with Olde Bedford Brewing Company invites veterans and the public to a Jeep Cruise. This event is free, so come grab a brew (21 and up) and explore the ranch with 65 acres to ramble, social distancing will be easy. Enjoy fishing, hiking, music, axe throwing and have a stroll through the hops garden. Complimentary hot dogs will be on the grill.

Gino Merli Veterans Benefit Ride:
- Aug. 22, 2020, Registration, 9:30-10:45 a.m.
- Electric City Harley Davidson, 1534 Scranton Carbondale Hwy, Scranton, PA (Lackawanna County); 30-35 minute ride (starts and end at Electric City Harley Davidson)
- For more information call Joe Kester at 272-800-8990.
- The event including food, drinks, and a band that will be playing at Harley Davidson. All proceeds for the event will be given to veterans.

Veteran Caregiver Respite Weekend-Presented by Pennsylvania Outdoor Veterans:
- Aug. 21-23, 2020, Check-In after 2 p.m. Friday and Check Out on Sunday after 11 a.m.
- 289 Starlight Rd., Starlight, PA (Wayne County)
- Contact Miranda Moyer at 610-390-0963 (Text preferred) or email mmoyer1219@gmail.com
- Pre-registration is required. You will need the veterans DD214 or other form of ID for the veteran to attach to the online registration. There is a $25 fee which is refundable upon arrival.
- Register at Website.

Glenn Hope Farms Is Hiring Veterans:
- Sept. 17, 2020
- Schedule with Aimee Jo Morris at 717-891-7797 or email at aimee@glennhopeagricare.com
- Glenn Hope Farms is looking for at least 10 veterans for a program that is a vocational training introduction. The one-day teaching event would be an introduction about riparian buffers (trees, shrubs, and other types of vegetation in a streamside forest make up a filter strip along waterways known as a forest riparian buffer). These plants buffer waterways from the impacts of surrounding land use. There will be three instructors from DCNR who would do some powerpoint presentations along with a hands-on tree planting demo and maintenance of invasive species removal, if any are present.

8th Veteran Shark Tank:
- Submission deadline Oct. 20, 2020, midnight
- If you are a veteran business owner and want to participate, please sign up using the online portal. The final event in Philadelphia on Dec. 7, 2020 will feature five veteran business owners who pitch and compete for a large cash prize. Each contestant gains valuable experience to professionally grow while creating relationships that will last a lifetime.
- Application form Website.

Veterans Breakfast Club Webinar:
- Every Monday at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday at 1 p.m.
- Contact Ellie DePastino at ellie@veteransbreakfastclub.com
- Veterans share their stories and take questions from a live online audience.
- To access the live-streamed events visit Website.

Adult/Youth/CPS Virtual Drop-In:
- Adult Virtual Drop-In, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1-2 p.m., Meeting ID: 131-337-859, Website.
- Youth Virtual Drop-In, Mondays and Fridays, 1-2 p.m., Meeting ID: 410-999-098, Website.
- Certified Peer Specialists Virtual Drop-In, Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Meeting ID: 305-863-445, Website.
- Pennsylvania Mental Health Consumers Association (PMHCA), Youth MOVE PA, and the Pennsylvania Peer Support Coalition (PaPSC) understand the toll social isolation can take on our mental health. Connecting online can be a good way to alleviate this issue. The agencies have collaborated in hosting a series of Virtual Drop-In Zoom meetings to help reduce the sense of social isolation we can experience during this difficult time. Website.

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