

STATE OF DELAWARE



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER SIXTY-SIX**

RE: ESTABLISHING THE VETERANS HOME OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware is committed to establishing a dedicated long term care facility to serve the State's veterans; and

WHEREAS, in April 2004, the General Assembly passed legislation to expedite funding and construction of a State veterans home, in cooperation with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, a special steering committee formed in 2004 has been working to organize, oversee and guide the significant decisions relating to the development, siting, design and construction of the Veterans Home; and

WHEREAS, the special steering committee has included representation by, among others, the Office of the Governor, members of the General Assembly, the State Budget Office, the Controller General's office, the Secretary of State, and the Commission on Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that the steering committee continue in existence past the construction of the Veterans Home, in order to provide planning, advice, recommendations and oversight concerning the operations of the Veterans Home when it is completed, and such a

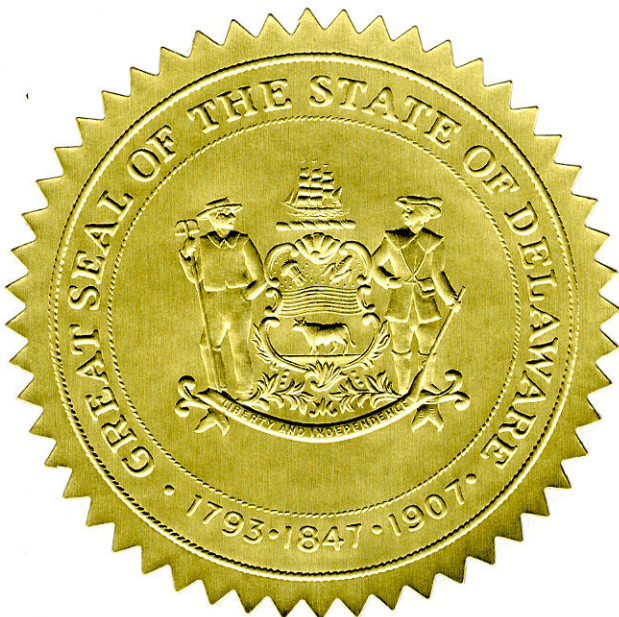
committee will ensure broad and balanced input concerning the ongoing operations of the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUTH ANN MINNER, by virtue of the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Delaware, DO HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE, this 22nd day of March 2005, as follows:

1. The Veterans Home Oversight Committee (the "Committee") is established.
2. The Committee will consist of not less than eleven (11) members. The Committee shall include the following persons, or their designees:
 - a. The Secretary of State;
 - b. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services;
 - c. The Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs;
 - d. The Chairperson of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs;
 - e. The Chairperson of the Delaware Commission on Veterans Affairs;
 - f. The Executive Director of the Delaware Commission on Veterans Affairs;
 - g. The State Budget Director;
 - h. The Controller General;
 - i. A representative of the Governor's Office;
 - j. A representative of the State Division of Facilities Management.

Additional members may be appointed to serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Chairs or Co-Chairs of the Committee shall be designated by the Governor.

3. The Veterans Home Oversight Committee shall meet at least quarterly. The Committee shall serve as an advisory group for the management of the State Veterans Home, and shall make recommendations concerning management, staff, policies and procedures for the operations of the Veterans Home.




Governor

ATTEST:


Secretary of State