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A U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Control Party Airman from the 20th Air Support Operations Squadron communicates with aircraft providing close air support during Exercise Rail Yard, on Warren Grove Gunnery Range, N.J., Sept 21, 2016. Exercise Rail Yard is a joint training mission with active duty Air Force and Air National Guard TACP squadrons, as well as soldiers from the 7th, 10th, and 19th Special Forces Groups. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



SPECIAL FORCES & TAC-P JOINT EXERCISE AT WARREN GROVE



U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard Tactical Air Control Party Airmen and U.S. Army Special Forces Soldiers came together for a joint training scenario, Exercise Rail Yard, on Sept. 21, 2016 at Warren Grove Gunnery Range, N.J. The Airmen and Soldiers controlled F-16C Fighting Falcons and A-10 Thunderbolt II's over a simulated battle zone. The exercise also involved the New Jersey Army National Guard's 1-150 Assault Helicopter Battalion, who conducted a fast rope insertion of TACP personnel onto the range.

(U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

A scenic landscape featuring a valley with a small town, surrounded by mountains. The foreground shows rocky terrain. A large black vertical bar is positioned on the left side of the image, containing white text.

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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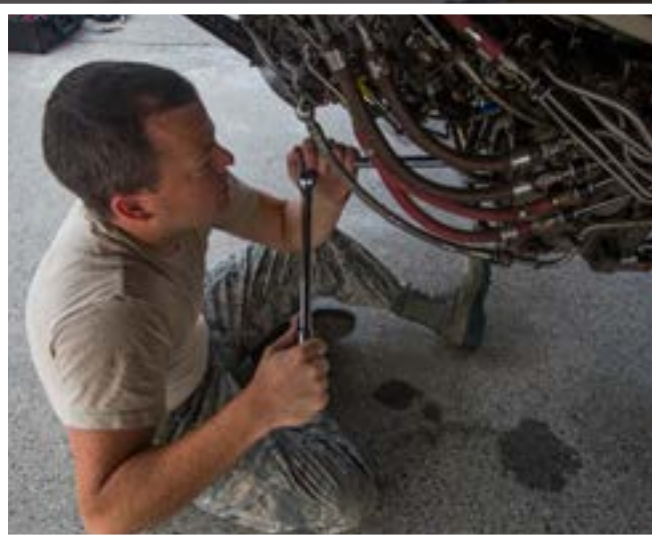
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(Background Photo & Bottom Right) The sun rises on 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, KC-135R Stratotankers at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Sept. 18, 2016, the Air Force's 69th birthday. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Staff Sgt. David Connor, 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, conducts a bore scope inspection on a KC-135R Stratotanker's CFM-56 engine at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Sept. 18, 2016. September 18 is the Air Force's 69th birthday. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Members of the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard's engine shop conduct a bore scope inspection on a KC-135R Stratotanker's CFM-56 engine at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Sept. 18, 2016. September 18 is the Air Force's 69th birthday. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



MAINTAINING THE FLEET



HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION



Members of New Jersey National Guard gathered at NJ National Guard Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on September 21st, 2016 to celebrate hispanic heritage month. Soldiers and Airmen were treated to a Cultural Dance Performance by Alma Montura Cultural Dance Company and afterwards sampled delicious traditional foods from several Hispanic countries.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is the period from September 15 to October 15 in the United States, when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States and celebrate the group's heritage and culture.

September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. All declared independence in 1821. In addition, Mexico, Chile and Belize celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21, respectively.[3]

(U.S. Army National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young/Released)



VETERANS AFFAIRS



BRIDGEWATER MALL MEDAL CEREMONY



Story and photos by Kryn Westhoven/DMAVAPA

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno joined Brig. Gen. Michael Cuniff, The Adjutant General, New Jersey National Guard, in presenting the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and other state military awards to 15 veterans at the Bridgewater Commons Mall on Sept. 20.

The recipients from multiple counties, included three veterans who served in both Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Vietnam veteran lapel pin was presented to two veterans as part of the also 50th anniversary commemoration of the war.

The ceremony marked the start of a two day visit of the veterans outreach kiosk, where veterans and their family members can learn more about benefits or entitlements that they could be eligible to receive. The Veterans Outreach Program is an effort by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to talk one-on-one with veterans or their family members about the wide variety

of state and federal veterans benefits. Those who missed the vent can call 1-888-8NJ-VETS for assistance.

The N.J. Distinguished Service Medal (NJ DSM) was originally issued in 1858 for those who distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was used infrequently until re-authorized by Governor Kean in 1988. The N.J. DSM was then authorized for that purpose. It is New Jersey's highest military award. Since its re-authorization in 1988, more than 30,000 medals have been awarded to combat veterans from New Jersey.

In order to be eligible for the Distinguished Service Medal you must meet all the following criteria: currently be a resident of New Jersey, have been a resident of New Jersey at the time you entered into military service, have been honorably discharged, have proof of having served in combat while on active duty during wartime. The DSM can be awarded posthumously to the next-of-kin of a veteran who meets the criteria.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal should call 1-888-865-8387. For additional information visit: http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/awards/distinguished_service/index.html



SALUTING BRANCHES AT DOYLE



MORE THAN FIVE DOZEN VOLUNTEER ARBORISTS FANNED OUT ACROSS DMAVA'S BRIG. GEN. WILLIAM C. DOYLE CEMETERY ON WEDNESDAY TO CLEAR DEAD AND DYING TREES IN AN EFFORT BEAUTIFY THE GROUNDS AND ENHANCE THE SAFETY OF VISITORS TO THE NATION'S BUSIEST STATE-OPERATED VETERANS CEMETERY. THE VOLUNTEERS WERE PART OF THE SALUTING BRANCHES ORGANIZATION, WHICH CARES FOR TREES AT VETERANS CEMETERIES ACROSS THE NATION DURING ITS ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE.

(PHOTOS BY KRYN WESTHOVEN, DMAVAPA/RELEASED)

FUNDS FOR DINING ROOM



MICHAEL WOJCIECHOWSKI, TMENLO PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME'S MARSHA LASKO, SUPERVISOR OF RECREATION AND JOE BRANDSPIEGEL, CEO, LEFT, ACCEPTS A \$5,000 CHECK FROM ANTHONY MOSKAL, CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POST 405 THAT WILL BE USED FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION OF ONE OF THE DINING ROOMS.

COURTESY PHOTO MENLO PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME

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Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
“Veterans Outreach Campaign”

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

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JOHNSON & JOHNSON CORPORATE CONFERENCE CENTER

9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m.

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“BOOTS TO BUSINESS”

**PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR VETERANS WHO WANT TO START;
EXPAND OR PURCHASE A SMALL BUSINESS**

8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN
Harvey D. Johnson American Legion Post #295, 232 W. Mill Rd., Northfield, NJ 08225

SEPTEMBER *20 & 21, 2016

BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m. Daily

DMAVA MEDAL CEREMONY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ 11:00a.m. (Center Court)
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SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

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CHERRY HILL NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

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