

# NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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# 177th CE deploys to Florida

Story and photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Powell, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs



**Master Sgt. Kirk Sherry, left, assists Staff Sgt. Ilya Barankevich, both with the 177th Civil Engineer Squadron, as he drills in a screw on a new foundation that will be used for a gazebo at Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg, Fla., May 26, 2015.**

CLEARWATER, Fla. - A group of 48 Airmen from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Civil Engineer Squadron traveled to Florida for training at Coast Guard Air Station Clearwater and Sector St. Petersburg from May 17-30.

The Airmen performed multiple types of projects ranging from pouring concrete and laying tile to rebuilding a foundation and moving a heating, ventilating and air conditioning unit.

"When guard members can come with the experience and skills that they have, and we just furnish the materials, it improves the material condition of the base in ways that we just wouldn't be able to do over the course of the year," said Chief Warrant Officer Jason Briggs, Facility Engineer, Sector St. Petersburg.

"I can't say enough good things about the people who have come down and the work that has been done. They've been a

really hard working group of people," said Briggs. "These last couple of weeks have been my first experience working with the Guard when they been deployed and recognizing the level of skill and training that all the members have, far exceeded what my expectations were and really helped us accomplish what we hoped to achieve."

Deployments for training take place every year as a means to provide training opportunities that may not normally be available at home station.

"It's real world training for our Air Force specialty code and also offers the opportunity for cross training," said Master Sgt. William Ericksen, first sergeant of the 177th Civil Engineer Squadron. "Instead of putting up a tent at our base and tearing it down, we're able to go to another base and use our skills, leaving something permanent. It's a win-win situation."

The Airmen are sent to different job

sites based on the type of training they need.

"In order to meet the training requirements of Air Force Instruction 10-210, Airmen in upgrade training get the chance to have certain requirements signed off," said 1st Lt. Andrew Matejek, project officer for the DFT. "The big thing is to maintain proficiency and skill level in everyone's particular AFSC, while providing new Airmen with on-the-job training."

## Cover photo

Airmen from the 177th Civil Engineer Squadron, joined fellow service members and community members to welcome home World War II veterans at Clearwater International Airport, Fla., May 19, 2015. The honor flight was returning from a trip to Washington, D.C. The CE Airmen were training in Florida. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Powell/Released)

# HONORING THE FORGOTTEN

Photos by Kryn P. Westhoven, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs



The remains of 10 veterans who served during the Spanish American War, World Wars I and II, Korea and in peacetime were interred at the state veterans cemetery during the 21st committal ceremony by New Jersey's Mission of Honor.

The veterans' remains, which had been abandoned, were laid to rest at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

The New Jersey's Mission of Honor was established on Feb. 4, 2009. The first ceremony was held May 15, 2009 for two veterans. More than 135 veterans have since been interred. Some of these remains had been abandoned for more than 50 years. The organization has reunited more than 200 families with their family members.

For more information, go to: [www.njmissionofhonor.org](http://www.njmissionofhonor.org)



# SERVING THE STATE



**M9 course**  
Senior Airman Chris Whitehurst from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron fires his Beretta M9 pistol during the M9 course of fire for qualification at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 10, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)  
For more photos click on the photo to go to the New Jersey National Guard Facebook page

## Guard trains cadets


U.S. Military Academy cadets rappel from UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, during the Army Air Assault Course held at West Point, N.Y., June 3, 2015. The 1-150th is located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. A mobile training team from the Sabalauski Air Assault School, located at U.S. Army Fort Campbell, Ky., conducted the 10-day course. (U.S. Army photo by Staff Sgt. Vito T. Bryant/Released)



# STATE EVENTS




## MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

Presented by: 

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18**  
GATES OPEN AT 6:00PM | 1ST PITCH AT 7:05PM

TROOP SUPPLY & CARE PACKAGE DRIVE OUTSIDE THE BALLPARK  
PRE-GAME CEREMONY BEGINNING AROUND 6:15PM  
GROUP RECOGNITION ON OUR SCOREBOARD  
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## Military Appreciation Day

**Place:** Casino Pier, Seaside Heights  
800 Ocean Terrace  
**Date:** Saturday, June 27, 2015  
**Time:** 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for bracelet pick-up  
Waterpark opens at 10 a.m.

**Rain Date:** Please check “NJ State Family Programs” on Facebook for information. Changes will be made by the State Family Programs Office and will be posted on their Facebook page. Please **DO NOT** call the Casino Pier.

Soldiers/Airmen and Family members of the N.J. National Guard are cordially invited to attend “Military Appreciation Day” at the New Jersey Shore.

You will be required to show a Uniformed Services Military ID to obtain waterpark bracelets **for you and your dependants only**. Friends and extended family members **will not** receive bracelets.

\*\* Check in through the side entrance of the Breakwater Beach Waterpark on 800 Ocean Terrace off Grant Avenue between 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

\*\* Waterpark opens at 1000 hours.

\*\* Each Military Family will receive a debit card (one) worth \$25.00 to be used to play games at the Casino Pier. (slot machines, ski ball, pin ball games)

**Thank you for serving our Country!**



## A CHANCE TO SAY “THANKS”...

**JUNE 27 - 28, 2015**  
**Winnebago Scout Reservation**  
102 Timberbrook Road • Rockaway, NJ

For one weekend every year, Camp Winnebago provides an anything-but-usual camping experience. Each year, the Patriots' Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America turn over their camp to members of the military, their spouses and children, and transform Winnebago into Camp Noble Cause - an idyllic haven for active military personnel and their families to create the memories to last a lifetime.

*Join us for a most rewarding, memorable experience!*

- Swimming
- Boating
- Crafts
- Field Games
- Hiking
- Archery
- Shooting Sports
- Carnival Activities

*This FREE weekend is open to All ACTIVE Duty military personnel, including members of the Reserves and the National Guard*

This weekend is organized by the Boy Scouts of America. For administrative purposes, one member from each family will be asked to join the Learning for Life program of the BSA at no cost or obligation.

Friend us at <https://www.facebook.com/CampNobleCause2015>  
For more information or to register, visit:  
[www.scoutingevent.com?2015CNC](http://www.scoutingevent.com?2015CNC)

## PLEASE JOIN US!

*In a Ride Where All Proceeds Benefit...*

### THE HOMELESS AT VETERANS HAVEN NORTH

**7-18-15**

**When:** JULY 18TH  
rain or shine

**Registration:**  
10:00 - 10:45 AM  
WILLIAMS HARLEY DAVIDSON,  
1100 US 22, LEBANON, NJ

**Kick Stands Up:**  
11:00 AM:  
SCENIC RIDE THRU HUNTERDON COUNTY

**Arrival:** 12:30 PM @ VETERANS HAVEN NORTH,  
200 SANATORIUM RD, GLEN GARDNER, NJ

sponsored by:  


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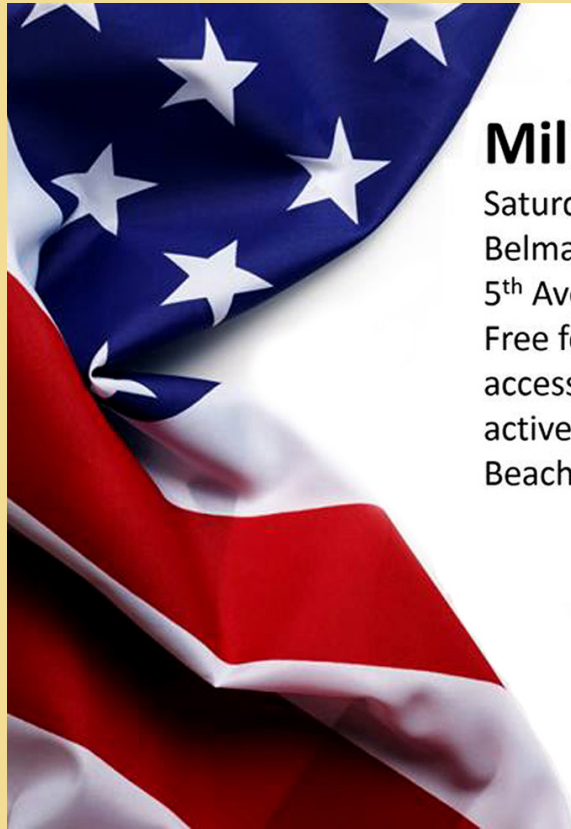
**Donation:**  
**\$30.00 PER BIKE**

## Veterans Outreach Campaign

Wildwood  
Convention Center  
Outreach Events  
Only

June 11-13:  
American Legion  
State Convention,  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Daily

June 17-20: VFW  
State Convention,  
8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Daily  
Wildwood  
Convention Cen-  
ter, 4501 Board-  
walk, Wildwood,  
NJ 08260



## Military Appreciation Day

Saturday, June 27, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Belmar, New Jersey

5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Beach

Free food, drinks, music, parking, beach access, volleyball, giveaways and more for all active military and their families.

Beach chairs & umbrellas for your use.

**Note: Please bring your military ID**



## ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

### Save money, use a solar cover to heat your pool

The summer officially starts on June 21, and that means a lot of people are opening their pools back up for the season!

On average, swimming pools lose about a quarter of an inch of water each day, but changes in wind, humidity and sunlight can drastically change the rate at which water loss occurs. If too much evaporation occurs, the water temperature drops. The costs of heating your pool can add up, so consider using a solar cover to get free heat from the sun. The solar cover will also help prevent evaporation, reducing pool-related water and heating costs.

If you would like more information about our energy and water conservation efforts, contact Christopher Moore, Energy Manager at [christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov)

E-mail your Highlights submissions to: [mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov) by close of business Wednesday

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