

# 5th Annual Delaware Veterans Trust Fund Dinner – Saturday Evening, November 3rd, 2018

When/Where: Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 6-9 P.M. – Dover Downs Hotel & Casino

Retired Navy Command Master Chief Charles ‘Chuck’ Baldwin will keynote the 5th Annual Dinner for the Delaware Veterans Trust Fund at Dover Downs Rollins Center on November 3rd, 2018.

“Mr. Baldwin also serves as a member of the Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs representing the state’s Vietnam veterans, but his contributions to Delaware and his fellow veterans go far beyond that,” said Paul Davis, president of Delaware State Council, Vietnam Veterans of America, and vice president of the Friends of Delaware Veterans, the fundraising organization of the Trust Fund.

During his 28-year Navy career Mr. Baldwin served as the top enlisted man on the 5,500 member crew of the nuclear powered aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69), and was a finalist for MCPON (Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy). His focus on leadership and education continued after his retirement. He served as president of The Charter School of Wilmington. Founded in 1996 it is one of the first charter schools in the nation.

In 2003, he co-founded the Delaware Military Academy in Wilmington, raising more than \$15 million for its construction. Its mission is to prepare young men and women for their next level of education and to provide them with a foundation that leads to good citizenship. It has been recognized by the U.S. Department of the Navy as a Distinguished NJROTC Unit with Academic Honors. Mr. Baldwin later advised the founding committee of the First State

Military Academy in Clayton, whose students participate in Marine Jr. ROTC. In May it featured its first graduating class.

In 2017 he authored "Carrier to Classroom," with book signings at Barnes & Noble in Wilmington resulting in a \$2,700 contribution to the Veterans Trust Fund. The book encourages military veterans to enter teaching. It details '10 Deckplate Leadership Lessons' for all teachers, whether military or civilian. He is a regular speaker at official U.S. Navy events in Washington and beyond. "Carrier to Classroom," can be ordered on Amazon.com.

"We encourage community and business organizations and individuals to be part of this annual event that benefits all generations of Delaware veterans," said Mr. Davis.

Visit [www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com](http://www.DelawareVeteransTrustFund.com) for information on the Trust Fund, its volunteer board of community leaders, and how to become a dinner sponsor or participant. For more information please see attached flyer or contact DCVA office at 302-739-2792.

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