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November 8, 2023



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## Commissioner's Corner



Dignitaries cut the ribbon on the new DMAVA Veterans Service Office in the Governor James J. Florio Center for Public Service Building in Camden, NJ on November 3, 2023.

# Honor and Pay Tribute

## **Veterans Day**

In just a few days, the Department will join New Jerseyans all across the state in a fantastic number of community ceremonies and events in celebration of Veterans Day.

A highlight each year takes place at the New Jersey's Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel; this year at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 11. The event is open to the public and we look forward to gathering with state officials, Veterans Service Organization leadership, members of the Veteran and military community, families and friends.

Wherever you may be this Saturday, we look forward to celebrating Veterans on this day for so many reasons. We value Veterans not only for their service in the military, but the countless ways in which they continue to contribute our communities. In turn, we look forward to continuing our support to Veterans and their families by expanding across the state.

## **Camden County VSO**

This past week, together with our local and state partners, and joined by leaders from Veterans Service Organizations, we cut the ribbon at our new [Camden County Veterans Service Office](#).

Located at 200 Federal Street, Suite 146, Camden, NJ 08103, 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.

It has been just a few weeks since I had stood in the Passaic County Administration Building to cut the ribbon for the opening of the county Veterans Services Office in the City of Paterson. With

the opening of the Camden County Veteran Services Office, we are one step closer to making that goal in twenty-one counties a reality. This opening of the Camden office marks New Jersey's 16th DMAVA county office.

## **Governor's Military Review**

Also last week, the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs and the New Jersey National Guard hosted the Annual Governor's Military Review, an event rich in history that ties back to our nation's founding. For more than 130 years, New Jersey Governors have traveled to Sea Girt to honor the service of those who protect and serve New Jersey and the United States of America.

It was a chance to honor the service of our New Jersey National Guard members, several hundred of whom are currently deployed, nearly 2,000 of whom are slated to deploy in the next several months, and those who work year-round to stand ready to answer the calls of our state and nation. It was also a privilege to welcome a great number of elected officials, Veterans, retirees, employers, family members and volunteers whose steadfast support is invaluable.

You can view images of the ribbon cutting ceremony at [DMAVA Flickr](#) and the Military Review at [NJNG 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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Veterans Health Administration  
New Jersey Health Care System

# 4th Annual Caregiver & Family Resource Fair

"Year of the Caregiver- The Whole Caregiver"

Thursday, November 9, 2023

10:00am-12:30pm

VA New Jersey Health Care System  
385 Tremont Avenue, East Orange  
3rd floor Auditorium



Join the

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for an opportunity to learn about the wealth of resources  
available to caregivers and families of Veterans.

Contact Caregiver Support Program at (973) 676-1000 ext. 20-3085  
or [jennifer.delpesce@va.gov](mailto:jennifer.delpesce@va.gov) for more information.



Caregivers, Veterans, Community Partners and VANJHCS staff are welcome to attend

# 2023 MC VETERAN SERVICES RESOURCE EXPO



- Employment Information
- Health Care
- DD214 Requests
- Housing
- Education



## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, November 9th

**11:00** A.M. to **3:00** P.M.

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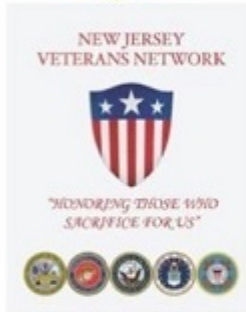
# Veterans Making a Difference in Our Community

Serving All Veterans & All Services

## Union County Regional



VFW Post 2648  
2012 High St.  
Union, NJ 07083



Monday, November 13,  
2023

10 am — 2 p.m.

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# VETERANS HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR



**November 16, 2023**

**4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Ocean County Health Department**  
175 Sunset Avenue, Toms River, NJ



*Sponsored by the Ocean County Health Department,  
Ocean County Board of Commissioners, and the  
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 **Ocean County  
Health Department**

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.

- November 9 | Ewing  
[Mercer County Veteran Services Resource Expo](#)
- November 9 | South Brunswick  
[Veterans Day Celebration](#)
- November 9 | Hillside Twp.  
[Veterans Day Resource Fair](#)
- November 10 | Sea Girt  
[The War to End All Wars - The Movie](#)
- November 11 | Holmdel  
[State of New Jersey Veterans Day Ceremony](#)
- November 11 | Jackson  
[Outreach Campaign](#)
- November 13 | Union  
[Union County Regional Resource Fair](#)
- November 13 | Monroe Twp.  
[Medal Ceremony & Outreach Campaign](#)

- November 15 | Glassboro  
[NJ Dept of Corrections Career Fair](#)
- November 16 | Trenton  
[Trenton Vet Center Monthly Outreach Forum](#)
- November 17 | Hainesport  
[Medal Ceremony & Outreach Campaign](#)
- November 17 | Sea Girt  
[The War to End All Wars - The Movie](#)
- November 18 | Cherry Hill  
[Medal Ceremony](#)
- November 18 | Bloomfield  
[Veterans Resource Fair](#)

## Community Calendar

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

## Spotlight



## **Veterans Day Discounts**

From free meals to big discounts on shopping trips and favorite items, military Veterans Day discounts are a November favorite. But with thousands of Veterans Day discounts to choose from, how do you find the best ones?

[Military.com](#) has compiled a list of [2023 Veterans Day Deals, Discounts and Freebies](#) on restaurants, goods, services and events. Visit daily as the list is updated frequently!

Also, see a long list of Veterans Day discounts at [VA News](#).

## **Employee Spotlight**



## **Marc Linder**

At the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, Licensed Practical Nurse Weedemarc "Marc" Linder is highly requested among the residents and a dedicated employee at the Home. As one of our Heroes Helping Heroes, Marc's colleagues refer him as one of their "go-to" staff members!

[Watch Video](#)

# NJ National Guard



## **Governor's Military Review**

On October 29, 2023, the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, New Jersey, witnessed a remarkable and symbolic event - the Governor's Military Review. Governor Philip D. Murphy, serving as the Commander in Chief of the New Jersey National Guard, took on the role of inspecting and honoring the troops in this annual tradition.

This patriotic gathering of military personnel and distinguished guests not only served to recognize the dedication and commitment of New Jersey's service members, veterans, and their families, but also underscored the state's strong strategic partnerships, as evidenced by the presence of defense officials from our partner nations of Albania and Cyprus.

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## **1-114th Infantry Regiment**

U.S. Army UH-60L Black Hawk helicopter crew chiefs with Charlie Company, Detachment 2, 1-171st General Support Aviation Battalion, 57th Troop Command, New Jersey Army National Guard, conducted medical evacuation training with combat medics with the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry Regiment, [44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team](#) at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ on November 7, 2023. The 44th IBCT combat medics conducted MEDEVAC training in preparation for the unit's upcoming deployment.

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## 44th IBCT

A Soldier with the New Jersey Army National Guard's [44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team](#) , fires the MK-22 Precision Sniper Rifle as part of a weapon familiarization range on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ on October 22, 2023. The MK-22 replaced the Army's existing M2010 and M107 sniper rifles.

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## Albanian Armed Forces Visit

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers pose for a picture with staff of the Republic of Albania's Armed Forces at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, New Jersey, October 26, 2023.

The Albanian Armed Forces staff visited New Jersey for a light infantry battle group planning workshop as part of the U.S. Department of Defense National Guard [State Partnership Program](#).  
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## **Employer Appreciation Flight**

The employers of New Jersey Army and Air National Guard members flew in an UH-60M Black Hawk at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, New Jersey, October 29, 2023.

The flight was part of an employer appreciation flight, for the accommodations they make to allow their employees to fulfill their military duties.

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## 177th Fighter Wing

On November 2, 2023, Col. Derek Routt, [177th Fighter Wing](#) commander, flew his F-16 Fighting Falcon Wing jet for the first time since receiving its new tail flash design.

Tail flashes represent wing pride, and help the maintainers and pilots connect with the Airmen and missions. The tail flash was painted by Airmen of the 177th Maintenance Group.



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## **Join Our Team**

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## DMAVA Veterans Services



### **Yahaira Padilla, VSO**

My name is Yahaira Padilla, and I am a retired Army combat veteran. I was born and raised in New Jersey until I enlisted in the Army in 2002. I served one tour in Iraq and a ten-month

peacekeeping mission in Kosovo. I graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University earning a Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies with a focus on Business, Communications, and Advanced Technologies. I am currently pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration with concentrations in Management and Marketing.

I've been working in the Veteran community since 2017, when I started at Fairleigh Dickinson University on a VA Work Study in the Office of Veterans Services. The following year, I started as a VA Work Study student and then as a Per Diem for the County of Bergen's Division of Veterans Services. The position of Executive Assistant to the Director of the Division of Veterans Services became available as a full-time county employee. I worked, assisted, and honed skills on how to actively assist Veterans and their families in need for nearly four years.

The professional and personal relationships I've developed over the years have provided me with another opportunity to assist the City of Jersey City's Veterans as a Veterans Service Officer. This experience provided me the opportunity to apply for a Veteran Service Officer within the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. I'm currently the state Veteran Service Officer for Passaic County.

I volunteer my time as the Quartermaster for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 281 in Elmwood Park. This Post services both Elmwood Park and Fair Lawn. I'm also part of the NJ SOSVETS Stakeholder's Group, a non-profit organization that assists veterans throughout the state of NJ. I also sit as the Chairwoman for the NJ SOSVET Stakeholder's Women Committee where we advocate for a better quality of life for women veterans in health, housing, and legislation throughout the state of NJ. A few of my hobbies are reading books, watching horror movies, spending time with my family, and road trips.

My journey, both while serving in the military and now, would not have been possible without the help of my family, mentors, and friends. My mother has been my staunchest supporter since the beginning, and my son inspires me to strive to be a better person. I am excited to continue assisting our Veterans and their families in improving their quality of life.

To contact me or one of my colleagues around the state, please visit our website at [Veterans Service Offices](#).

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## **Outreach Campaign**

Veterans Service Officers Christopher Wambach and Trejen Strickland drove the DMAVA Veterans Outreach Van to the [Columbus Farmers Market and Flea World](#) for the final time this year to discuss Veterans benefits in Columbus, NJ on October 26, 2023

If you are a NJ Veteran and missed this opportunity, visit our website at [Veterans Service Offices](#) to locate the office nearest you.



## **State Medal Ceremony**

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a State Medal Ceremony at the Moorestown Mall in Moorestown, NJ on October 27, 2023.

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Veterans Outreach Schedule

Veterans Service Offices

## DMAVA Departments



### **DMAVA launches two digital communication tools**

After many months of preparation, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs launched two digital communication tools: digital learning management across the three New Jersey Veterans Memorial Homes at Paramus, Menlo Park and Vineland, as well as a department-wide notification system for time-sensitive information and updates.

“A consolidated digital platform for learning management improves our efficiency and oversight of staff professional training and development across each home,” said Rochelle Guglielmo, Director of Veterans Healthcare Services. “Our staff members have many training requirements and opportunities, so this more modern approach helps keep us up to speed.”

Learning management is far more than ensuring a baseline of knowledge, [explained Rebecca Resh](#), Learning Management

Administrator at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. Digital learning management ushers professional growth.

“As new equipment comes along, new best practices, the way you are always going to be fresh, and really be able to take care of your residents, is if you keep up with what’s going on in your field,” said Resh.

For situations requiring more urgent notifications to staff, such as an infectious disease control policy updates or an active shooter situation, DMAVA is implementing another digital communication tool.

“We have a platform now for mass communication and targeted information distribution. Considering shift work, and the fact that in total, DMAVA employees could be in more than 50 locations on any given day, this system helps us reach our teammates faster,” said Toby Tirrito, DMAVA Quartermaster and Emergency Management Assistance team leader.

“This set of upgrades to our operations are part of several modernization initiatives including [electronic records management](#) for our homes and support to our Veterans Services offices,” said Vincent Solomeno, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs.

“While many of these updates have been taking place behind the scenes, the ultimate goal is to deliver the best possible care and service to our Veterans and their families.”



## Active Shooter Training

More than 100 Soldiers, Airmen, and employees of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs participated in active shooter training at the Lawrenceville campus, October 18, 2023. The training is an annual requirement to ensure facility security and personnel safety.

[Full News Article](#)



## Fall Fest

DMAVA's Lawrenceville campus held a pumpkin decorating contest on October 31, 2023. Congratulations to the Grants Department who were the first place winners.

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## National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

Infantry Advance Leadership Course - Class 24-001 conducted a military history lesson with a tour of the [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) in Sea Girt, NJ on October 24, 2023.

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## National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

Members of the Albanian Armed Forces, visiting the U.S. through the [State Partnership Program - Albania](#), stopped by the museum in Sea Girt, NJ on November 6, 2023.

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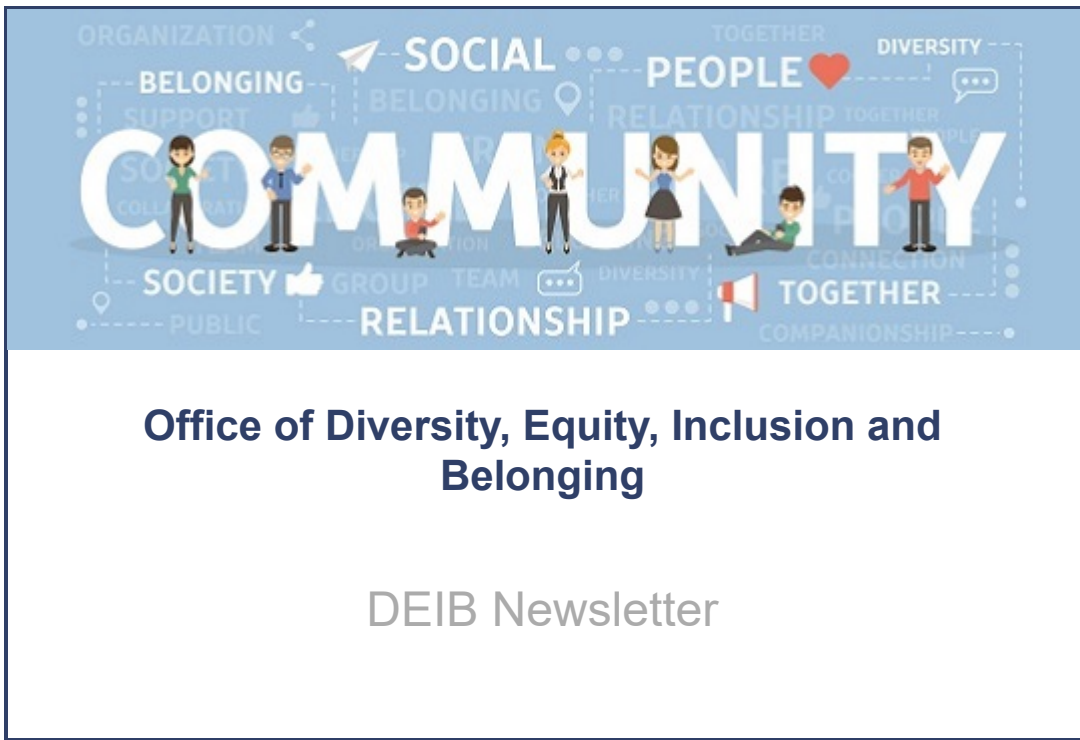
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## State Partners



**Camden County Medal Ceremony**

The Camden County Board of Commissioners and the Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs held a medal ceremony to recognize the service and sacrifices of 15 individuals on October 25, 2023. The event was also held in collaboration with Jefferson Health, Samaritan Samost Jewish Family, and Children's Services, Aleph & Jewish War Veterans.

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A flyer for a Veterans Day event. The background features a close-up of the American flag. The text is as follows:

Join us at 1:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 9, 2023

**VETERANS  
DAY**

The seal of Morris County, New Jersey, is circular with a gold border. It contains a shield with various symbols, a cross on top, and the text "MORRIS COUNTY N.J." and "ESTABLISHED 1739".

Presentation of Distinguished Military Service Medals  
to Local Veterans & Ribbon Cutting for Expansion of  
Morris County Office of Veterans Services

**Location: 540 W Hanover Ave, Morristown**

**Parking reserved for Veterans & Guests outside the Morris County Office of Veterans Services**



## **NJ State Agencies**

- [Vote For Valor](#)
- [Career Services for Veterans](#)
- [Tax Resources for Military/Veterans](#)
- [Educator Certification for Military Spouses and Veterans](#)
- [Civil Service Preference for Veterans](#)
- [NJ National Guard Hunting / Fishing Licenses](#)
- [NJ Special Hawker and Peddlers License](#)
- [Veterans Designation for Drivers License](#)
- [Military CDL Skills Waiver Program](#)
- [Disabled Veteran / Purple Heart Recipient Placards](#)
- [Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing Licenses](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)
- [Professional & Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses](#)
- [Military and Overseas Voting](#)
- [Troops to Teachers](#)



## Federal Partners



### **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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## **Research Participation Opportunity**

VA's National Center for PTSD and the *Coaching Into Care* program have partnered to study telephone coaching methods to help spouses and intimate partners of Veterans with untreated PTSD get their Veteran into mental health care. The study will provide free telephone coaching and, if assigned, access to online educational materials. Participants will be compensated up to \$170 for participating.

Visit [familycoachingstudy.org](https://familycoachingstudy.org) to learn more about the study and complete a brief screening quiz to see if you are eligible to participate. For participant's rights questions, contact 1-866-680-2906.

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## **2023 Military Family Support Programming Survey**

Every two years, the Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN) fields the Military Family Support Programming Survey. This national study provides a comprehensive look into the support needs of military-connected families. The results help capture what matters most to our nation's military and Veterans.

All members of military households aged 18 years or older are encouraged to participate, including active duty military personnel, Veterans and their spouses.

[Take the Survey](#)

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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](#)



## 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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**VA NEW JERSEY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**  
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Locations shown on map: Sussex-Newton Clinic, Paterson Clinic, Hackensack Clinic, Morristown Clinic, East Orange VA Medical Center, Jersey City Clinic, Lyons VA Medical Center, Picatinny Clinic, Hamilton Clinic, Tinton Falls Clinic, Brick Clinic.

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## Featured Links

- [Accessing Records from the National Archives or NPRC](#)

- [PACT Act Performance Dashboard](#)
- [How to Check Your PACT Act Claim Status](#)
- [Download VA Benefit Letters](#)
- [Podcasts on Veterans' Issues](#)
- [VA Women's Health Reengagement Training](#)
- [Free legal services for Veterans, service members](#)
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- [Women Veterans Call Center](#)
- [Veterans Legacy Memorial](#)
- [Million Veteran Program](#)

## **#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**



## **Rutgers Army ROTC**

Let's take a moment to congratulate the Ranger Challenge Team on an amazing, hard-fought weekend. On October 22, 2023, the Scarlet Knight Battalions Ranger team brought home a banner for placing 3rd place out of 49! Not only did they do an exceptional job at the overall event, they also placed 1st overall on the obstacle course.

The event consisted of Burden, Land nav, Hand grenade course, TCCC, Weapons assembly, Obstacle course, One rope bridge and a Ruck March. Congratulations Rutgers Rangers!!!

*Image and caption courtesy [Rutgers Army ROTC](#).*



## **Birdies for the Brave**

DMAVA was well represented at the Annual *Birdies for the Brave* charity event at TPC Jasna Polana in Princeton, NJ on October 16, 2023.

Brigadier General Timothy Coakley and Brigadier General Bradford Everman were guest speakers at the event. In addition, a crew of volunteers from the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey exhibited military artifacts for the attendees.

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## **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**



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.

November 11, 2003  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SPC Marlon P. Jackson**  
U.S. Army  
Jersey City, New Jersey

November 15, 2004  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**Cpl Marc T. Ryan**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Gloucester City, New Jersey

November 12, 2005  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SSG Stephen J.  
Sutherland**  
U.S. Army  
West Deptford, New Jersey

November 19, 2005  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**1LT Dennis W. Zilinski  
II**  
U.S. Army  
Freehold, New Jersey

November 14, 2005  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**MAJ Ramon J.  
Mendoza Jr.**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Morris Plains, New Jersey

November 19, 2005  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SSG Edward Karolasz**  
U.S. Army  
Kearny, New Jersey

November 14, 2006  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SPC Eric G. Palacios  
Rivera**  
U.S. Army  
Atlantic City, New Jersey

November 20, 2008  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**PV2 Charles Barnett**  
U.S. Army  
Elizabeth, New Jersey

November 15, 2003  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SPC Ryan Travis Baker**  
U.S. Army

Browns Mills, 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



Chaplain Major Charles J. Watters

**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 efforts on behalf of soldier welfare earned him the title of “the

**November 19, 1967**

U.S. Army Chaplain Major Charles J. Watters of Jersey City, a Seton Hall University graduate and Catholic priest, was killed by “friendly fire” when a mistakenly dropped American bomb landed on his position near Dak To, Vietnam.

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. .

### **November 11, 1918**

At 11:00 AM the World War I Armistice began, ending active combat for the National Guard soldiers of the New Jersey National Guard in the 29th Division and drafted Jerseymen in the 78th and other divisions and New Jerseyans in the USMC and Navy.

### **November 16, 1776**

A British and Hessian force stormed Fort Washington, New York, and captured 2,600 Americans. Morale on the New Jersey side of the Hudson, where soldiers watched the disaster, plummeted, and the Americans evacuated supplies inland as British raiders began to cross the river, isolating Fort Lee.

### **November 16, 1945**

The United States Army Air Force returned control of Convention Hall in Atlantic City, used as a training headquarters since July, 1942, to civilian authorities.

Watters, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade, had repeatedly risked his life retrieving wounded men under enemy fire, and was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

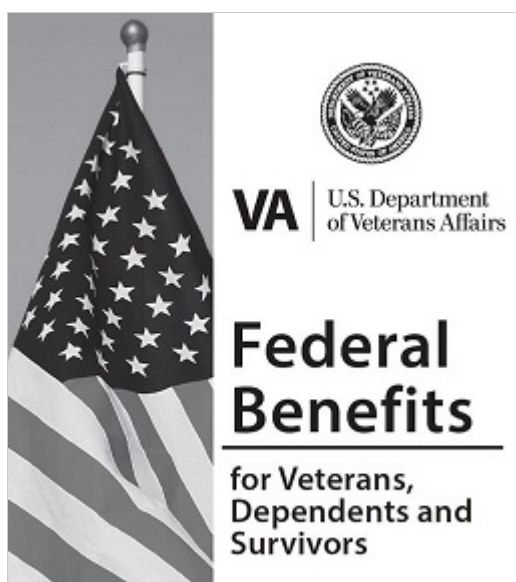
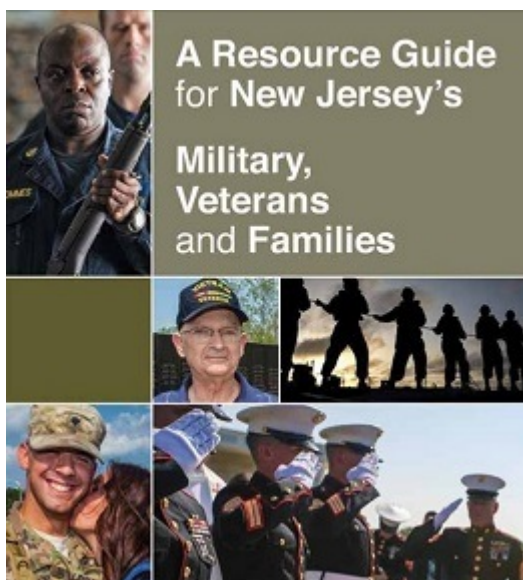
### **November 21, 1776**

As the main American Army under General George Washington withdrew across New Jersey, Governor William Livingston ordered his militia to rally to support Washington's retreat and control potential Loyalist uprisings. The initial response was less than stellar, prompting some caustic comments from Washington, but British looting provided an incentive for a militia revival as December dawned.

### **November 21, 1794**

The over 4,000 New Jersey Militiamen mobilized under the command of Governor Richard Howell, a former major in the Continental Line, to enforce federal whisky taxes on recalcitrant Pennsylvanians in the "Whiskey Rebellion" began their march home from western Pennsylvania, arriving in Trenton on December 20. The militiamen did not engage in combat, but made a number of arrests.

# Resources



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