We are pleased to announce that Major General (Ret) Eric Weller has been approved as DMVA's next Deputy Adjutant General for Veterans Affairs. General Weller recently retired from a distinguished career in the Air National Guard and will continue to serve DMVA and our Commonwealth in his new capacity as DAG-VA; effective 21NOV16. We congratulate and welcome him to the DMVA team.
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Happy Holidays
On Veterans Day Veterans and staff toured the WWII Memorial in Pittsburgh
PICTURES FROM THE 1ST ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HELD ON NOVEMBER 12, 2016 AT JOB CORP’S GYM

Our vets with a very generous donor

State Representative Ed Ganey’s Chief of Staff, Mel.

The food was great, compliments of the cooking staff Paul (Job Corp) and John.

SWVC getting ready to play basketball
Can't forget our Jewish War Veteran-Jake

Volunteers and yours truly, Ola.
Team Safelite

Team Gainey

U.S. Marines 241st Birthday
COURTYARD OPERATIONS

Due to safety concerns, the patio/pavilion area adjacent to 2 South will only be used for events hosted by the Activities Department or SWVC leadership.

The courtyards adjacent to 2 North and PT/OT will be open from April 1\textsuperscript{st} through November 30\textsuperscript{th} when the air temperature is 45 degrees or higher and weather conditions permitting.

The chapel courtyard will be open all year long when the air temperature is 45 degrees or higher and weather conditions permitting.

The security officer on duty is responsible for determining the air temperature and weather conditions. If needed, the security officer on duty will confer with the chain of command to make the final determination. Air temperature and weather forecasts will be determined by on-line means using a weather site and the facility’s zip code.
DIRECTIONS TO GOD’S HOUSE

Make a right onto “Believeth Blvd.”
Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.
From there...
You must turn onto the “Bridge of Faith,”
Which is over troubled water.
When you get off the bridge,
Make a right turn and keep straight.
You are on the “King’s Highway”...
Heaven-bound.
Keep going for three miles:
One for the Father, one for the Son,
And one for the Holy Ghost.
Then exit off onto “Grace Blvd.”
From there...
Make a right turn on “Gospel Lane.”
Keep straight and then make another right on “Prayer Blvd.”
As you go on your way, Yield Not...
To the traffic on “Temptation Ave.”
Also, avoid “Sin Street”
Because it is a DEAD END.
Pass up “Envy Drive,” and “Have Avenue.”
Also, pass “Hypocrisy Street,”
“Gossiping Lane,” and “Backbiting Blvd.”
But you have to go down “Long-suffering Lane,”
“Persecution Blvd.,” and “Trials and Tribulations Ave.”
But that’s all right,
Because “VICTORY Blvd.” is straight ahead!
Kwanzaa is a seven day festival that celebrates African and African American culture and history. Kwanzaa takes place from 26th December to 1st January.

The seven days and candles in Kwanzaa represent the seven principles of Kwannzaa (Nguzo Saba):

- **Umoja**: Unity - Unity of the family, community, nation and race
- **Kujichagulia**: Self-Determination - Being responsible for your own conduct and behaviour
- **Ujima**: Collective work and responsibility - Working to Help each other and in the community
- **Ujamaa**: Cooperative economics - Working to build shops and businesses
- **Nia**: Purpose - Remembering and restoring African and African American cultures, customs and history
- **Kuumba**: Creativity - Using creating and your imagination to make communities better
- **Imani**: Faith - Believing in people, families, leaders, teachers and the righteousness of the African American struggle
Hanukkah is also spelled Chanukah which is the Jewish eight-day, wintertime “festival of lights,” celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods.

The Hebrew word Chanukah means “dedication,” and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple.

The Hanukkah celebration begins on December 24th and ends on December 31.

1. **After nightfall** recite **blessings** 1, 2 and 3 and kindle one light in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after Shabbat ends** and the **Havdalah** is recited.

2. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle two lights in the menorah.

3. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle three lights in the menorah.

4. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle four lights in the menorah.

5. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle five lights in the menorah.

6. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle six lights in the menorah.

7. Recite **blessings** 1 and 2 and kindle seven lights in the menorah. The menorah should be lit **before** lighting the **Shabbat Candles** (18 minutes before sunset).

8. Recite blessings 1 and 2 and kindle eight lights in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after Shabbat ends** and the **Havdalah** is recited.

9. Recite blessings 1 and 2 and kindle eight lights in the menorah. The menorah is lit **after Shabbat ends** and the **Havdalah** is recited.
## Veterans Day Answer Key

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Christmas Word Scramble

Please unscramble the words below

1. yhadoi1
2. arhDse
3. ydacn sneca
4. ksgnicto sfrrftseu
5. Vxeni
6. eendrier
7. hNotr Poel
8. norneD
9. sCsrtiamheert
10. seglhi belsl
11. nreaDc
12. syorfT
13. nSata Clasu
14. piduC
15. olNe
16. edrspaas
17. mesoettli
18. rPncean
19. Sgcoeer
20. meoCt
21. fiirase
22. zBetiln
23. cmieyhn
24. dholRup
25. plhRudo
26. veels
27. whaert

Merry Christmas
Complete the crossword below

Across
2. Month
5. 'The' Snowman
9. ...were hung by the Chimney
10. Christmas Drink
12. Shiny Thin Tree Decoration

Down
1. Circular Tree Branch
3. December 25th
4. ... to the World
6. Under the Tree
7. Christmas Hater
8. One of Santa's Reindeer
10. Santa's Helpers
11. Deck the halls with boughs of
...
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In Memory of our Comrades-In-Arms

Michael Johnson
Reta Schwartz
Norma Anchors
Russell Ringeisen
Jacob Guzel