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**CHRIS ECCLESTON, DELMARVA VETERAN BUILDERS PRESIDENT EARNS CERTIFIED HEALTHCARE  
CONSTRUCTOR DESIGNATION (CHC) FROM AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION (AHA)**

**SALISBURY, Md. – June 16 2014** – Delmarva Veteran Builders, the region’s only commercial construction firm dedicated to bringing employment to U.S. Armed Forces Veterans, announced that Chris Eccleston, president and owner has earned the designation of Certified Healthcare Constructor (CHC). The CHC is a national credential that distinguishes an individual as being among an elite group of healthcare construction professionals.

“The demand for healthcare facilities in our region is growing as our aging population grows,” said Chris Eccleston, Delmarva Veteran Builders, president. “I went through this certification process because I wanted to ensure that our community healthcare projects are delivered with the highest regard for patient safety and understanding and implementing programs such as life safety and infection control are so critical to delivering a successful project. Every person in our community will be using a healthcare facility at some point in their lives, so having the mindset that the entire community is our client brings a heightened awareness to the construction team.”

To earn the CHC, an individual must satisfy eligibility requirements that incorporate a blend of education and healthcare-specific professional experience, agree to adhere to the AHA Professional Standards of Conduct, and pass the CHC Certification Examination. The CHC Examination assesses knowledge required of a competent healthcare construction manager in the areas of Healthcare Industry Fundamentals; Planning, Design and Construction Process; Healthcare Facility Safety – Additions and Renovations; and Financial Stewardship. The CHC Program supports the community of healthcare construction professionals and is designed to provide an objective and rigorous assessment of mastery of a well-defined body of professional knowledge. Additionally, CHC certificants demonstrate commitment to ongoing professional development by maintaining currency of the certification through participation in professional development activities.

Chris Eccleston served six years in the U.S. Navy as a Nuclear Machinist Mate. Upon returning home, he merged the skills he learned in the service with his lifelong interest in construction, and was quickly hired by local contractor Gillis Gilkerson. During that time he earned a bachelor’s degree in construction management from University of Maryland Eastern Shore, LEED AP certification for the development of sustainable ('green') buildings from the U.S. Green Building Council. In 2013, Eccleston established Delmarva Veteran Builders, a certified Veteran-Owned Small Business. DVB delivers general contracting and construction management through the creation of job opportunities for local United States Armed Forces Veterans.

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