

A Season of Remembrance, Hope & Giving

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Welcome to the Winter 2026–2027 edition of the Veterans Outreach Ministries (VOM) News Magazine! As another year comes to a close, we are grateful for the opportunity to share stories, resources, and information that support our veterans, their families, and our communities.

In this issue, you'll find veteran features, our Business of the Quarter, health and financial guidance, local history, a seasonal recipe, and more. We encourage you to support the businesses and advertisers who help make this publication possible.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we remember the birth of Jesus Christ and the true reason for the season. Amid the decorations, gifts, and gatherings with loved ones, let us reflect on our blessings and share God's love with others.

While the holidays bring joy to many, they can also be difficult for those experiencing loneliness, grief, or hardship. As winter approaches, we encourage everyone to check on their neighbors, friends, and family members, especially our veterans. A simple phone call, visit, or act of kindness can make a meaningful difference.

At Veterans Outreach Ministries, faith, prayer, and fellowship remain at the heart of our mission. We encourage you to stay connected, support those in need, and keep our veterans and their families in your prayers throughout the winter months.

As we welcome 2027, we thank our veterans, service members, first responders, volunteers, and community partners for their continued dedication and support.

From all of us at VOM, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. May God bless you and your family throughout 2027.

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VETERAN'S OUTREACH MINISTRIES

VeteransOutreachMinistries.org

Veterans Outreach Ministries was incorporated in Delaware in July 2014 by veterans to serve as a resource and support system for veterans and their families.

VOM is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and continues to expand its outreach into Maryland and Pennsylvania.

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with this growth. If you are interested in getting involved, contact: 610-299-5523 or johnd.vom@gmail.com



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Leek and Potato Soup

Recipe from Sharon Brubaker
www.Sharon-Brubaker.com

Simple, buttery, and perfect with a warm slice of bread on a chilly evening.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 leeks, washed and chopped
- 1 medium to large white onion, chopped
- 4 tsp garlic
- 3–4 tbsp butter
- Olive oil (a drizzle for sautéing)
- 4–5 lbs potatoes, peeled and chopped
- Vegetable broth (just enough to cover)
- Rosemary or dill (fresh or 1 tsp dried)
- 1 can evaporated milk

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. In a heavy pot, warm a little olive oil with the butter. Add the leeks, onion, and garlic. Sauté on low until softened and reduced.
2. In a separate pot, cook the potatoes until tender. Add them to the leek mixture.
3. Pour in enough vegetable broth to cover the vegetables. Bring to a boil and cook until everything is soft.
4. Add rosemary or dill for flavor.
5. Stir in the evaporated milk and use a stick blender to smooth the soup to your desired consistency.
6. Serve with your favorite toast or hearty bread. Enjoy!

Cecil Dance Theatre Presents: The Spirit of the Season



Get ready for a festive holiday production featuring Santa's workshop, the Polar Express, a Christmas tree farm, an homage to the NYC Rockettes, and a royal celebration of the 12 Days of Christmas.

Choreographed by Abby Pinkerton, the show features talented local dancers, enchanting winter scenes, and a special Holly Jolly pre-show opportunity for children to join the cast onstage.

Highlights include a moving performance set to "Hallelujah" and a magical snow scene featuring the Snow King and Queen. The production is led by local high school seniors Jordan Crowe and Cash Walpole-McWilliams, alongside a talented cast that has spent months preparing for the show.

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VOM & COMMUNITY EVENTS

DECEMBER 2026 - FEBRUARY 2027

VeteransOutreachMinistries.org for Full Event Details

Dec 15 - DCVA Monthly Meeting - 10am - 12pm
Monthly public meeting for the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs. 802 Silver Lake Blvd, Robbins Building, Suite 100, Dover, DE. **vets.delaware.gov/event/dcva-monthly-meeting-december-2026.**

Dec 17 - VOM Meeting starting at 6pm - All welcome!
Board of Directors meeting to be held before regular VOM meeting
Glasgow Baptist Church, 3021 County Line Rd, Newark, DE

Dec 19 - Wreaths Across America (Bear, DE) - 10:30am
Volunteers needed to place remembrance wreaths on veteran graves at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery-Bear. More information: **www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/14788/overview.**

Dec 25 - *Merry Christmas!*

Jan-Feb - Winter Lights, Cecil Nights - 2-Month long festival of events!
These are winter-themed events happening throughout Cecil County in multiple towns. All events are listed on **WinterLightsCecilNights.com.**
Carriage rides, cocoa crawls, firepits, Valentine events, and more!

Jan 1 - *Happy New Year's Day!*

Jan 18 - *Martin Luther King Jr. Day!*

Jan 21 - VOM Meeting starting at 6pm - All welcome!
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Feb 14 - *Happy Valentine's Day!*

Feb 15 - *Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)!*

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The Christmases We Carry With Us

There's something special about Christmas that brings memories rushing back. The smell of cookies baking, the glow of lights on a tree, familiar holiday music, and the laughter of family gathered around the table. Sometimes, it's the simplest traditions that stay with us the longest.

For many veterans, Christmas memories stretch across different places and chapters of life. Some remember celebrating at home with loved ones, while others recall holidays spent thousands of miles away, surrounded by fellow service members who became a second family.

A care package, handwritten Christmas card, or holiday meal shared overseas can become a treasured memory. These gestures remind us that the spirit of Christmas isn't found in expensive gifts, but in kindness, generosity, and connection.

Yet the holiday season isn't joyful for everyone. For those experiencing loneliness, grief, financial hardship, or mental health challenges, the winter months can be particularly difficult. A simple act of compassion can remind someone that they are valued, remembered, and never alone.

Help Us Make a Difference

For more than a decade, Veterans Outreach Ministries has worked to connect veterans and their families with valuable resources, community support, and opportunities for fellowship. This mission is made possible through the generosity of individuals, businesses, volunteers, and community partners.

Your support matters. Whether you can contribute financially, volunteer your time, or help spread the word, every act of generosity strengthens our ability to serve those who have served our country.

Visit: **VeteransOutreachMinistries.org to learn more about our mission and how you can get involved.**

Seven Ways to Share the Spirit of Christmas

You don't need a large budget or an elaborate plan to make someone's holiday brighter. Here are seven meaningful ways to support veterans and military families this season.

1. ***Send a holiday card.*** A handwritten note of appreciation can mean the world to a veteran, especially someone living alone or in a care facility.
2. ***Share a meal.*** Invite a veteran or military family to Christmas dinner, deliver homemade treats, or help provide groceries for a household in need.
3. ***Make a phone call.*** Reach out to someone you haven't spoken with recently. A friendly conversation can make a meaningful difference.
4. ***Help with winter chores.*** Offer to shovel snow, pick up groceries, or assist an older veteran with everyday tasks during cold weather.
5. ***Support a military family.*** Consider helping a family with children through a small gift, holiday necessities, or a thoughtful gesture of appreciation.
6. ***Give back locally.*** Volunteer your time or make a financial contribution to Veterans Outreach Ministries. Donations help support VOM's ongoing mission of connecting veterans and their families with resources and assistance.
7. ***Keep checking in after Christmas.*** Kindness shouldn't end when the decorations come down. Continue reaching out throughout January and February, when winter isolation can be especially challenging.

Don't just remember those who served. Find a way to make them feel remembered.

VETERANS
Legacy Brick

4th Round!

Give your beloved veteran the recognition they deserve by having their name immortalized on a beautifully crafted brick paver. These engraved bricks will stand the test of time, ensuring your hero's legacy lives on for generations to come.

In 2027 more bricks will be added to the Veterans Legacy Bricks Memorial that opened back in Summer 2024 at North East Community Park.

Order Deadline: January 31, 2027
Brick Options & Ordering Process...

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- 4 lines of 17 character personalization.
- Spaces and punctuation count in the character total.
- Brick paver examples pictured just below.





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The View of the Memorial is Lovely!



There is an Annual Salute to Veterans



There are several Patriotic Displays

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A Special Christmas Story

This holiday will be marked by numerous changes. Our special child is entering preteen years which carries challenges of its own. Recently we celebrated his dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ and baptism. As a Christian family we strive to keep Jesus at the center of this Advent Season. Below are a few ways to celebrate the birth of Jesus in your home or ministry to children with disabilities.

Have one focus:

Focus on one aspect of the Jesus story. Pick one topic to share with your child/children. Jesus' birth, Jesus the Savior, or God with us. Use one topic to share and the activities should surround one topic.

Include Music:

Research shows that children retain more information when it is paired with a familiar melody. Melodies such as "Go Tell It on the Mountain" or a nursery rhyme can include repetitive verses from the story. See resource link below.

Props and Sensory Activities:

Numerous professionals use "non-linguistic representation". This fancy term refers to the use of pictures, graphics, and movement to represent language. Research documents 17% increase in comprehension when programs use this technique. For example, the use of puppets, games, and toys can illustrate the story of Jesus' birth.

When our son decided to ask Jesus into his heart, he wanted balloons outside our home to celebrate the decision he made to follow Jesus.

Having a Jesus Birthday Party is a wonderful way to celebrate the Newborn King. Have your children help with a simple cake or cookies.

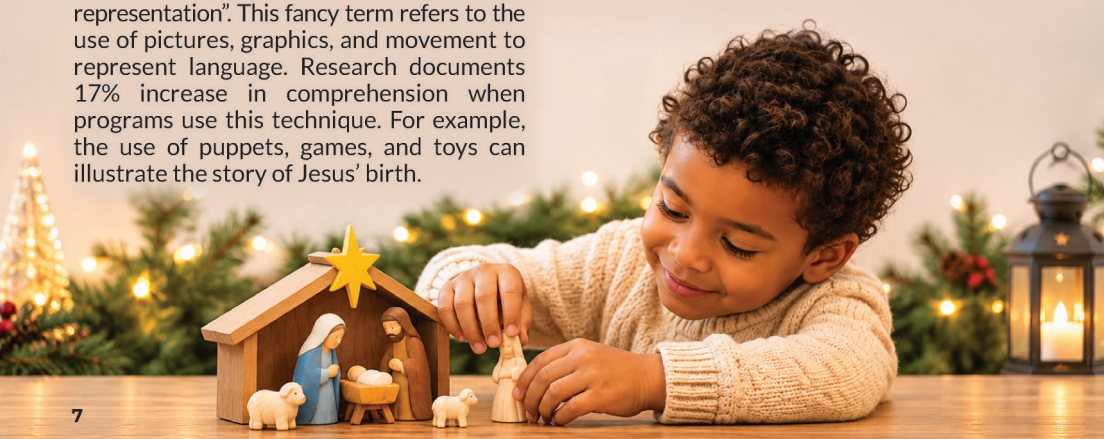
Other sensory ideas:

- Cloud Dough
- Scented stars
- Ginger Playdough
- Moving Lights

Luke Chapter 2 is a beautiful passage to illuminate the holiday season. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Jesus is the reason for the season, let's celebrate and shine the light of the Savior.

Resources:

Christmas Sensory Activities
www.simplefunforkids.com/25-christmas-sensory-activities-for-kids.html
Teach the Christmas Story in your Disability Ministry
www.theadaptedway.com/blog/Christmas-story-inclusive-ministry



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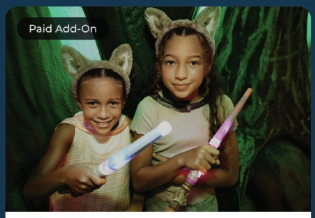
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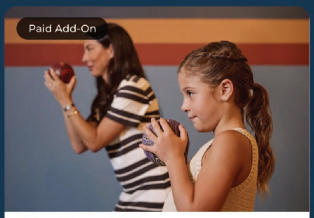
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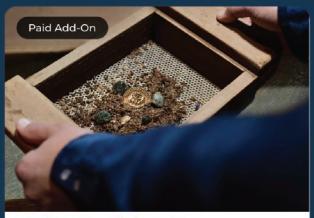
Attractions and their requirements vary by lodge. Please see the list below for details.



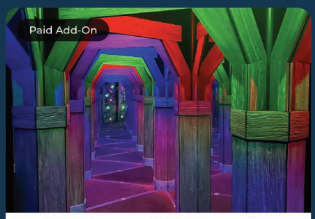
MagiQuest



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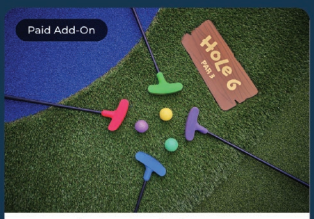
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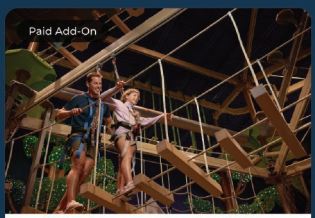
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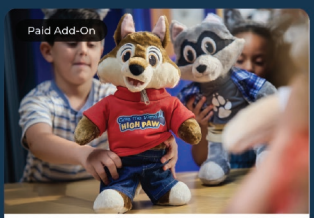
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Put your finances in position for 2027

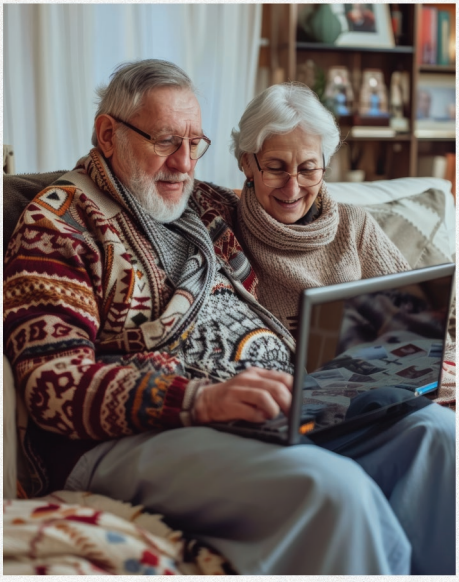


As 2026 comes to a close, now is a good time to look for opportunities to strengthen your financial plan before the new year. A year-end review can help ensure your financial decisions remain aligned with your long-term goals, identify potential planning opportunities and help you enter 2027 with greater confidence.

Here are several planning opportunities:

Reflect on your progress. Start your review by evaluating how the past year impacted your long-term plan. Consider how any life changes may have affected your goals and update your strategies as necessary.

Consider your tax situation. Work with your financial advisor and tax professional to understand your tax situation and identify year-end opportunities that may benefit you. If you're 73 or older, be sure to take any required minimum distributions (RMDs) if necessary.



Increase contributions to your savings goals. Consider increasing contributions to your health savings account (HSA), workplace retirement plan or, if you're saving for education, a 529 plan. These accounts can help build financial security and may offer tax advantages. Even small increases today can make a meaningful difference over time.

Maximize your impact. If giving to others is one of your goals, consider charitable giving or annual gifting strategies to help support the people and causes you care about while also providing potential tax benefits. And note that tax rules have changed for charitable donations: with a standard deduction, you can deduct up to $1,000 of cash donations ($2,000 for couples filing jointly) and if you itemize, you can only deduct aggregate donations that exceed 0.5% of your adjusted gross income, up to the applicable limit. These donations must be made to a qualified charitable organization.

Monitor your long-term strategy. If you haven't done so this year, now is as good a time as any to review your portfolio for the year to make sure it is still in line with your goals, time horizon and comfort with risk. If need be, you can rebalance. You might also want to check beneficiaries on your financial accounts, investments and insurance policies, especially if your family or circumstances have changed.

Work with your professionals. Making year-end moves can feel complicated. Your financial advisor and tax professional can help you identify opportunities and avoid pitfalls.

A few proactive steps before 2027 can help you enter the new year with greater confidence and a clearer understanding of where you stand financially. By reviewing your progress, evaluating tax and savings opportunities and confirming your long-term strategy remains on track, you can start the year focused on what matters most to you.

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Owner of Pura Vida Yoga & Physical Training

Small Changes, Big Results: How 15 Minutes a Day Can Improve Your Health and Wellness

You don't need an expensive gym membership, a strict diet, or a complete lifestyle makeover to start feeling healthier. Sometimes, the smallest changes make the biggest difference. Just 15 minutes of intentional self-care each day can support your physical health, mental well-being, and overall quality of life.

The Power of Small Daily Habits

Between work, family, and everyday responsibilities, taking care of ourselves often falls to the bottom of the priority list. Fortunately, improving your health doesn't require hours of exercise or dramatic lifestyle changes.

Wellness begins with consistent, manageable habits. Whether it's taking a walk, practicing mindful breathing, or establishing a bedtime routine, small actions can add up over time.

Here are six simple ways to make those 15 minutes count.

1. Start Your Day With Movement

Gentle movement can help wake up your body, improve flexibility, and prepare you for the day ahead. You don't need an intense workout to experience the benefits of physical activity.

Try taking a 10–15-minute walk, stretching, practicing beginner-friendly yoga, or dancing to your favorite music. Regular movement supports cardiovascular health, strength, balance, and mood. The key is finding something you enjoy.



2. Practice Mindful Breathing

Stress affects both mental and physical well-being. Taking a few minutes to focus on your breathing can help you relax, refocus, and feel more grounded.

Find a comfortable place to sit, relax your shoulders, and breathe slowly through your nose. Exhale gently, releasing tension with each breath. Repeat for five minutes.

This simple exercise can be practiced in the morning, during a lunch break, or before bed.

3. Make Hydration a Daily Priority

Water helps regulate body temperature, supports digestion, and transports nutrients throughout the body. Yet it's easy to forget to drink enough during a busy day.

Start by drinking a glass of water when you wake up, keeping a reusable bottle nearby, and choosing water over sugary drinks more often. Water-rich foods, including cucumbers, oranges, and watermelon, can also help.

Individual hydration needs vary, but small reminders can make staying hydrated easier.

4. Nourish Your Body With Simple, Healthy Food Choices

Healthy eating doesn't mean following restrictive diets or eliminating foods you enjoy. It's about providing your body with the nutrients it needs.

Start with simple adjustments: add more fruits and vegetables, choose whole grains, include lean proteins, and incorporate healthy fats from nuts, seeds, or avocados.

Aim for balanced meals that are enjoyable, affordable, and realistic for your lifestyle. One nutritious addition at a time can make a difference.

5. Give Yourself a Digital Detox

Technology keeps us connected, but constant screen time can contribute to mental exhaustion.

Set aside 15 minutes each day to disconnect from your devices. Read a book, spend time outdoors, listen to music, enjoy a conversation, or simply sit quietly.

Taking a break from screens, particularly before bedtime, can help create a more relaxing environment and encourage healthier habits.

6. Create a Nighttime Routine for Better Sleep

Quality sleep supports memory, concentration, immune function, emotional well-being, and physical recovery.

Establish a consistent bedtime routine by going to bed around the same time each night, limiting caffeine later in the day, dimming lights, and putting away electronic devices.

A warm shower, relaxing book, or comfortable sleeping environment can also help you unwind. Most adults need at least seven hours of sleep each night.

Your 15-Minute Wellness Challenge

Ready to begin? Choose one small activity each day this week. Take a walk on Monday, practice breathing on Tuesday, focus on hydration Wednesday, or try another healthy habit that fits your schedule.

At the end of the week, reflect on how you feel. Keep the habits that work for you and gradually build from there.

Small Steps, Lasting Results

Wellness is a journey, not a destination. Meaningful improvements don't require perfection or dramatic changes. They begin with small, positive decisions repeated consistently.

Some days, your 15 minutes might be a refreshing walk. Other days, it might mean preparing a nutritious meal, taking a few deep breaths, or getting to bed earlier.

Start small, stay consistent, and celebrate your progress. Taking care of your health is an investment in your future.

Disclaimer: This article is for general educational purposes and is not a substitute for individualized medical advice. Consult a qualified healthcare professional about health concerns or significant lifestyle changes.

DAILY

- **Move your body**
- **Breathe mindfully**
- **Drink more water**
- **Eat something nutritious**
- **Take a screen break**
- **Prioritize sleep**

VETERANS *of the* Quarter

Army Veteran Sergeant First Class (Retired) Stephanie Williams

Stephanie M. (Woods) Williams was born and raised in Wilmington, Delaware. A 1982 graduate of John Dickinson High School, she earned two Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Administration and Marketing from Delaware State University in 1987.

Williams began her U.S. Army career in August 1989, completing Basic Training at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Her first assignment at Fort Ord, California, included food inspection, inventory management, and veterinary clinic support.

In July 1992, she transferred to Berlin, Germany, working in commissary and cold storage operations. In 1994, she moved to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, with additional duties at Marine Corps Base Quantico. As a Noncommissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), she supervised personnel and supported dining and veterinary facilities.

In October 1998, Williams transferred to Japan, serving at Camp Zama, Yokohama, and Yokosuka. She became NCOIC of the Cold/Dry Storage facilities, supervising four soldiers.

After leaving active duty in November 2000, Williams joined the Delaware Army National Guard, serving with Bravo Company, 280th Signal Battalion, as a Unit Supply Sergeant. She later cross-trained into the Signal Corps in June 2002.

In January 2003, Williams deployed to Dover Air Force Base for two years with the 436th Security Forces under Operation NOBLE EAGLE, earning the Basic Skill Level Badge as a Security Forces Member.

In 2005, she served as Supply NCO and Property Book NCO for the 280th Signal Battalion, receiving an Army Achievement Medal and Army Commendation Medal.



Later that year, she participated in Operation Iraqi Freedom in Egypt as an Assistant Supply NCO, overseeing equipment accountability.

In February 2006, Williams transitioned into recruiting and retention, earning her 79T Military Occupational Specialty as a Recruiter. She served three years on active duty as a Retention NCO and Brigade Career Counselor.

Williams was promoted to Staff Sergeant (E-6) in January 2008 and Sergeant First Class (E-7) in July 2010. She also completed numerous military leadership and professional development courses.

Throughout her 21½ years of military service, including 16½ years of active duty and 5½ years of traditional National Guard service, Williams earned three Army Good Conduct Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, five Army Achievement Medals, and five Certificates of Appreciation.

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Sergeant Thomas Fannin

Sergeant Thomas Fannin proudly served in the United States Marine Corps from 2009 to 2016, achieving the rank of Sergeant (E-5). His military occupational specialty was 0612, initially serving as a Field Wireman before transitioning to Tactical Switchboard Operator.

From the beginning of his military career, Fannin demonstrated exceptional leadership and dedication. He graduated at the top of his platoon as Guide during boot camp and later earned top honors at Communications School in Twentynine Palms, California.

Throughout his service, Fannin was stationed at Marine Corps Base Hawaii in Kaneohe Bay with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, and at Camp Pendleton, California, with the 9th Communication Battalion. His military career included two deployments: one to Afghanistan and another to Okinawa, Japan, as part of the Unit Deployment Program.

Among his proudest accomplishments was completing the Marine Corps Martial Arts Program Instructor Course, once again graduating at the top of his class. Earning his instructor belt tab allowed him to train and mentor fellow Marines, an experience that remains particularly meaningful to him.

His years in the Marine Corps instilled lasting values of resilience, teamwork, adaptability, and tact, principles that continue to guide him in civilian life.

Following his military service, Fannin has dedicated himself to his career, family, and community. He currently works at the Perry Point VA Medical Center in Maryland and for United Parcel Service (UPS). Both positions provide him with a sense of fulfillment, whether helping fellow veterans or ensuring packages reach their destinations on time.



Outside of work, Fannin is an enthusiastic distance runner and active member of the Harford County Running Club. Since joining five years ago, he has completed the John F. Kennedy 50-Mile ultramarathon, several 50-kilometer trail races, six marathons, numerous half marathons, and countless 5K and 10K races. Beyond the physical challenges, he values the friendships and connections he has developed through the running community.

For Fannin, being a veteran extends far beyond his years in uniform. It represents a lifelong connection to those who have served and a responsibility to support both current service members and fellow veterans. He finds great meaning in hearing other veterans share their experiences and accomplishments, recognizing the unique bond that military service creates.

Whether supporting veterans through his work, building friendships through running, or connecting with others who have worn the uniform, Fannin's commitment to service remains a defining part of his life.

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- Christmas Day – December 25
- News Years Day – January 1
- Martin Luther King Jr's Birthday – January 19
- Lincoln's Birthday – February 12
- President's Day – February 16

Non-Flag Display Days

- First Sunday of Advent – December 3
- War Declared in Japan – December 8, 1941
- Hanukkah Begins – December 11
- Human Rights Day – December 10
- Germany and Italy Declared war on United States – December 11, 1941
- Hanukkah Ends – December 12
- Iraq War Ended – December 15, 2011
- Bill of Rights Day – December 15
- Winter Begins – December 21
- New Years Eve – December 31
- Epiphany (Traditional) – January 6
- Persian Gulf War Began – January 17, 1991
- Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord – January 27, 1973
- Panama Campaign Ended – January 31, 1990
- National Freedom Day – February 1
- Groundhog Day – February 2
- Four Chaplains Day – February 3
- Boy Scouts of America Founded – February 8, 1910
- St Valentines Day – February 14
- Ash Wednesday – February 14
- Shrove Tuesday/Marti Gras – February 17
- National Caregivers Day – February 20
- Washington Birthday (actual) – February 22

BUSINESS *of the* Quarter // *Furnace Bay Golf Course*

If you're looking for an enjoyable day of golf in a relaxed and welcoming setting, Furnace Bay Golf Course in Perryville, MD, is a destination worth discovering. Located in beautiful Cecil County, this public golf course offers golfers of all skill levels an opportunity to enjoy the game while spending time outdoors.

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Beyond the course, golfers can take advantage of the driving range, practice green, clubhouse, and snack bar. Players can choose to walk the course or rent a golf cart, making it easy to enjoy a round at their own pace.

Furnace Bay is also a great destination for golf outings, leagues, and special gatherings. Its spacious outdoor pavilion provides a welcoming setting for groups looking to bring friends, coworkers, or fellow golf enthusiasts together.

Whether you're looking to sharpen your golf game, enjoy a weekend outing, or simply spend a beautiful day on the greens, Furnace Bay Golf Course offers a relaxed atmosphere and an affordable way to enjoy golf in the Perryville area.

Plan Your Visit

- Location: 79 Chesapeake View Rd, Perryville, MD 21903
- Course: 18 holes, public access
- Phone: 410-642-6816
- Website: www.furnacebaygc.com

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A Soldier's Prayer

Finding Strength and Protection in Psalm 91

It is not clear who wrote Psalm 91. However, because it follows Psalm 90, which was attributed to Moses, many believe Moses wrote Psalm 91.

During World War I, the 91st Infantry Brigade of the U.S. Expeditionary Army was preparing for combat in Europe. Its commander, a devout Christian, gave each soldier a card printed with Psalm 91.

The soldiers agreed to recite the Psalm daily. According to the account, despite participating in three of the bloodiest battles of World War I, the 91st Brigade suffered no combat-related casualties.

Psalm 91 encourages people to trust in God and find comfort in His protection, even during difficult times. Its central message is that God protects His people from danger, fear, and uncertainty.

Here are some key ideas from Psalm 91...

God's protection – God is a source of safety for those who love and honor Him. His protection is stronger than any danger.

God's presence – God is always with His people, offering comfort even in the most difficult times.

God's plan – God has a plan for His people, who can trust in His guidance and care.

God's love – God's love is so strong that nothing can separate His people from it.

Psalm 91 describes God's protection using words such as "shelter," "refuge," "fortress," "shield," and "buckler."

1 *Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*

2 *I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."*

3 *Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence.*

4 *He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.*

5 *You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*

6 *nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.*

7 *A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.*

8 *You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.*

9 *If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling,*

10 *no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent.*

11 *For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;*

12 *they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.*

13 *You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.*

14 *"Because he[b] loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.*

15 *He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.*

16 *With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation."*

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Technical Support Scams

Don't Let a Fake Computer Warning Cost You

A sudden computer warning can be frightening, especially when accompanied by flashing messages or loud alarms. Scammers use these tactics to convince people their devices are infected with dangerous viruses. Their real goal is to gain access to personal information, financial accounts, and hard-earned savings.



How It Works

- A pop-up appears on your computer claiming your device has a serious security problem.
- The message urges you to call a technical support number immediately.
- A fake representative offers to fix the problem by remotely accessing your computer.
- Scammers may demand payment, steal personal information, or impersonate your bank to convince you to transfer money.

Protect Yourself

- Never call a phone number displayed in an unexpected pop-up warning.
- Do not grant remote access to someone who contacts you unexpectedly.
- Close the suspicious browser window or restart your device if necessary.
- Run trusted security software to check for potential threats.
- If you've shared financial information, contact your bank immediately using its official phone number.

Remember: Government impersonators rely on fear and urgency. Taking a moment to pause, verify, and think before responding can help protect your identity and financial security. Source: AARP Fraud Watch Network™

Social Security Impostor Scams

When a Government Warning Isn't What It Seems

Scammers impersonating the Social Security Administration (SSA) use fear, urgency, and convincing messages to steal personal information and money. Veterans and their families should be especially cautious of unexpected calls, emails, or letters claiming there is a problem with their benefits or Social Security number.



How It Works

- You receive an unexpected call, email, or message claiming to be from Social Security.
- The scammer claims your Social Security number has been suspended, linked to criminal activity, or qualifies for additional benefits.
- They may use official-sounding titles, employee names, or convincing documents to appear legitimate.
- You're pressured to provide personal information, transfer money, or keep the conversation secret.

Watch for Warning Signs

- Be suspicious of unexpected messages demanding immediate action.
- Never provide your Social Security number, banking details, or passwords to an unverified caller.
- Remember, Social Security will not threaten you or demand payment to resolve a problem.
- Contact Social Security directly at 800-772-1213 or visit SSA.gov to verify suspicious claims.
- If your identity has been compromised, visit IdentityTheft.gov for guidance.

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