

DMAVA Highlights

October 21, 2010 Volume 12 Number 40



Newark veterans

A time to heal, a time to rest



New Jersey Air National Guard Maj. Kendra Mochel, left, checks U.S. Army veteran John P. O'Neill's blood pressure at Stand Down - North in Newark on Oct. 17. The Stand Down was sponsored by the New Jersey National Guard, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Veterans Administration and aims to give homeless veterans a "hand up, not a hand out." More than 500 homeless veterans took advantage of services ranging from housing assistance to medical care. Photo by Sgt. Wayne Woolley, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist.

Veterans' Day events

Come to the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Nov. 11, for the Veterans Day Service and Flag Retirement Ceremony at 11 a.m.

RSVP to Genia DiBella at 609-738-2404 if planning to attend.

The Camden County Board of Freeholders is holding a Veterans' Appreciation Day on Oct. 23, noon-4 p.m. at Veterans Island, Cooper River Park, North Park Drive, Pennsauken.

The special day is being held in honor of veterans' service to our country.

There will be a free barbecue and concert. The concert begins at 1 p.m.; Chris Barron of The Spin Doctors will perform.

Check out www.camdencounty.com for more details.

See more events on page 4

New life is coming for DMAVA Highlights

By Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs specialist

DMAVA Highlights will be entering a new stage of its "life" on Oct. 28. I am handing over my editorial pens to Sgt. Wayne Woolley, also of the Public Affairs Office.

The changeover is taking place because I am getting ready to retire. My orders take me into the Retired Reserves on Nov. 30.

Editorship of DMAVA Highlights passed to me on March 31, 2006, from the capable hands of Laura Branham. Looks of the publication have changed greatly since the first issue she sent out on April 19, 2002. Back then it was 2-3 pages of basic "typewritten" headlines and stories. No photos, no artwork, no color. We've come a long way.

Since Sgt. Woolley is fairly new to the job of producing the newsletter, we ask your assistance. If you have an article or item you want to place in DMAVA Highlights, please get it to him no later than 10 a.m., Wednesday. Send all photos in .jpg format and all articles in a Microsoft Word format. Articles should be no longer than 300 words long. The bottom ribbon of the Word screen keeps a running word count for you.

After 11 years working here in the Public Affairs Office at DMAVA, I will be making a big change from my office life here. But I have had a fair number of retirees tell me that I will be busier in retirement than I was when I was working.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a Baptist minister, once stated, "Don't simply retire from something; have something to retire to."

My "to" is varied: more time with my grandchildren, parents and the rest of my wonderful family; continued volunteering with my church; some travelling with my husband who retires from the federal government at the end of the year; and spending time at my sewing machine, quilting. One quilt in the works is one made of military uniforms. I have my old BDUs, a pair of my current ABUs, and a donated set of DCUs. Is there anyone out there who has a set of ACUs that are ready to be tossed because of fading, some minor tears or that no longer fit they are willing to donate to the project? Drop me a line at Barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-7088.

I am looking forward to this next stage of my life. And Sgt. Woolley will take DMAVA Highlights on its new life.

I am saving that rocker for the day when I feel as old as I really am.

--Dwight D. Eisenhower,
34th president of the United States

CFC campaign kicks off; looking for federal employee participation

By Jo Anne Miller, CFC Coordinator

The New Jersey National Guard Combined Federal Campaign has officially kicked off its 2010 Campaign which will run until Nov. 30.

The CFC provides every federal employee with an annual opportunity to voluntarily help by donating to local, national and international level human, health and environmental organizations. Contributions may be made via easy payroll deductions or by check.

Over the years, our Department has been most successful in this endeavor because of your personal generosity and concern. We urge every employee to support this worthy cause. Catalogs and payroll deduction forms will be going out to all full time Federal Technicians and AGRs.

The CFC Coordinator for this year's Combined Federal Campaign is Jo Anne Miller, J1-HRO Office. For more information, call 609-562-0851.

NJ Employees Charitable Campaign kicks off its annual giving drive

The New Jersey State Employees Charitable Campaign (ECC) has officially kicked off its 2010/2011 Campaign which will run until Dec. 15.

The ECC provides each state employee with an annual opportunity to voluntarily help others by donating to any of the more than 1,400 participating agencies and organizations listed in the ECC Code Book. Contributions may be made by bi-weekly payroll deductions or by cash, or check.

Over the years, our Department has been most successful in this endeavor because of your personal generosity and concern. We urge every employee to support this worthy cause. Code Books and payroll deduction forms will be given to all full time state employees.

This year's ECC Coordinator for the State's Employees Charitable Campaign is Paul Serdiuk, of the DMAVA-HRD Office. For more information, call 609-530-6878. You may also access information on line at www.njsecc.org.

DMAVA Green

By Ian Graham, Emerging Media, Defense Media Activity

The Defense Department's current reliance on expensive, difficult-to-transport and finite fossil fuels affects cost-reduction efforts as well as war-fighting operations, a senior Pentagon official said.

"Certainly, for current operations and for the future, one of the things we're really focused on is reducing demand, [which is] reducing our consumption, because no matter what kind of energy we're using, the amount of energy we're using causes us problems in practice -- particularly in the kinds of fights we're fighting today where so much of our logistics train is in the battlefield," Sharon Burke, director of the department's operational energy plans and programs, said in a recent "DoDLive" Bloggers roundtable.

In her recently created position, Burke's job, she said, is to look into current operational energy usage and find ways to lower total fossil fuel consumption, and to work toward incorporating alternative and renewable energy sources into the fighting force.

As military installations have worked to become more "green" over the past few years by incorporating alternative power sources and electric vehicles, Burke said, the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have renewed interest in reducing fossil fuel usage for military operations.

The first order of business, she said, is curbing the demand for fossil-based fuels. At a recent DOD-sponsored energy forum, Mullen described the "old" military mentality when it came to fuel as "burn it if you got it." Burke said that mentality has to be changed before any real operational reform can happen.

For example, Burke said, use of biofuel-blended JP-8 jet fuel will be part of the solution because of its prevalence in war zones. However, she added, the solution is wider ranging.

"Whether we're putting it [jet or diesel fuel] in generators to turn it into electricity to power computers and communications gear, or whether we're putting it into vehicles, almost all the fuel we use on the battlefield is petroleum-based," she said. "So we have to focus on it. But no matter what kind of energy it is, we have to find a way to use less."

Burke said a big part of her office's role is to seek innovative ideas for battlefield-ready products. Marine Corps units, she said, have started deploying with solar-powered generators. Meanwhile, she added, the Army is implementing use of better-insulated tents and water-recycling technology to save energy, and the Air Force has worked for many years to incorporate alternative and renewable fuel sources into their operations.

Burke said she wants to ensure the services don't lose any vital tools as they pare down fuel consumption. It's important to get usage levels -- and therefore, costs -- down, she said, but not as important as providing enhanced capability to troops in the field, which new energy technology can do.



DMAVA Highlights is published weekly by the Public Affairs Office of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Department of Defense, the Army, the Air Force, the National Guard, Veterans Affairs or the state of New Jersey. Letters may be sent to: NJDMAVA, DMAVA Highlights, Public Affairs Office, PO Box 340, Trenton NJ 08625-0340. E-mail at pao@njdmava.state.nj.us.

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth – The Adjutant General

Brig. Gen. James J. Grant – Director, Joint Staff

Raymond Zawacki – Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs

CW 2 Patrick Daugherty – Public Affairs Officer

Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison – Public Affairs Specialist

Sgt. Wayne Woolley – Public Affairs Specialist

Families

Army Soldier Show comes to Jersey for last time in 2010

Come to the last time the 2010 Army Soldier Show will be in New Jersey for this year. The show will be at the Expo Theater, Fort Monmouth, Nov. 4, 1:30 p.m.

The show is open to all MWR patrons – you must be able to access the base.

This year, one of the proud sponsors of the 2010 Soldier Show is the US Army G-1, Sexual Harassment / Assault Response and Prevention Program, or “SHARP.”

When you come to the performance, take a look inside your Soldier Show Program! There, you'll find a tear-out card - containing a special Access Code - and exciting information about the “SHARP-MWR Sweepstakes.” The Grand Prize is a \$5,000 trip to the Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort. Plus, one lucky winner at each garrison will win a \$200 prepaid gift card!

ARMS looking for children of deployed for holiday gifting

Each year since the war started, ARMS has provided at least two gifts to the children (ages newborn to 16 years old) of our deployed or about-to-be deployed troops. If your child is one of these children, please contact your nearest Family Readiness Group or Family Assistance Center or Call the State Family Programs Office toll free at 1-888-859-0352 to get the form to apply for the gifts.

Holiday mailing dates given for overseas packages, cards

By Karen Jowers, Air Force Times

For those mailing packages to friends and loved ones in the military overseas, Christmas comes early. And Hanukkah comes even earlier.

It depends on how you plan to send it, but if it's traveling the slowest way — parcel post — mail that package by Nov. 12 to get it there by Dec. 25, according to recommended holiday shipping dates provided by the Military Postal Service Agency.

Here are the other recommended mail deadlines. Subtract 24 days from each deadline to get it there in time for Hanukkah:

- Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 20 to contingency locations (APO/FPO/DPO AE Zip 093); all other overseas military locations by Nov. 26.
- Parcel Airlift Mail (PAL): Dec. 1 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 3.
- Priority Mail: Dec. 4 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 10.
- First-class cards and letters: Dec. 4 to contingency locations; all others by Dec. 10
- Express Mail Military Services: Not available to contingency locations; other locations by Dec. 18. Check with your local post office to determine if this service is available to a particular APO/FPO/DPO address.

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

VA takes life-saving line to streets of Philadelphia

Beginning Monday, the Department of Veterans Affairs began advertising the Suicide Prevention Lifeline on Philadelphia's SEPTA mass transit. The effort includes 140 SEPTA buses, 48 bus shelters, 97 subway interior posters, and 110 rail/subway station posters with a message of hope for those who have served their country and find themselves in an emotional crisis.

“It's exciting to have this resource come to Philadelphia,” said Dr. Dave Oslin, the Philadelphia VA Medical Center Interim Chief of Staff. “It highlights an important program for a Veteran or loved one who may need a place to turn for help. And that help is available if they will just call.”

Dr. Oslin adds that it is especially important for family or friends to notice the warning signs of suicide and to provide the Lifeline number to their loved one. These signs can include talking about death, displaying uncontrolled rage or anger, and trying to get guns, pills or other means to harm oneself.

Since its inception in July 2007, VA's Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), has rescued more than 10,000 Veterans and provided counseling for more than 180,000 Veterans and their loved ones at home and overseas. The hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by trained mental health professionals prepared to deal with immediate crises. The hotline also offers an anonymous online chat feature available at www.suicidepreventionhotline.org. Look for the chat feature in the upper right hand box.

VA has publicized the hotline through mass transit campaigns since summer of 2008, increasing the number of calls and lives saved with each city the campaign has reached. VA is partnering with Blue Line Media (www.BlueLineMedia.com), a transit advertising company, for the campaign. The SEPTA advertisements continue until Jan. 9, 2011.

VA has also promoted awareness of the hotline through national public service announcements featuring actor Gary Sinise and broadcast journalist Deborah Norville. The transit advertisements and both PSAs are available for download via YouTube and at www.mentalhealth.va.gov/suicide_prevention.

East Hanover establishment offers fun for family at a discount

Fall and winter weather is fast approaching. What do you do with the kids when they can't play outdoors, their video games are borrrrring and they simply need to blow off some steam?

The Funplex in East Hanover, N.J. is offering a 10 percent discount on any purchase when you present your military or government ID at the door. The Funplex is located at 182 Route 10 West.

The indoor attractions include: go-karts, bumper cars, junior bumper cars, Lazer Runner, 4D theater and arcade games. For more information on their games and pricing, visit their Web site - www.thefunplex.com.

Et Cetera

Government benefits must be through EFTs for all

Prepare for the change. Americans who enroll for federal benefits on or around March 1, 2011 will have to choose Direct Deposit or Direct Express Debit MasterCard. The Direct Express debit card is used when the applicant does not have a bank account.

It costs the federal government \$1.03 to issue a check but only 10.5 cents to issue a electronic fund transfer. Putting all government payments into EFTs will save the government about \$400 million dollars and about 12 million pounds of paper.

By 2013, the recipients of the more than 136 million benefit checks that the federal government mails out each year will have no choice but to be on the EFT program.

October is open enrollment for state employees

Open enrollment for 2011 – state health benefits and tax savings programs

October is the State Health Benefits Program and State Employees Tax Savings Program open enrollment period — your annual opportunity to review SHBP and Tax\$ave coverage and make any changes for you and/or your dependents for the 2011 plan year. During the Open Enrollment you may:

- Enroll in SHBP plans if you have not previously done so, change to a different SHBP medical plan and/or dental plan, and add eligible dependents – including children up to age 26* under federal health care reform changes – see the *Health Capsule* newsletter for details.
- Enroll, or renew enrollment, in Tax\$ave Flexible Spending Account plans for the coming plan year.** See the *Tax\$ave News* for new reimbursement limits on over-the-counter medications and eligibility of children up to the age of 26.

Starting this year, open enrollment publications are only available online. See the Health Capsule and Tax\$ave Newsletter and fliers for detailed open enrollment information. Go to: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/ and click the Open Enrollment links under “Special Announcements.”

- To change or enroll in SHBP plans, contact your human resources representative or benefits administrator to obtain an application. Medical and prescription drug coverage changes are made on the same application. Dental coverage changes are made on a separate application.
- To change or enroll in Tax\$ave plans, see the information on the Tax\$ave Open Enrollment Web site.
- Changes made during this Open Enrollment will be effective on January 1, 2011 for all employees.

*Optional coverage for dependent children until age 31 is available under the provisions of Chapter 375, P.L. 2005.

**Re-enrollment is required each year for continued participation in a Tax\$ave FSA plan.

Veterans' Day

Free dinner at Applebee's

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar will thank American veterans again this year with a complimentary meal on November 11- Veterans Day. A special selection of entrees will be available for their special guests at all Applebee's restaurants throughout the United States.

Last year, the restaurant initiated this program and served more than one million free meals to current and former members of the military.

Due to the popularity of last year's event, New Jersey Applebee's will open one hour earlier for lunch starting at 10:00 a.m. and continue serving dinner until midnight or later in order to accommodate more of our deserving military.

This year, Applebee's Veterans Day menu includes: 7 oz. House Sirloin, Bacon Cheeseburger, Fiesta Lime Chicken, Double Crunch Shrimp, Three-Cheese Chicken Penne, Chicken Tenders Platter and Oriental Chicken Salad. All U.S. veterans and active duty personnel with proof of current or former military service can choose one complimentary entrée from this selection of favorites. Proof of service includes the following: U.S. Uniform Services Identification Card, U.S. Uniform Services Retired Identification Card, Current Leave and Earnings Statement, Veterans Organization Card, photograph in uniform or wearing uniform, DD214, Citation or Commendation. To locate the Applebee's restaurant nearest you or for more information, visit www.applebees.com.

State savings bond program ends

The U.S. Department of the Treasury is discontinuing the offering of paper U.S. savings bonds through payroll savings plans. This change is effective beginning in January 2011. Because of this change, the State of New Jersey will no longer withhold deductions from employees' paychecks after Pay Period 26, 2010. Any Bond Balance remaining at the end of this calendar year will be refunded to you in a separate check.

While U.S. Savings bonds will no longer be available to you through payroll deductions from the State of New Jersey, you will still have the opportunity to continue to save automatically by using the Treasury Direct online system – a free online system that allows you to purchase, manage, and redeem electronic (paperless) savings bonds. To learn more about electronic savings through TreasuryDirect, please visit www.treasurydirect.gov.

“Inside Buffalo” screening Oct. 25 at Seton Hall Law School

A screening of “Inside Buffalo,” a documentary by Fred K. Kuwornu, will be held at the Seton Hall Law School auditorium on Oct. 25, 4 p.m. The documentary is focused on the story of the 92nd Division, nicknamed Buffalo; an African-American segregated combat unit which fought in Italy during World War II.

The auditorium is located at 1109 Raymond Blvd., 1 Newark Center, Newark. A cocktail hour will follow the screening.

RSVP to Barbara Ritchie at Barbara.ritchie@shu.edu or call 973-275-2967.

Veterans & Military

Fowler goes to Washington for honors from Vets History Project

By Carol Fowler, assistant curator, National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

As National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey Veterans Oral History Director, I was invited to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project (VHP) Tenth Anniversary Commemoration ceremony held in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 29.

The ceremony was held in the Jefferson Memorial, where James Billington, Librarian of Congress spoke. He noted that the Department of Defense will make the VHP an important part of next year's 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War commemorations. He added that the program is, "by its very nature dependent on the continuing and growing enthusiasm and dedication of people like Carol Fowler from New Jersey and David Meyer O'Shea from California, who have performed hundreds of interviews and who are both here tonight."

Veterans History Project director, retired Col. Bob Patrick, introduced me to O'Shea. We agreed that the veteran interviewer was "an honored guest, going along for a journey," and swapped questions and techniques for the rest of the evening.

Subsequently I posed David O'Shea's favorite question, "tell me a story you never told anyone before" to a Vietnam veteran, who responded that his son discovered his name in a book that described an incident where he was surrounded and fought his way out. The veteran simply said, "I hadn't remembered it." It was truly a powerful moment!

112th Field Artillery Assoc. holding 38th annual reunion, Nov. 6, at Lawrenceville armory

From retired Lt. Col. Thomas J. Smith, Commander, 112th Field Artillery Association

The 112th Field Artillery Association will hold its 38th annual reunion on Nov. 6, at the National Guard Armory on Eggert Crossing Road in Lawrenceville, N.J. There will be cocktails at 5 p.m., Veterans Remembrance at 6 p.m., and dinner and recognitions at 7:30 p.m.

The Veterans remembrance will be marked with a tribute concert provided by the 63rd Army Band. The remarks will be given by Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Lewis. Lewis is a member of the 3rd Battalion 112th Field Artillery, which returned last year from deployment to Iraq. Recognitions include a formal induction of members and associates into the Ancient or Honorable Order of Saint Barbara and the Artillery Order of Molly Pitcher.

Meal choices are stuffed flounder, stuffed chicken or filet mignon at \$45 per person. Make checks payable to the '112th FA Association' and send to the Association at 151 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Send any questions to CO-112FAA@verizon.net or call Lt. Col. Smith at 609-937-1785. Reservations are required by Nov. 1. Specify 'Sit With' and we'll do our best to see it happen.

TRICARE Reserve Select offers health insurance for "traditional"

Membership in the National Guard has many benefits.

One perk often overlooked by traditional drilling Guard members is the ability to buy low-cost high-quality medical insurance for themselves and their families through the TRICARE Health Plan.

TRICARE Reserve Select membership allows for comprehensive health care coverage and access to a large number of doctors and hospitals as well as use of military treatment facilities. Coverage under TRICARE Reserve Select also includes eye exams, immunizations and health screenings, prescription drug coverage, behavioral health care and emergency treatment.

Premiums for TRICARE Reserve are substantially below market-rate premiums offered by private health insurance companies. Member coverage for TRICARE Reserve is \$46.92 per month and member-and-family coverage is \$197.65 per month. Annual outpatient deductibles are capped for members at the pay grade of E4 and below at \$50 for member-only coverage and \$100 for member and family coverage. The deductibles for E5 and above are \$150 for just members and \$300 for members covering family.

For more information about TRICARE Reserve Select, including downloadable enrollment forms, go to: www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/trs/index.jsp. To check on providers in certain areas, you can do a more general search at www.tricare.mil.

Golf tourney benefits OIF vet

Now is the time to sign up for the Tunnel to Towers National Golf Tournament being held at seven places on the east coast on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Local locations include Staten Island, N.Y., Fort Monmouth, N.J., and Williamsport and Shamokin, Pa.

The golf tournament honors and supports American troops and their families. It is named Tunnel to Towers in honor of Stephen Siller, FDNY, and his fellow firefighters. Siller ran with his gear, on Sept. 11, 2001, through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the World Trade Center to help save others. A golf tournament is held because Siller had just finished his tour of duty with the fire department and was on his way for a round of golf with his brothers. Instead, he turned around to help those in need.

If you are interested in participating – the local golf proceeds will be going to help build a house for U.S. Army Spec. Brendan Marrocco, a quadruple amputee due to wounds sustained in Iraq – Call Jack Furnari or Terri Magnuski at 718-987-1931 or e-mail jackf@tunneltotowersgolf.org. Cost for the round of golf and dinner is \$195 per person.

N.J. Warrant Officer Association looking for new members

The United States Army Warrant Officer Association, Fort Dix Doughboy Chapter, is looking for members. For membership information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Nancy E. Rowbotham at nancy.rowbotham@us.army.mil.

Calendar

Job fair in Philadelphia, Nov. 11

RecruitMilitary is producing a Veteran Opportunity Expo in Philadelphia, Pa., in cooperation with the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Military Spouse Corporate Career Network to benefit veterans, transitioning military personnel, members of the Guard and Reserve, and military family members.

It will be held on Nov. 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lincoln Financial Field – home of the Philadelphia Eagles, 1020 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia.

Veteran-friendly employers, franchisors, and educational institutions will be in attendance offering a variety of opportunities. You can register for the event on the candidate information page - <https://www2.recruitmilitary.com/expos/333-Philadelphia/candidates/information>.

Run With Dennis, Nov. 7

Put on those running shoes and gear up for the fifth annual “Run With Dennis” being held at the PNC Arts Center, Garden State Parkway, Holmdel, N.J., on Nov. 7. The run honors LT Dennis W. Zilinski II, who was killed in action in Iraq on Nov. 19, 2005. The run is 3.5 miles, with a 2 mile walk for those not up to pounding the pavement.

All proceeds of the run are used to support the Lt. Dennis W. Zilinski II Memorial Fund. This non-profit fund provides support to improve the morale and welfare of members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Additionally, scholarships are awarded to students who embody the leadership qualities and community spirit of Lt. Zilinski.

To sign up for the run or walk or to make a donation to the memorial fund, visit www.runwithdennis.org.

Get a seat at the Macy's parade

HAI – www.hainyc.org – is offering to share their large reserved viewing space on 7th Avenue, Manhattan, for this year's Macy's NYC Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 25, with military families, service members and veterans.

If you are interested in attending, you must RSVP. To RSVP, please e-mail amy.maniscalco@us.army.mil. Send your name and the service member's name; military unit, component and branch; number of dependents in your group, and priority status (see below). RSVP no later than Nov. 15.

Priority Status:

1. Immediate family members of deployed service members, families of deployed DoD employees and surviving dependents of fallen service members;
2. Wounded service members in WTU or similar program, and their immediate family members;
3. Recently returned veterans/service members and their immediate family members;
4. Service members preparing to mobilize/deploy and their immediate family members, and
5. All other Guard/Reserve/Active/veterans and their immediate family members.

Location, arrival time and other details will be shared via e-mail to all who RSVP. General parade information can be found at Macy's Web site - <http://social.macys.com/parade2010>.

Picatinny Haunted House

Ready to be frightened?

It's time for the Picatinny Haunted House 2010. The spooky place is open Oct. 23, 29 and 30. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children aged 6 to 12. Children aged 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Not recommended for kids under 6.

Entrance to the Haunted House is through the Navy Hill Gate off Lake Denmark Road in Rockaway Township. Detailed directions and updated hours can be found at www.pica.army.mil/mwr/cys/cyshomepage.htm.

Graveside dining will be available at the Cemetery Café, with a menu featuring hamburgers, hot dogs and chili.

All proceeds benefit the Picatinny Youth Program, the Military Unit Fund and the Civil Air Patrol.

Halloween Haunt on Coney Island

“Can you handle it?” Experience the fun and thrills of unlimited amusement park rides with the sheer terror and chills of a live Halloween haunt! Nights of Horror at Luna Park, Coney Island, N.Y., are open this weekend and next. Save \$10 with military, college, high school, NYPD, FDNY, and EMS ID.

Cost is \$30, without ID. The rides are open Friday-Sunday, Oct. 22-24 and 29-31; Fridays and Saturdays: 5 p.m. to midnight, Sundays: 5-10 p.m.

Bridal Show at Picatinny, Nov. 9

If a wedding is in your future, you may want to reserve your spot at “The Ultimate Bridal Show Experience,” on Nov. 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cannon Gate Catering, Picatinny Arsenal.

Admission is free. Come and enjoy New Jersey's finest high energy Bridal Fashion show choreographed to music, special effect lighting and sound.

There will be complimentary champagne, hors d'oeuvres, food and desserts. Those attending will find merchant prizes and bridal magazines.

Call 973-669-1625 for reservations.

Veterans Outreach Campaign schedule

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign has kiosk displays at malls throughout the state and other special events to help veterans and their family members discover and apply for the benefits they are eligible to receive.

Nov. 4**	Belleville Public Library
Nov. 8*, 9, 10	Ocean County Mall
Nov. 8**	Toms River Elks Lodge 1875
Jan. 11*, 12, 13	Moorestown Mall

*Medal ceremony 10:30 a.m.

**Medal only ceremony, beginning at 1 p.m.