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October 25, 2023



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## Commissioner's Corner



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on October 18, 2023.

## **New Passaic County Veterans Service Office**

Last week marked an important step forward in the State of New Jersey's efforts to expand access to state and federal services and programs for Garden State Service Members, Veterans, and families.

Together with our local and state partners, and joined by leaders from Veterans Service Organizations, we cut the ribbon at our new Passaic County Veterans Service Office. Located at 401 Grand Avenue in Paterson, this achievement reflects Governor Murphy and the Legislature's commitment to opening a physical Veterans Service Office in each of New Jersey's twenty-one counties.

Meeting New Jerseyans where they are is central to our efforts. In the months ahead, we will continue to open new offices in Camden, Cape May, Middlesex, Salem, Union and Warren Counties. These new locations will complement existing [Veterans Service Offices](#) in Atlantic, Burlington, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, and Sussex Counties. I am so grateful for every person involved with this extensive project.

For me, this is all about putting people first. Through their service to the United States, Garden State Veterans stepped forward to answer a call to military service. We owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be fully repaid.

State of New Jersey Veterans Service Offices are staffed by trained subject-matter-experts capable of providing outstanding support. Our team can answer questions, concerns, assist with claims, and foster a better understanding of state and federal benefits.

Increasing access to Veterans services, specifically in our state's urban centers and rural areas, is one more step New Jersey is taking to expand services to the communities that we serve.

You can view images of the ribbon cutting ceremony at [DMAVA Flickr](#).

As always, thank you for staying connected to DMAVA.

We invite you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at [outreach@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:outreach@dmava.nj.gov).

**Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O.**  
**The Adjutant General & Commissioner**



## Featured Events



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Kenilworth Veterans Center

## **Suicide Awareness Seminar**



**Calling all of our Veterans and  
Community Veteran Service Providers!  
Join Us to learn about community resources  
available to our veterans in crisis.**

**Presentations by Community Leaders  
and the Department of Veteran Affairs  
Suicide Community Engagement Team**

**Thursday, October 26th, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**  
**Kenilworth Veterans Center,**  
**33 S 21st Street, Kenilworth, NJ 07033**  
**R.S.V.P. to [DPearson@catholiccharities.org](mailto:DPearson@catholiccharities.org)**  
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# NJ VETERANS Housing Symposium

**HOSTED BY:**

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**PRESENTED BY:**

The NJ American Legion, Dept. of  
Veteran Affairs & Monarch Housing

Stockton University's Atlantic  
City Campus 3711 Atlantic  
Ave. Atlantic City, NJ  
October 26th, 2023  
10:00am - 2:00pm

**Contact Info:**

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This event will host presenters on a national and regional level who are subject matter experts in affordable housing and at-risk Veterans. This is a learning and networking experience for all person's interested in assisting our Nation's struggling Veteran population.

**Topics will include:**

- ★ HUD/VASH Vouchers Funding
- ★ Sources Architectural
- ★ Development And MUCH
- ★ MORE . . .

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**Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O.  
The Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard**

**cordially invites you to attend the  
Annual Governor's Military Review**

**Sunday, 29 October 2023, at 11:00 am**

**at the**

**National Guard Training Center  
Camp Drive and Sea Girt Avenue**

**Parade Field**

**Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750-0277**

**Dress: Business Casual  
Military: Duty Uniform**



**The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will be holding a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Camden County Veterans Office**



**Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.  
at the  
Governor James J. Florio  
Center for Public Service Building  
200 Federal Street, Suite 146  
Camden, New Jersey 08103**

RSVP by Oct. 31, 2023 to  
Jamie Lucchesi  
Jamie.Lucchesi@dmava.nj.gov  
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**Events**





## DMAVA Calendar

DMAVA is sponsoring or will participate in the events below. A DMAVA Veterans Service Officer will be present at many of these events. Please check details to confirm.

- October 26, 2023 | Columbus  
[Outreach Campaign](#)
- October 26, 2023 | Kenilworth  
[Union County Suicide Awareness Seminar](#)
- October 27, 2023 | Moorestown Mall  
[Outreach Campaign & Medal Ceremony](#)
- October 28, 2023 | Fort Dix  
[99th Readiness Division Pre-Retirement Seminar](#)
- October 29, 2023 | Sea Girt  
[Annual Governor's Military Review](#)
- November 1, 2023 | Stockton University  
[Community & Veteran Wellness and Resource Fair](#)
- November 3, 2023 | Camden  
[Veterans Service Office Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)
- November 4, 2023 | Rochelle Park  
[Bergen County Regional Veteran Resource Fair](#)

- November 8&9, 2023 | County College of Morris  
[Veterans Resource Fair](#)
- November 9, 2023 | Ewing  
[Mercer County Veteran Services Resource Expo](#)
- November 9, 2023 | South Brunswick  
[Veterans Day Celebration](#)
- November 9, 2023 | Hillside Twp.  
[Veterans Day Resource Fair](#)
- November 10, 2023 | Sea Girt  
[The War to End All Wars - The Movie](#)
- November 11, 2023 | Jackson  
[Outreach Campaign](#)

## Community Calendar

We add new events to our calendar on a daily basis so please bookmark and check back often.

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## Employee Spotlight



## **Elena Garcia**

The dedicated DMAVA workforce at our network of Veterans Homes are our Heroes on the Homefront!

At the [Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park](#), we sat down with Elena Garcia, a Senior Certified Nursing Assistant and an 18-year veteran of the Home. With patience and love, she explains how those two traits help her serve those who've served.

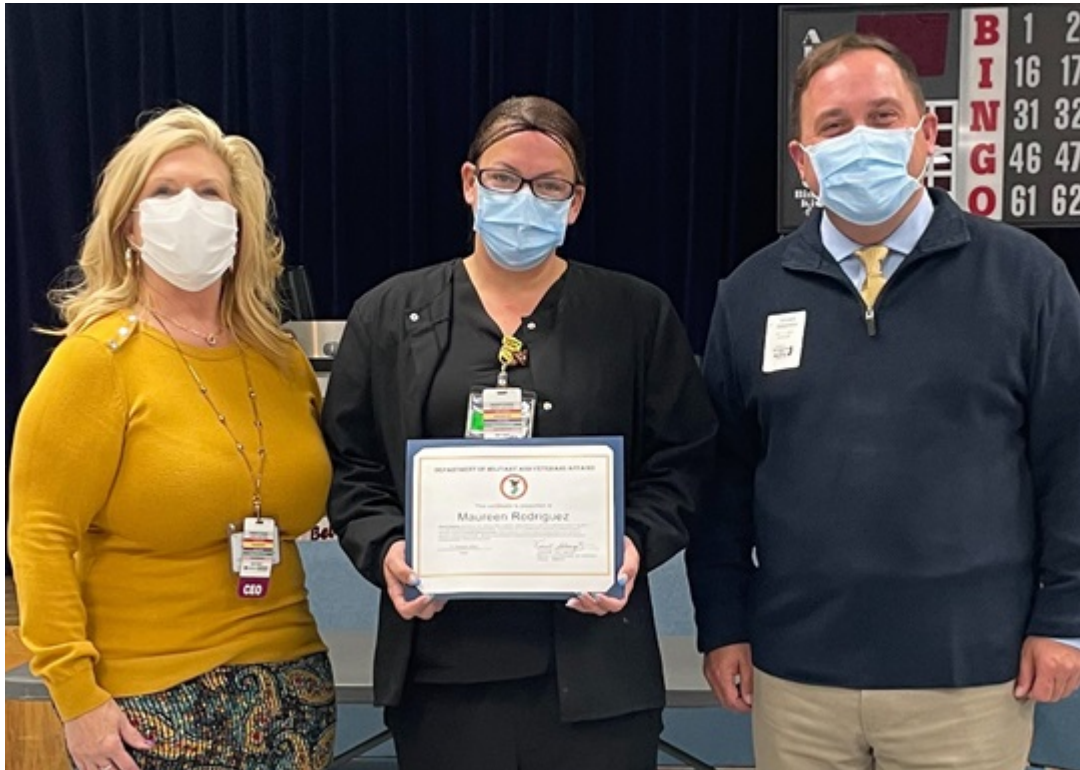
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## **Employee Recognition**

On October 16, 2023, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno recognized four staff members of the [Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park](#) for exceptional service to residents.

(Pictured l-to-r) DCVA Solomeno, Karen McKernan, Weedemarck Lindor, Lizet Valentin, Zana Smajlaj, and Lisa Kranis, CEO.



## Employee Recognition

Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno visited the [Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland](#) and recognized three staff members for their exceptional service to residents on October 17, 2023.

(Pictured I-to-r) Alyson Bailey, CEO, Maureen Rodriguez and DCVA Solomeno. In addition, Felicito Leyva and Josefina Santiago were recognized for their efforts.

# NJ National Guard



## **119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron**

As part of a pre-announced Department of Defense deployment, the [177th Fighter Wing](#) sent a portion of the Wing's U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons to the U.S. Central Command Area of Responsibility early on October 18, 2023.

While deployed in support of Air Forces Central missions, the 119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron will help defend interests, promote regional security, and safeguard freedom of navigation in the region.

The 177FW will continue to fly at home station to maintain operational readiness and to support the no-fail homeland defense mission.



## **New F-16 Squadron arrives, bolstering U.S. defense posture in the Middle East**

*9th Air Force Public Affairs | October 24, 2023*

SOUTHWEST ASIA - The New Jersey Air National Guard's 119th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron arrived within U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility with an additional F-16 Fighting Falcon squadron, bolstering U.S. posture to deter further aggression in the region.

The Atlantic City-based fighters, also known as the "Jersey Devils," now aligned under 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central), provide flexible options to coalition leaders directing air operations throughout the Middle East, including contingency response capabilities and deterrence missions, while maintaining Operation INHERENT RESOLVE's Defeat-ISIS mission.

"We are fortunate to have the 119th EFS join us in U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility. Air National Guard Airmen bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our mission in the Middle East," said U.S. Air Force Lt. Gen. Alexis G. Grynkewich, 9th Air Force (Air Forces Central) and Combined Forces Air Component Command Commander. "The arrival of these Airmen strengthens

our ability to support our allied, coalition, and regional partners as we work together to enhance regional stability and security.”

[Read Full Story](#)

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## **254th Regional Training Institute**

Medics from the the New Jersey Army National Guard’s [44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team](#) and across the Army hone their trauma assessment and treatment skills as part of the Comprehensive Medical Training (CMT) Course at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, NJ on October 16, 2023.

Medic Instructors from the [254th Regional Training Institute](#) host several iterations of the 15-day CMT each year, along with 68W Healthcare Specialist Military Occupational Specialty Transition Course.





## **1-102nd Cavalry**

NJ Army National Guard Soldiers with the 1-102nd Cavalry conducted heavy weapons qualifications at the Fort Dix Ranges on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, October 12, 2023.

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## **Stand Down of North Jersey**

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers from the [42nd Regional Support Group](#) and Airmen from the [108th Wing](#) joined forces with state and federal agencies, GI Go Fund and other non-government organizations to provide much needed assistance to more than 100 homeless Veterans at the Stand Down of North Jersey conducted at John F. Kennedy Recreational Center in Newark, NJ on October 14, 2023.

Soldiers from the 117th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 42nd RSG, assisted the participants by guiding them through the many social service kiosks available to them. Additionally, culinary specialist Soldiers from 902nd Quartermaster Company, also with the 42nd RSG, prepared hot meals. Medical technician Airmen from the 108th Medical Group provided medical screenings.

With the motto of “Always Ready, Always There!” the New Jersey National Guard has been supporting New Jersey’s Stand Down events for more than a decade.

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## **DMAVA Veterans Services**



**Passaic County Veterans Service Office**

On October 18, 2023, dignitaries including Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O., The Adjutant General and Commissioner of Military and Veterans Affairs, cut the ribbon on the new Veterans Service Office in Paterson, NJ.

Yahaira Padilla (pictured above) is the Veterans Service Officer supporting the Veterans and family members of Passaic County.

To reach Yahaira or one of her colleagues around the state, please use the contact information on our website at [Veterans Service Offices](#).

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## **State Medals Ceremony**

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a State Medals Ceremony at the Westlake Golf and Country Club in Jackson, NJ on October 19, 2023.

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## **NJ Distinguished Service Medal**

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal is one of only six of the State's military decorations authorized by legislative statutes. It is the second oldest military award that the State provides; the oldest being the New Jersey Ribbon (formerly Medal) of Honor.

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal is the State's highest military decoration.

Currently, the Department's Veterans Benefits Bureau awards the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to eligible Veterans at their many Veterans Outreach ceremonies throughout the State.

Learn more on our website at [NJ Service Medals](#).

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**[vbb@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:vbb@dmava.nj.gov)**

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# DMAVA Departments



## Center for U.S. War Veterans' Oral Histories

The [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) is the home of the Center for U.S. War Veterans' Oral Histories. It is the Center's mission to collect and preserve the memories of Veterans and Gold Star family members through recorded oral history interviews.

To date, the Center's collection contains over 600 interviews of Veterans of all branches of service from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Desert Storm, Operation Iraqi Freedom and other American military campaigns. Over 400 interviews are available online in the [Oral History Archives](#).

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## State Partners



### **NJ State House**

Cadets from the [New Jersey Youth ChalleNGe Academy's Class 56](#) visited the State House and the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton, NJ.

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## **Mental Health Association in New Jersey**

Jaime Angelini and Neal Stephens from the Mental Health Association in New Jersey were pleased to teach Mental Health First Aid for Military, Veterans and their Families at the SpectraCare Foundation and the Carlton R. Rouh Veterans Center in Lindenwold, NJ on October 6, 2023.

We are glad to be doing this important work in collaboration with the New Jersey Hospital Association.

This project is an initiative of the [Governor's Challenge](#) to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

*Image and caption courtesy of [MHANJ](#) and [Spectracare](#).*

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**Civil Service Commission in partnership with  
the Essex County Office of LGBTQ Affairs**

**Government  
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# Statewide Job Fair

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 | 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Essex County College  
177 West Market Street  
Cleo Hill, Sr. Physical Education Center  
Newark, New Jersey 07103

- Please bring copies of your resume.
- Onsite Typing Certification Test will be conducted.

**Register at**

<https://forms.office.com/g/YpXUpQszfQ>

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  - [Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing Licenses](#)
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## Federal Partners



### **The Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season Ends Jan. 1, 2024**

*Check the DFAS Webpage for Important Deadlines and Eligibility Info*

<https://www.dfas.mil/sbpopenseason23>

### **Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season**

Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. The SBP Open Season began on December 23, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2024.

The SBP Open Season allows for retirees receiving retired pay, eligible members, or former members awaiting retired pay who are currently NOT enrolled in SBP or RCSBP (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) to enroll.

The SBP Open Season also allows eligible members and former members who are currently enrolled in either SBP or RCSBP to permanently discontinue their SBP coverage.

[Learn More](#)

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## **Help VA serve you better**

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is interested in the thoughts of Veterans, their family, friends, caregivers and survivors about burial options, concerns, or desires. By answering this survey, you will help us understand awareness of burial options and benefits, end-of-life, and survivor benefits.

[Link to Burial Survey](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Readjustment Counseling Service, is conducting a survey to gauge awareness and understanding of the agency's services provided at Vet Centers. Responses to this survey will be anonymous and used to assess levels of awareness of Vet Centers and understand what barriers—if any—there are in seeking services.

[Link to Vet Center Survey](#)

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## **Focus on your mental health with VA virtual tools**

*Office of Connected Care Communications | October 10, 2023*

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health, and it should be a focus in your care.

VA offers Veterans several ways to connect with mental health professionals virtually, outside of a traditional office visit. Here are some VA virtual care tools that can help make your mental health a priority.

[Read More at VA News](#)

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## **National Parks Pass**

There is a new lifetime pass for National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands, called America the Beautiful.



This lifetime pass for Gold Star Families & Veterans is being offered to demonstrate the country's immense gratitude and respect for those who have served and defended our country.

[Learn More at VA News](#)

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## **VALife Insurance**

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) provides guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage of up to \$40,000 to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Lesser amounts are available in increments of \$10,000. Under this plan, the elected coverage takes effect two years after enrollment as long as premiums are paid during the two-year period.

All Veterans age 80 or under with a VA disability rating of 0 to 100% are eligible for the VALife program and have no time limit to apply.

[Learn More](#)

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## **VA Disability - with Mike Figlioli, VFW Director of National Veterans Services**

In this episode, theSITREP asks Mike Figlioli, VFW Director of National Veterans Services, about VA disability: what is it, how to apply, and more.

[theSITREP Podcast](#)

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### Community Outreach

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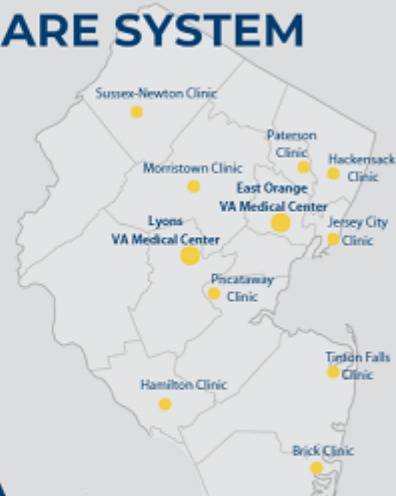
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- [Women Veterans Call Center](#)
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## #VetResources

Subscribe to #VetResources to receive a weekly newsletter from the VA for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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## Community Spotlight



### **Donor Appreciation Day**

At Veterans Haven South in Winslow, NJ, donors from across the Garden State visited the heroes they support and were recognized for their kindness on October 15, 2023.

On behalf of [Veterans Haven South](#), thank you for helping us continue to provide stable housing and support programs for our Veterans year-round. We appreciate all of our donors and your generosity!

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## **Renaissance at Monroe Veterans Club**

The Renaissance at Monroe Veterans Club visited the [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) in Sea Girt, NJ on October 18, 2023.



## **Just Us Girls**

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Just Us Girls had their 29th Annual 5k Run at the [National Guard Training Center](#) in Sea Girt, NJ on October 7, 2023. The event began around 9:30am to the sound of “I Will Survive” by Gloria Gaynor.

Just Us Girls is a non-profit organization formed in 1995 to fight breast cancer. Each year the organization raises money through entry fees to the race as well as from sponsors.

The National Guard Training Center is proud of the partnership with Just Us Girls and looks forward to many more years of hosting the run on the installation.



### **Family Child Care Program is back, and growing!**

The Department of the Air Force is reviving a special Family Child Care program (FCC).

Military families, or other families in our communities, can open their homes as a small business to military families in need of childcare. This includes drill weekends for Guard and Reserve members seeking childcare!

Oversight and restrictions apply, please contact Alicia Stasiulis at [alicia.stasiulis.1@us.af.mil](mailto:alicia.stasiulis.1@us.af.mil) and (609) 562-2192 for details.

**Never Forget**



## **40th Anniversary of the Beirut Bombing**

Marine Corps veterans held a ceremony marking the 40th anniversary of the Beirut bombing at the Trenton War Memorial, Trenton, NJ on October 23, 2023.

Montford Point Marine Association Chapter 45 and the Department of New Jersey-Marine Corps League were joined by veteran service organizations, along with state legislators and New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs officials at the ceremony.

On October 23, 1983, two truck bombs, detonated by suicide bombers, struck a U.S. Marines Corps barracks in Beirut, Lebanon, that housed U.S. and French military members of a multinational peacekeeping force, killing a total of 299 service personnel (241 American, 58 French), along with six civilians during the Lebanese Civil War.

Among the dead were 220 Marines; 18 Sailors, and three Soldiers. It was the deadliest single-day attack against U.S. Marines since the Battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

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# Never Forget



In Honor of all those from New Jersey who gave their lives in the fight against terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In humble gratitude, we remember their sacrifice.

October 26, 2011

Operation Enduring Freedom

**SGT John A. Lyons**

U.S. Army

Seaside Park, New Jersey

November 3, 2005

Operation Iraqi Freedom

**SFC Daniel Pratt**

U.S. Army

Williamstown, New Jersey

October 27, 2010

Operation Iraqi Freedom

**SGT Michael D. Kirspel,  
Jr.**

November 4, 2005

Operation Iraqi Freedom

**CPT James M. Gurbisz**



U.S. Army  
Hopatcong, New Jersey

November 1, 2012  
Operation Enduring Freedom

**PO2 Matthew G. Kantor**

U.S. Navy  
Gillette, New Jersey

November 2, 2003  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**SGT Joel Perez**

U.S. Army  
Newark, New Jersey

U.S. Army  
Eatontown, New Jersey

November 5, 2007  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**SSG John D. Linde**

U.S. Army  
Union, New Jersey

November 8, 2004  
Operation Iraqi Freedom

**SGT Bryan L. Freeman,  
Jr.**

U.S. Army  
Lumberton, New Jersey

*"But on the battlefield their feet stood fast, and in an instant at the height of their fortune, they passed away from the scene, not of their fear, but of their glory."*

~ Pericles

NJ Fallen Heroes Memorial

**History**



Superstorm Sandy October 2012.

### **October 26, 2000**

The New Jersey State Museum's Civil War flag exhibit opened in Trenton. The standing exhibit displays surviving flags of New Jersey regiments on a rotating basis, supplemented with explanatory narrative and supplemental artifacts.

### **October 29, 2012**

When Superstorm Sandy hit in 2012, 346,000 homes in New Jersey were damaged or destroyed. 2.7 million people were without power. New Jersey National Guard troops rescued more than 7,000 residents and their pets in the days following Sandy's landfall, remaining on duty following the storm by assisting civil authorities with

### **November 3, 1791**

General Arthur St. Clair's army, including a battalion recruited in New Jersey, met disastrous defeat by Indians under the command of Chief Little Turtle near the Wabash River in Ohio. Over the course of its service, from May through November, 1791, 328 officers and men served in the New Jersey battalion. Of these, 34 deserted, 5 died of undisclosed causes, 51 were killed or went missing (presumed dead) on November 4, and 8 were wounded but escaped.

### **November 9, 1812**

Marcus Ward was born in Newark. Ward became a leading businessman and philanthropist and a director of the National State Bank. During the Civil War his

security, transportation, logistics, and reconstructing efforts. The troops also delivered more than 10,000 meals and hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel.

### **November 2, 1783**

General George Washington delivered his farewell address to the Continental Army from his headquarters at Rockingham, near Princeton.

efforts on behalf of soldier welfare earned him the title of “the soldier’s friend.” Newark’s Ward General Hospital, established to care for wounded soldiers, was named for him and he established the Soldiers Home in the city to care for injured veterans.

## **In The News**



### **Vietnam vet added to N.J. Memorial Wall after he was accidentally excluded**

*NJ.com | October 22, 2023*

The name of fallen Vietnam War veteran James E. Gosselin, from Atlantic County, was added to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Wall during a ceremony, after it was discovered a clerical error had mistakenly listed him as being from another state.

More than 1,500 of the state's Vietnam veterans' names were inscribed on the memorial wall in Holmdel in 1995 when it was first created.

[Story with Images](#)

## Soldier Spotlight



**PFC Tetyana Labovka**

What makes The New Jersey Army National Guard different is its diversity.

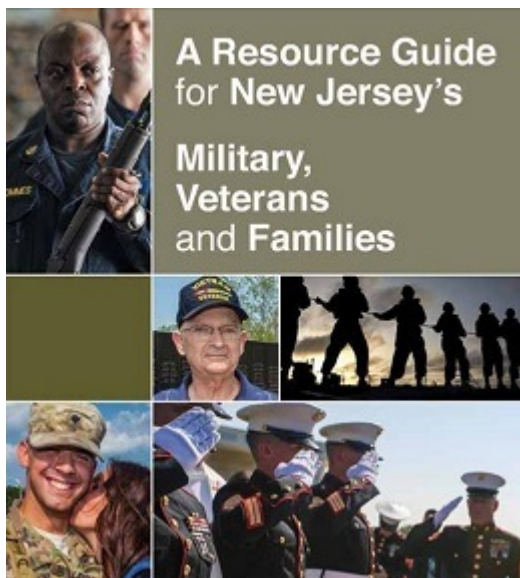
The 194th Armored Brigade had the opportunity to interview one of our very own new soldiers, Private First Class Tetyana Labovka.

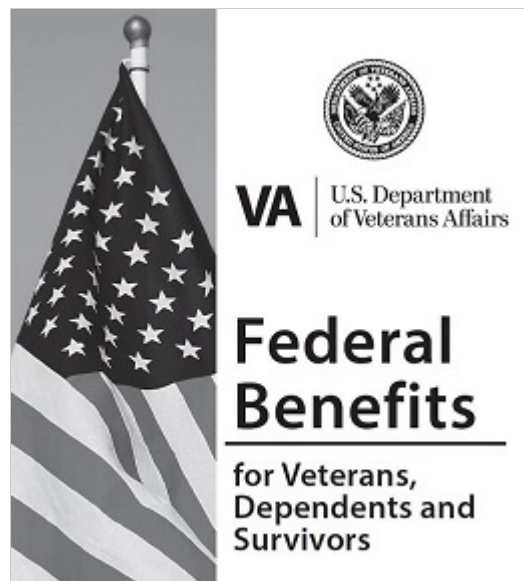
PFC Labovka is Ukrainian by birth but a New Jersey Army National Guard soldier by choice. She is a shining example of what it means to exemplify the motivation to become a soldier no matter one's background.

Hear at bit of her inspiring story in her own words.

[Watch Video](#)

## Resources





## DMAVA Careers



### **We Are Hiring!**

At the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs we take our work in support of Veterans, Servicemembers and their families very seriously. Whether supporting our Veterans with nursing care, transitional housing, or assisting them in navigating access to their Veteran benefits, the Department provides valuable services and can offer rewarding career opportunities to members of the public.

We also have opportunities in facilities management and program management. In addition, we have job openings for members of our military to serve in AGR and Federal Technician roles.

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