



# TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH

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## APPLICATION FOR FAIR - SHOW - EVENT

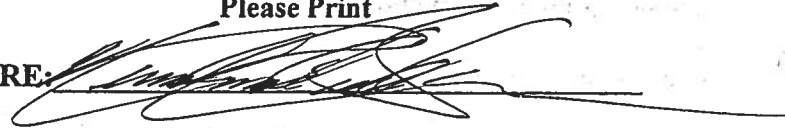
DATE OF APPLICATION: 3-29-2018

1. DATE OF EVENT (AND RAIN DATE, IF APPLICABLE): 5-18-2019
2. HOURS IT WILL BE HELD: 10-1500
3. TITLE OF EVENT: Race 4 Warriors
4. LOCATION: Dewey Beach
5. ORGANIZER(S) WITH CONTACT CMSgt (Ret) Michael Bellerose  
TELEPHONE NUMBERS/ADDRESSES: 603 391 8685
6. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE EVENT ON BACK OF THIS FORM
7. IS EVENT A FUNDRAISER? YES IF "YES", FOR WHAT CHARITY?  
Wounded Warriors and Homeless Veterans
8. IS THIS AN ANNUAL EVENT? Hope - First Time
9. IF ANNUAL EVENT, WHAT WAS LAST YEAR'S ATTENDANCE: N/A
10. WHAT IS THE ANTICIPATED ATTENDANCE: 3,000
11. HOW WILL THE EVENT BE PUBLICIZED: web/Radio/Publications
12. WILL YOU PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE EVENT? YES
13. IF A RUNNING EVENT, HOW MANY POLICE OFFICERS ARE YOU  
REQUESTING? 0 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ FEE MUST BE APPROVED BY  
CHIEF OF POLICE
14. DO YOU HAVE EVENT LIABILITY INSURANCE? we will ATTACH BINDER  
will finalize when we have requirements from each town
15. WILL FOOD BE DISPENSED OR SOLD DURING EVENT? YES
16. WILL ANY MERCHANDISE BE SOLD AT EVENT? NO

(OVER)

17. DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY BE  
SOLD OR CONSUMED AT THE EVENT? yes

APPLICANT'S NAME: Michael R Bellerose  
Please Print

SIGNATURE: 

DATE: 3-29-2015

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EVENT APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Manager

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



I am a retired Air Force Chief Master Sergeant First Sergeant Michael Bellerose, with 28 years of service. During my time in the military I competed in many races supporting our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Guardians. The most enjoyable of these was my experiences competing in the Bataan Death March, White Sands, New Mexico. Participating in a 26.2 mile race with a 40 lb. pack on my back, along with civilians, military, and our wounded warriors was awe-inspiring. I marched twice in that competition and will never forget the time I spent.


The Bataan Death March is a memorial event conducted in honor of the heroic service members who defended the Philippine Islands during World War II, sacrificing their freedom, health, and, in many cases, their very lives. In 2017 over 6,500 participants marched this memorial event. The event is located in the middle of the desert a hundred miles from the closest active military base; however, individuals travel from all over the world to participate. In fact, I traveled from Alabama and then Georgia to participate twice.

During my services in the military I served with great men and women who deployed to support operations in the Middle East. Across the country there are events which support our Wounded Warriors. However, I have not found a memorial event which truly shows support for the women and men who have served in the Middle East. It is time we show these patriotic individuals we care.

Our Board of Directors are recommending an event called Race4Warriors here in Delaware. The premise behind the event is to host a race up the beach, simulating the desert sands these veterans have served in, and end with a celebration at the historic Fort Miles. The event will consist of a full 18 mile race starting in Bethany Beach and ending at Fort Miles. There will also be a 5 mile race, ending at Seashore State Park's *the Big Chill*, to enable individuals who would prefer an easier challenge to show support for the event. Since the event is within 2 hours of over a dozen military bases and in close proximity of Washington DC, we could have a phenomenal turnout to support our veterans and bring associated commerce to our communities prior to the summer season (May 18, 2019).

Our efforts would support past, present and future. The funds raised will be projected to be used in the following: 35% Wounded Warriors, 35% Homeless Veterans in Delaware, 10% Fort Miles, and 20% to support local schools and military volunteers.

We have a great opportunity, as the First State of our nation, to host an event which could become known around the world by our men and women ready to answer the call. With your help we can make this worthy effort a successful reality.



CMSgt (Ret) Michael R. Bellerose  
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603-391-8685

## **DEWEY BEACH EVENT**

The Dewey Beach water front will be an important segment of the Race4Warriors event. The only equipment request, to be placed on the beach, is a nutrition station. This station will consist of three tables, a cover (tent or umbrella), and volunteers to provide water and food to participants. Volunteer will also be on the beach to ensure no trash is dropped by any member of this event. There will be no other equipment requirements to be placed on the beach or within the Dewey city limits. The phenomenal view of men and women in uniform marching and running down the beach will be an extraordinary event to witness. This may increase on-lookers and increase support to Dewey Beach's businesses with little work from the town.

## **HISTORIC RIDE TO START THE EVENT**

The Race4Warriors is proposing a team of military members starting the event on horseback, carrying the American, Army, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and Air Force Flag up the entire 18 mile course; ending at the historic Fort Miles. Additionally, two local police officers will be requested on horseback as escorts. The formation of patriotic men and women on horseback will be a great site to be seen riding down Dewey Beach. This event alone might increase the number of on-lookers and provide additional support to the local businesses in Dewey Beach. **Additionally, an authorized vehicle will follow the horses and remove any items dropped.**

## **MEDICAL SUPPORT**

The event will be contracting Sussex County EMS to support the entire course. Additionally, the following towns will be listed in the nonprofit insurance to cover the entire event: Bethany, Dewey, and Rehoboth. The Seashore State Park and Cape Henlopen State Park will also be included in the event coverage.

## **NUTRITION/REST STOPS**

The event will have one Nutrition Stop tent located on the beach. We will also be placing trash receptacles and volunteers to ensure all trash is disposed of properly. Additionally, a trash sweep will be conducted at the end of the event to protect the beach. The event will also be requesting to place porta-potties off the beach adjacent to the nutrition stop. If the town of Dewey does not allow these items to be placed near the beach for the event, we can modify the stop and not incorporate them with this area.

## **NONPROFIT – RACE4WARRIORS**

We plan to receive our 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by June 1, 2018 to support all transactions associated with the Race4Warriors non-stock business. All funds received will be applied to the following: Wounded Warriors, Homeless Veterans, Race4Warriors Event Support, Fort Miles, and the Race4Warriors nonprofit.

The founding board members of this new veteran nonprofit consists of the following five United States Air Force First Sergeants who have served at the Major Command or Higher and represent Active Duty, Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserve Command. There are 402,640 enlisted Airmen in the United States Air Force, with only 14 Chief Master Sergeant First Sergeants. These board members are the Best of the Best!

### **USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Michael Bellerose**

- Air Force Reserve Command, First Sergeant Functional

### **USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Robert Frank**

- United States Air Force, First Sergeant Special Duty Manager

### **USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Sandy Miller**

- United States Air Force, First Sergeant Special Duty Manager

### **USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Daniel Mitchell**

- Air National Guard, First Sergeant Functional

### **USAF Chief Master Sergeant (Retired) Mark Stevenson**

- United States Air Force, 11th Security Force Group First Sergeant, POTUS Security

## **Race4Warriors Event**

This historic event will begin at the Bethany Beach boardwalk and travel up the coast through Seashore State Park, Dewey Beach, Rehoboth Beach, Cape Henlopen State Park, and end at the historic Fort Miles. The event will be divided into a 5 mile and 18 mile race. Participants will be able to choice to compete in a run, march, or heavy march (20lb. pack) for both events.



Safety of the participants is our number one focus! Along the route we will provide nutrition (fluids & foods) stations approximately every 2 miles (green stars). We will have a medical station at the 5 and 18 mile finish line (yellow stars). We will be contracting Sussex County EMS to cover, with their mobile command post, the entire race. Additionally, we will have insurance which will cover the requirements of all four towns we will be competing in.

The Delaware beach environment is also our focus. All participants will be briefed on the importance of not venturing into the dunes, leaving trash on the course, or negatively impacting our beautiful beaches in Delaware. There will also be volunteers on the course to ensuring we protect our beaches during the event.

The heavy march category will require participants to carry a minimum of 20 lbs. of non-perishable food. These items will be donated at the completion of the 5 and 18 mile race. The event has the possibility of donating up to 10,000 lbs. of food to the homeless shelters across Delaware.