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All offices will be closed
 Monday,

19 January, in
 observance of the

Dr. Martin Luther King
 holiday.

**"We must learn to
 live together as
 brothers or perish
 together as fools."**

...Martin Luther King Jr.

NJ Army National Guardsmen participated in mobilization ceremony.

180 members of the NJ Army National Guard participated in a mobilization ceremony held last week at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. The soldiers are expected to spend one year in Iraq after four to six months of specific training at Fort Dix. The soldiers are members of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery and come from batteries in Morristown, Toms River, Cherry Hill, and Lawrenceville. Soldiers from the 5th Battalion, 117th Cavalry are also being deployed. The need for additional security forces in occupied Iraq has forced the soldiers into police roles. They will act as military police, including guarding American convoys driving through the country. Families of the soldiers were provided with presentations about medical services, insurance, and counseling available to them while their loved ones serve in Iraq.

Human Resources Division welcomes its new Director.

DMVA extends a warm welcome to Ms. Loreta Sepulveda, who joined our staff on Monday, 12 January 2004, as the new Director of the Human Resources Division. Ms. Sepulveda comes to DMVA from Human Resources at the Superior Courts of New Jersey. When you see Loreta in the hallway, be sure to introduce yourself and say "hello."

NJ Air National Guard Members are "Coined" by General Officers.

Major General Clark W. Martin, NJ Air National Guard Commander, and Brigadier General Eugene R. Chojnacki, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, "coined" six members recently for their service over the New Year's Holiday. The individuals volunteered their time and expertise in the Joint Operations Center and at the Teaneck Armory. Coined were Captain Devon Hanson, Chief Master Sergeant John Artigliere, and SSgt Diane Hess from the Joint Forces Headquarters Air Component, and MSgt Jim Granato, MSgt Fred Gonzalez, and SSgt Keith Czczuga from the 108th Air Refueling Wing.

Veterans honored at recent Medal ceremony.

Brigadier General Eugene R. Chojnacki, Assistant Adjutant General for Air, presented 108 veterans with the Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medals at a ceremony held on 14 January 2004 at the VFW Post 1616 in Williamstown, New Jersey. Assemblyman David Mayer, District 4, Deptford's Deputy Mayor Jackie Love, and Mr. Angelo Romeo, Director of Veterans Affairs in Gloucester County, were among the honored guests in attendance. CW5 (Ret) Bob Wimberly served as Master of Ceremonies, and DMVA employees, Karen Hansen, Michele

Johnson, and SSgt Barbara Harbison, assisted in the medal presentation ceremony.



The Blueberry "Vaccinium Corymbosum" is named the State Fruit.

In a ceremony on Monday, 12 January 2004, Governor McGreevey signed the law naming the blueberry as New Jersey's state fruit. NJ produces 22% of the nation's blueberries on 8,000 acres across seven central and southern New Jersey counties.

January is National Mentoring Month...



"To the world you might be just one person, but to one person you just might be the world."

Visit the National Mentoring Association website for further information.

www.mentoring-association.org

New Jersey's ChalleNGe Youth Program receives honors.

Congratulations to the New Jersey National Guard ChalleNGe Youth Program for receiving two honors at the recent ChalleNGe Director's Workshop held in Orlando, Florida. New Jersey received an award for Most Improved/Progressive Program in 2003, as well as an Honorable Mention for having one of the top three best Physical Training curriculums. Thanks to the dedicated staff who made these awards possible.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Education Center Announces Scholarship Program.

The NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation has announced its 2004 Scholarship Program. Scholarships will be awarded to two graduating seniors from NJ who plan to further their education either a college, university, or trade/technical school. Information on how to apply for the scholarship and important deadlines are available by calling (732) 335-0033 or by visiting the NJ Vietnam Memorial's website by [clicking here](#).

Today in History...

Today is Friday, 16 January 2004 and the 16th day of the year. There are 351 days left in the year. On this day...

- 1883 - Pendleton Act creates the basis of the U.S. Civil Service system.
- 1920 - First assembly of the League of Nations (Paris).
- 1942 - William Knudsen becomes the first civilian appointed a General in the U.S. Army.
- 1951 - World's largest gas pipeline opens (Brownsville, Texas, to 134th Street, New York City).
- 1963 - Krushchev claims to have a 100 mega-ton nuclear bomb.
- 1974 - "Jaws" by Peter Benchley is published.
- 1982 - Britain and the Vatican resumed full diplomatic relations after a break of over 400 years.
- 1991 - Operation Desert Storm begins. The United States and 27 allies attack Iraq for occupying Kuwait.
- 2002 - The United Nations Security Council unanimously adopted sanctions against Osama bin Laden, his terror network, and the remnants of the Taliban. The sanctions required that all nations impose arms embargoes and freeze their finances.

Armory Happenings - Check to see what's happening at an Armory near you.

15-20 Jan	Home Design & Landscape Show	Morristown Armory
18 Jan	Sports Card & Comics Show	Bordentown Armory

22-25 Jan	Tool Show	Cherry Hill Armory
22-25 Jan	Antique Show	Morristown Armory
27 Jan	Circus	Woodbridge Armory
29 Jan - 1 Feb	Tool Show	Mount Holly Armory
30 Jan	Circus	Jersey City Armory
30-31 Jan	Auction	Cherry Hill Armory
1 Feb	Circus	Cherry Hill Armory
3 Feb	Circus	Bordentown Armory
7-9 Feb	2004 Winter Games "Special Olympics"	Morristown Armory
12-15 Feb	Tool Show	Woodbridge Armory
22 Feb	Sports Card & Comics Show	Bordentown Armory
27-28 Feb	High School Wrestling Tournament	Teaneck Armory
29 Feb	NASCAR Collectibles Show	Bordentown Armory

Winter Driving Tips –

Here are a few things you can do to make driving a bit safer during the cold/snowy weather:

- If your car needs a tune-up or is due for regular service, get it done now.
- Make sure your battery and charging system are up to snuff. The battery that started easily in the summer may not have enough oomph to do it in winter, when the oil isn't as "fluid" as it was in July. Batteries lose power as temperatures drop.
- Check your cooling system – Make certain your anti-freeze will protect your car in freezing temperatures. If you have leaks in the system, get them taken care of now.
- Make sure your windshield wipers are in good shape. Winter wipers, with rubber coverings that keep ice from collecting on the blade, are now available. However, winter wipers are heavy and if you continue to use them all summer, you can wear out the wiper motor.
- Keep your gas tank close to full. If you get stuck or stranded, the engine will be your only source of heat. Also, warm daylight temperatures fill the empty space in your gas tank with moisture, which will condense during the cold nights. This water will sink to the bottom and, sooner or later, rust out your tank.
- Make sure your windshield washer reservoir is full. On a snowy or messy day, you can easily go through half a gallon of fluid trying to keep your windshield clear.
- Make sure your rear window defroster works.

- Make sure you have some basic supplies in your car in case you get stuck. Invest in a snowbrush, ice scraper, blanket, and extra windshield washer fluid.
- You can't see through snow – so make a “preflight check” before a winter car trip. Take extra time to clean the car off thoroughly. Make sure every glass surface is clear. All sideview mirrors and lights should be brushed and cleared as well.
- Finally, when driving in the snow, do everything slowly. Even with good coolant, snow tires, traction control, all-wheel drive, and a bag of Doritos in the trunk, driving in snow and ice can be treacherous. Accelerate, turn, and brake slowly and gently. Leave plenty of distance between you and other cars.

Upcoming Calendar of Events for the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Education Center.

The NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial has scheduled the following events:

24 Jan - 1 pm

Vietnam Veteran Verse: “Earth Songs” by Jan Barry and “Tunnel Vision” by Charles Johnson.

28 Feb - 1 pm

Author Lecture by Gerald R. Gioglio, who will discuss his book, Days of Decision: An Oral History of Conscientious Objectors in the Military During the Vietnam War.

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