

## Local Wendy's Franchisee partners with the Disabled Veterans' Life Memorial Foundation to raise funds

*Proceeds From Limited Edition Collector's Mugs Benefit Nation's First Memorial Dedicated to Disabled Veterans*

Delray Beach, Fl.— Get 'em while they're hot— or cold! In honor of Memorial Day, participating Wendy's restaurants in the Washington D.C., Baltimore and Salisbury metro areas are teaming up with The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization created to raise funds for the first national memorial honoring disabled veterans. Starting May 22, 2009, limited edition collector's mugs, suitable for hot and cold use and including Wendy's coupons valued at \$1.50, will be available for \$2.99 with all proceeds going to The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial. The promotion will continue through July 4, 2009.

"We are thrilled to partner with this extraordinary foundation," said Harvey Rothstein, chairman of DavCo Restaurants, Inc. "We look forward to a great



*Pearl Harbor survivor Houston James embraces Marine Staff Sgt. Mark Graunke Jr. during a Veteran's Day Commemoration in Dallas, Texas. Graunke lost a hand, a leg and an eye while he defused a bomb when he was stationed in Iraq.*

*AP Photo/The Dallas Morning News, Jim Mahoney*

response from the community, and we

are honored to align our Wendy's restau-

rants with a foundation that strives to bring solace and healing to the lives of disabled veterans and their families."

Located in Washington D.C., The American Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial will be the first national memorial honoring wounded veterans. To date, the Foundation has raised 90% of the total funds needed to design, build and permanently maintain the Memorial, and is only \$5.9 million away from the fundraising goal for groundbreaking.

Lois Pope, co-founder and chairperson of The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, anticipates strong community-wide participation in the summer fundraising promotion. "We're thankful DavCo Restaurants, Inc. has joined us in the final phase of our fundraising efforts. We're optimistic this promotion will bring us one step closer to our goal."

To make a donation to The Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, or for more information, please visit [www.avdlm.org](http://www.avdlm.org).

### Veterans Affairs Maryland Health Care System Enrollment

If you served in the armed forces and received an honorable discharge, you may qualify for health care benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Affairs (VA) Maryland Health Care System is a dynamic and progressive health care organization that is dedicated to providing quality, compassionate and accessible care and services to Maryland's veterans. With eight sites of care located throughout the state and a full range of services offered, the VA Maryland Health Care System is available to assist veterans with their

health care needs.

To apply for care with the VA Maryland Health Care System, veterans can stop by the Baltimore or Perry Point VA Medical Centers, or the Cambridge, Fort Howard, Glen Burnie, Loch Raven, or Pocomoke City VA Outpatient Clinics. Interested veterans can also contact the Enrollment Center for the VA Maryland Health Care System at 1-800-463-6295, extension 7324. You can also enroll for VA health care on line at [www.maryland.va.gov](http://www.maryland.va.gov).

### CCBC hosts information sessions for veterans

*Veterans can participate in online or in-person sessions*

Baltimore, MD— Veterans will have an excellent opportunity to ask questions and gather information regarding furthering their education at Information Sessions hosted by the Community College of Baltimore County. Sessions are scheduled both in-person and online.

Veterans can learn about academic and career training programs, explore financial aid options and VA Education benefits, and gain assistance with admissions and enrollment processes. Academic and

career counselors will be on hand as well as admissions counselors and representatives from the college's Veterans Services office.

The in-person information session is scheduled for June 23, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Building A, Room 260 at CCBC Essex, 7201 Rossville, Blvd. in Baltimore. The online information session is scheduled for noon until 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

To register for both the in-person and online information sessions visit [www.ccbcmd.edu/openhouse](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/openhouse).

## New passport rules go into effect June 1, 2009

***Avoid the last minute rush, apply for your passport now!***

Washington, D.C.— The full requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative will be implemented on June 1, 2009, which will require all travelers

returning to the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda— including those who go by land or sea— to have a passport or other federally approved identification. The U.S. State Department suggests that anyone planning to travel outside the country obtain a passport or other approved

travel documents to avoid any disruptions in their travel plans. A passport is valid for travel anywhere in the world by air, land and sea.

For further information and complete details, please visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).