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News for your Views

Memorial Day – National Moment of Remembrance and the N.J. National Guard family

As you take time this weekend to relax and enjoy time with friend and family at this "unofficial" start to summer, please pause on Monday to remember those men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice while in duty to our nation. The "National Moment of Remembrance" is at 3 p.m. local time for all Americans, "To voluntarily and informally observe in their own way a moment of remembrance and respect, pausing from whatever they are doing for a moment of silence or listening to 'Taps'."

There are two groups of men from the New Jersey Army National Guard that lost their lives near this special date; these men and their families are examples of what the New Jersey Guard has given in its service.

On May 24, 1978, the 5/117th Cavalry lost four members in a helicopter training accident on the aerial gunnery range at Fort Drum:

Capt. Rick Apblett
CWO Robert Goebel
Sgt. Charles Ward
Spc 4 Leonard Velucci

On June 4 and 5, 2004, four members of the 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery, were casualties of the war in Iraq.

Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill and **Spc Christopher M. Duffy** died in Baghdad on June 4 when individuals using improvised explosive devices and rocket-propelled grenades attacked their convoy.

Staff Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo and **Sgt. Ryan E. Doltz** died on June 5 in Baghdad when their vehicle hit an improvised explosive device.

In Flanders Fields
By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army

IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow
 Between the crosses row on row,
 That mark our place; and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the Dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders fields.

For the history of how and why this poem was written, go to <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.net/flanders.htm>.

Lois Braymes honored by Troop Command

From the desk of Maj. Jemal J. Beale
 Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, 57th Troop Command honored Lois Braymes, a long time supporter of the New Jersey National Guard and United States Military on May 5 by awarding her a plaque for her years of dedicated service.

What is a Freedom Loan?

- * Up to \$10,000
- * Annual APR 6%
- * Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- * Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- * Members of the National Guard or Reserve
- * Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) - excluding routine training.

Or

- * Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routing training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

How do I apply?

- * Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.
- * Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with the bank's Freedom Loan application.

Current participants:

Commerce Bank
1-888-751-9000

Credit Union of NJ
609-538-4061, ext. 401

First Morris Bank & Trust
1-888-530-2265

Manasquan Savings Bank
732-223-4450

North Jersey Federal Credit Union
1-888-78NJFCU

Peapack-Gladstone Bank (908)
719-BANK

Pennsville National Bank
856-678-6006

PNC
1-866-PNC-4USA

Sovereign Bank
1-877-391-6365

Sun National Bank
1-800-691-7701

Quote for the Week

Capt. Eric Negron, Detachment Commander and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Sipped, Detachment Sergeant presented the award at the Atlantic City armory. The command looks forward to working with her for years to come.

2007 Formula Drift Championships asking for OIF/OEF Soldiers

Operation Tribute to Freedom is currently seeking OIF/OEF Soldiers to be recognized during opening ceremonies prior to each Formula Drift Championship.

The Formula Drift Championship series is a choreographed motor sport competition that incorporates the techniques seen in the "Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift" movie.

If you are interested, please contact Kryn Westhoven, DMAVA Public Affairs Office, 609-530-6950 or kryn.westhoven@njdmava.state.nj.us so he can submit your name. This information is needed from you: Soldier's name, a brief deployment history and awards.

Uniform: ACUs/DCUs with beret.

Local championship is Sept. 8, 2007 at Wall Township Speedway, Wall, N.J.

Vets Haven gets a makeover, car donation

From the desk of Bob Sauselein, superintendent at Veterans Haven

On May 19 two youth groups, from Atco Presbyterian Church, Atco, N.J., and Summerfield Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Penn., came out to Vets Haven to help beautify the grounds. The 24 people worked with one of our employees, Marie Kerley, and a resident, Tony Macciola, in weeding and planting flowers at the facility. The residents and staff thank the groups for their hard work. The beauty of their work will help uplift the spirits of everyone who lives, works and visits Vets Haven.

Carlton Golden from Cream Ridge, N.J., donated a 1993 Chevy Conversion Van to Vets Haven recently. One of the residents who has a job and valid driver's license will receive the title to the car making it easier for him or her to find a better job.

Older Americans Month: Making Choices for a Healthier Future

From the desk of Katheryn E. Wierzbicki, RN, BSN, QA Coordinator, Division of Veterans Healthcare Services

Never has it been more evident that one of the biggest challenges facing the United States is how we will care for our grandparents, parents, and loved ones as they age. Views may vary on how to prepare for what will be a diverse wave of seniors, whose ranks are growing due to the aging of 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 65 in 2011. But all agree that this shift in our nation's demographics will have profound implications for our economic and social landscapes at the national, state and community level.

More and more we hear that the overwhelming preference of the American people is to remain at home for as long as possible and to have choice and control over how and where they live as they age.

The theme for Older Americans Month 2007 is "[Older Americans: Making Choices for a Healthier Future.](#)" This theme encourages us to think differently about health and long term care, and work together to rebalance and modernize our current systems so that we may adequately plan for and address the needs of current and future generations. Older persons are entitled to live lives of dignity and independence through:

Streamlined access to information as well as to home and community services, including information that will enable people to plan ahead for long term care

Cost-effective prevention practices and activities that will improve health and quality of life and reduce risk of disease, disability and injury, and, **Innovative, affordable and flexible options of care** and support that will provide an array of choices about how and where to live.

We urge people of all ages to seize upon the occasion of Older Americans Month to plan, promote and participate in activities during May and throughout the year that reflect the tenets of the national theme. We must all work together to ensure that every older person in this great country is treated with dignity and respect and moreover, has the opportunity to make the choices they desire to enjoy a healthy and rewarding future.

McGuire AFB hosting sports summer camps for kids

From the desk of Laura Forrest, 108th ARW Wing Family Program Coordinator
McGuire Air Force Base is hosting the following summer camp events for children:

No two men can be half an hour together but one shall acquire an evident superiority over the other.

- **Samuel Johnson**

My son, keep well thy tongue, and keep thy friend.

- **Chaucer**

Let us keep our mouths shut and our pens dry until we know the facts.

- **Anton J. Carlson**

June 25-29: British Challenger Soccer for ages 5-18, go to www.challengersports.com to register

July 30-Aug 3: British Challenger Soccer Advanced for ages 7-18 go to www.challengersports.com to register

July 23-27, Summer Fitness Camp sponsored by NIKE ages 10-15, call 609-754-5437 to register

And many more – basketball and outdoor adventure – to be announced soon. Call 609-754-5437 or go to www.305services.com.

For your Calendar

Military Appreciation Day in Seaside Heights, June 2

Soldiers, Airmen and their family members are invited to attend "Military Appreciation Day" at the Casino Pier in Seaside Heights on **June 2**, from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. The waterpark opens at 10 a.m. and the rides at noon.

Check in through the side entrance of the waterpark on 800 Ocean Terrace and Grant Ave. You will be required to show a Uniformed Services military ID to get ride bracelets for your family members. Bracelets are good for unlimited rides (excluding the go-carts and skyscraper). Each family will receive one debit card valued at \$25 for playing games at the Casino Pier.

Contact your local FAC or Marie Durling, 609-562-0739, in the State Family Programs office for brochures or more information.

Blood Drive coming to Fort Dix, DMAVA on June 11, 12

New Jersey is once again facing a severe blood shortage. We are requesting DMAVA State and Federal employees help offset the more than 74,000 pint shortage.

The second annual DMAVA Governor's "Save 3 Lives" Blood Drive will be conducted during a two-day period, beginning on **June 11** between 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Fort Dix Joint Training and Training Development Center (JTTDC), Stow Bay 3, and continuing on **June 12** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lawrenceville Armory Cafeteria.

The following Blood Drive Coordinators should be contacted to schedule your blood donation time.

Fort Dix JFHQ: Connie Cisek (ANG Personnel), 609-562-0901 or Master Sgt. Tony DeLuccio (ARNG Personnel), 609-562-0858.

ChalleNGe: Mr. Sean Van Lew, 609-562-0571.

JT2DC: Sgt. Yashica Carver, 609-562-0520.

DMAVA Central Office: Kathy Wierzbicki, 609-530-6979.

Mercer Army Aviation Support Facility #1: 1st Sgt. Charlie Bethea, 609-575-6726 or 1st Sgt. Harold Klingler, 609-530-4751.

Donor eligibility guideline information is available at 1-866-2GIVENJ or www.communitybloodcouncil.org.

9th Annual Unity Day, June 14

Please join us on June 14 for the 9th Annual Unity Day, "Many Cultures, One Flag," being held at the JT2DC Training Facility, Ft. Dix.

Unity Day is held to enhance cross-cultural awareness and promote harmony among all members of the New Jersey National Guard. This combined effort of Army and Air, State and Federal, community members and members of both Team McGuire and the Fort Dix Post contribute to the different ethnic and special emphasis groups being represented in the New Jersey National Guard. This year's event will start off with a 3K Fun Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies will take place at 11:30 a.m. with a performance from the New Jersey Youth ChalleNGe Program Drill Team followed by the presentation of awards and additional entertainment throughout the event by Voices of Africa, United We Sing, O'Leary Irish Dancers, Red Hawk Indian Dancers, Bagpipers, and the Rancocas Valley Regional High School Hollywood Steppers.

Multi-cultural displays and food samplings from 18 different ethnic groups from around the world will take place from noon to 3:30 p.m. We encourage ALL members associated with the New Jersey National Guard to attend. For more information, contact Capt. Lola Washington, State Equal Employment Manager, 609-562-0856.

DMAVA-Vets Home Motorcycle ride

The employees, Soldiers, and Airmen of DMAVA are planning a bike ride. The date for this event is **June 16**. Participating motorcyclists plan to visit the three veterans' homes and interact with the residents during the layovers. Lt. Col. Walter R. Nall is coordinating this event for DMAVA. The headcount form is available via DMAVANET in the HRD section under statewide activities. The DMAVA Website link is http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/Veterans_Ride.pdf. If participating, please return the completed headcount form to Lt. Col. Nall later than May 7. Interested riders may contact him at 609-530-6841 or e-mail walter.nall@njdmava.state.nj.us.

DMAVA/JFHQS Summer picnic is set for June 22

Come have fun at the DMAVA/JFHQS Summer-Fiesta 07! The summer picnic will be held on June 22 at the Lawrenceville armory at noon. The cost is \$10 with a menu of chicken, sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, various salads, baked means, and beverages. The committee is asking employees to contribute desserts. Dress is appropriate summer attire.

Attendance is not mandatory but if employees chose not to attend it will be a normal and full workday at their duty station. The picnic follows the TAG's Town Hall meeting and the DMAVA awards ceremony, both at the armory.

See your department representative to pay no later than June 15.

DMAVA: Darlene Laarz – 609-530-6992, Karen Wallace – 609-530-6766, Dawn Esposito – 609-530-6717 or Tina Taylor – 609-530-7170

Fort Dix: Marie Durling – 609-562-0739

HSCOE: Kevin Hearn – 609-530-7069

N.J. Korean War Commemoration Ceremony, July 27

The 2007 Korean War Commemoration Ceremony will take place on July 27 at 11 a.m. at the New Jersey Korean War Memorial, at Park Place/Boardwalk, near Brighton Park, Atlantic City. Hosted by the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Association in cooperation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, it will be the 54th Anniversary Commemoration Signing of the Korean War Armistice. There will also be a presentation of the New Jersey Korean War Commemorative Medal to local Korean combat veterans.

Retirement Dinners

Retirement dinner for Col. Brian Webster on June 9

You are invited to say goodbye to Col. Brian "Spyder" Webster at his retirement dinner which will be held on **June 9** at the Sheraton Hotel, Boulevard's Café, 2nd floor, Atlantic City. Cocktail hour is from 5-6 p.m. and dinner is from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$40 per person and the dinner selection is chicken or beef. Send your RSVP to Capt. Yvonne Mays, 609-645-6206 or Connie Cisek, 609-562-0901, no later than June 1. Dress is business casual.

Wave goodbye to Tom Flynn on June 21

There will be a retirement dinner for Tom Flynn of the DMAVA Fiscal Division on **June 21** at 4 p.m. at Mastoris Restaurant, Bordentown. Cost is \$30 per person with a large choice of entrees to include Chicken Parmigiana, roast turkey broiled flounder, roast beef, baked ham and others. For more information or reservations, call Tom DeShields at 609-530-6718. Reservations are due no later than June 14.

Honorable Mention

Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline established by Army

From the American Forces Press Service

One of the latest outcomes from the upheaval at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center has been the establishment of the "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline."

This toll-free call center was opened on March 19 to help wounded Soldiers and their family members to get information or assistance with medical or other issues.

The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be reached from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1-800-984-8523. As additional personnel are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, officials said.

Come enjoy the surf and sun at Sea Girt

Summer is coming up and one of the great privileges of working for DMAVA and the National Guard is the access to the beach at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt. If you want to sun yourself on the beach and romp in the ocean, here are the access criteria for Sea Girt.

Individuals must present credentials to the security guard at the main gate of the training center.

Military and military dependent ID card

N.J. National Guard members – current and retired

Current Reserve Component members based in N.J. – Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard

Active duty members based in N.J. – Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard

State/Federal employee ID card

NJDMAVA employees – current and retired

New Jersey State Police Badge/Shield

All NJSP – current and retired

Other Law Enforcement Badge/Shield

All law enforcement officers based at the NGTC

First Responders in the vicinity of NGTC – ID Card/Badge/Shield

Current police, fire, rescue squad/EMS located in Sea Girt, Manasquan, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights and Wall

Personnel in the categories above can get passes to bring friends and family when they accompany them on visits to the beach. Each pass will admit all occupants of one car to the beach. Guests using passes may be asked to show a driver's license or other photo ID at the guard gate. To get passes for NGTC, Sea Girt, see the following people:

NGTC – Eileen Foster, 732-974-5951

DMAVA, Lawrenceville – Gail Miller, 609-530-6911

JFHQ, Fort Dix – Zandra Ramcharitar, 609-562-0959

Individuals seeking discretionary passes (civic groups, veterans organizations, donors, etc.) should submit a request to The Director, National Guard Training Center, PO box 251, Sea Girt, NJ 08750 requesting the passes with the reason and justification.

Honor Guard program searching for people

Looking for a way to serve and get some satisfaction at the same time? The Honor Guard program is looking for members of the Army and Air Guard to join the team to perform honor guard duties at the funerals of veterans. There is an initial eight hours of training for all new enrollees, with on-going sustainment training. As an honor guard member, you will receive a day of pay for each day's mission, minimum of \$50, and traditional drilling Guard members receive a retirement point for each day's duties.

Teams are split geographically throughout the state and volunteers can stay busy. In April 2007, the teams conducted 205 services for deceased veterans. By May15, there were 120 funerals where the team performed their duties. Retired Sgt. Maj. Ed Goetschius, who oversees the program, believes that there will be at least 2,000 services where the honor guard has served by the end of the year.

If you are interested in applying for the Honor Guard program, call Goetschius at 609-530-7090.

Hire A Hero – new program to help find jobs

[HQ Group](#), who currently runs the [Helmets to Hardhats](#) program, is expanding! [Hire A Hero](#) is our newest initiative that helps transitioning military personnel, Guard members and Reservists find jobs with all industries.

Hire A Hero is a non-profit initiative that is powered by the [Armed Forces Support Foundation](#). To find out more about these programs, visit the following Web sites: www.hireahero.com/ or <http://armedforcessupportfoundation.org/>

Discounts offered for State employees

Are you a state employee looking to save a few \$\$\$?

Visit www.state.nj.us/personnel/discounts/index.htm and you can find a number of businesses who offer discounts to New Jersey state employees. From amusement parks to fitness to computer to phones and lots of other discounts between, you will find many ways to save money. For more information, please contact Patty Smith at patty.smith@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-6847.

For the Families

Grants offered to help military children attend summer activities

Summer is coming and now is the time that many kids will be signing up for camps, recreational activities and lessons, etc. Unfortunately, because of increased deployments and the financial and emotional stress associated with them, many military families might find these activities difficult to arrange. This is why The Women's Opportunity Center at the YMCA of Burlington County in Mt. Laurel, N.J., is pleased to remind military members that grant funds are available not only for financial emergencies and crisis situations, but also to provide recreational and stress relieving activities such as camps and classes for their children.

This grant, provided by the Department of Community Affairs is available to spouses and families of deployed military personnel in all branches of service in the State who are income eligible.

For more information and an application, contact Fawn Mutschler at 609-543-6200, ext. 325 or e-mail wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org.

Youth Camp Forms Available

The thirteenth Annual New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp will be held **July 29** to Aug. 4 at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt.

Applications are available at: www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_camp.html Children, ages 9-13 are invited to apply. The camp fee is still \$100. Campers must be children, grandchildren or legal dependents of an active or retired member of the New Jersey National Guard. A variety of volunteer positions are available. For more information, call the Family Programs Office at (609) 562-0668.

Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program Award

The Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program provides direct assistance and referrals to existing programs for spouses of deployed military personnel (active duty, reserve and National Guard) who face unusual financial and emotional stress as a result of the deployments.

Applicants should contact Fawn Mutschler at 609-543-6200 ext. 325 or wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org to obtain an application. In addition to the completed application form, applicants will also need to submit the following documentation: LES/paystub for applicant and spouse; statement of Financial Need (i.e. reason for applying and how the grant will help); bill or pricing of expenditure as well as any other supporting information the applicant feels may be helpful. Additional information can be found at: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/depmilspouseasst.shtml

Family Readiness Council offers Tier I and II grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has expanded its Family Grants Program to include an additional grant. There are now two levels of Family Grants; TIER I is the \$2,500 grant that has been in place for the past couple of years. The TIER II opens family grants to New Jersey Army and Air National Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Service members meeting these criteria are eligible to apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500. Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers.

Sports and Entertainment

Trenton Vets Center, Trenton Thunder offer "cheap" seats

The Trenton Vet Center with support from our community partner, Trenton Thunder Baseball, will sponsor baseball tickets at a special rate for Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard, separated, and retired veterans. A regular \$10 season ticket will be offered at **\$7** for veterans and family members. The primary purpose of the program is to allow veterans and their families an opportunity to experience Trenton Thunder baseball due to their service and sacrifice for our country. If you have questions, call Matt Petima, director of ticket operations for the Trenton Thunder at 609-394-3300, ext 1200 or the ticket box office at 609-394-3300.

Proof of Veteran Status: Interested veterans must have a picture I.D. and provide proof of their veteran status by showing one of the following documents: **Military I.D. card; Federal Department of Veteran Affairs medical I.D. card; DD Form 214.**

"Support Our Troops" Motorcycle Ride, October 13

Like to ride motorcycle? Here is an opportunity to ride and support servicemembers and their families at the same time. Join the 3rd Annual "Support Our Troops" Motorcycle Run on **October 13** (rain date of October 14).

Registration is from 10-11 a.m. at the Tri-Towne Plaza, Route 70, Marlton and the ride departs at 11:15 a.m. The route is to travel the Pine Barrens to Sweetwater Casino Restaurant, Sweetwater (Hammonton mailing address). The run will be approximately 48 miles (one way). Please come with a full tank of gas. Cost of the ride is a donation of \$15 per rider and \$5 per passenger.

Proceeds benefit the Freedom Alliance Foundation which provide:

Educational scholarships to the children of America's military heroes that have given the ultimate sacrifice.

For the injured in our hospitals pre-paid long-distance phone cards, gift cards for clothing, food, toiletries, books, and magazines.

Funding for family members to travel to see and encourage their loved one.

For more information contact John Atkinson at 856-596-9100, or go to www.citikids.org/freedom.htm, for local run information or to the national site - www.freedomalliance.org.

Savino Memorial Golf tourney scheduled for Sept. 17

The 11th Annual Lt. Col. Dave Savino Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on **Sept. 17** at the Fountain Green Golf Course, Ft. Dix. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m., with a two-person scramble (best ball). Cost to play is \$85 per person, with checks made payable to "Lt. Col. Dave Savino Memorial Fund." Call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Balas at 609-330-4069 or Connie Cisek at 609-562-0901 for more information. Proceeds from the tournament go to help fellow Guardsmen in need.

Enlisted Association holding golf outing Oct. 22

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey is holding a golf outing on **Oct. 22** at Gambler's Ridge Golf Club, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, NJ. All proceeds from the event go to the association's scholarships.

Registration and a continental breakfast begins the day at 7:30 a.m. The play is two-person best ball with a modified shotgun start at 8:45. A donation of \$90 includes greens fees, cart and luncheon. There will be prizes for first and second place teams for the low gross, closest to the pin on all par 3's and the longest drive.

For more information call Mike Amoroso at 609-562-0754. Make checks payable to EANG-NJ (Golf) and mail to Leon Cisek, PO Box 365, Wrightstown NJ 08562 no later than Oct. 15.

Here's To The Heroes

Here's to the Heroes provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and as many as three direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or Guard member is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID.

Scholarship, Education News

Free SAT/ACT Offer Extended

A group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL football players have announced they are extending their sponsorship of the SAT/ACT training to all military families.

The sponsorship allows any military person (active, Guard, reserve, or retired) to request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives. There is a secure website to confirm a person's military status before directing the user to the software order site. Logon to:

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF_DETAIL_0?current_id=20.20.100.30.0.0.0.0

Programs are shipped to domestic U.S. addresses and APO addresses. The sponsorship covers the purchase price of \$199 and the family pays only the shipping and handling of \$9.95.

American Legion offers scholarships, booklet on their Web site

The American Legion has scholarship information on their Web site - www.legion.org - including the 152-page booklet, *Need a Lift*, which is a complete financial aid reference guide for veterans, veterans' dependents and members of the American Legion family. When you get on the site, click on "Scholarship Information" in the "Useful Links" block.

AMVETS, U of Phoenix team up for military members, family's education

From the AMVETS Web site - www.amvets.org

AMVETS and the University of Phoenix are proud to announce a joint venture to help veterans, active duty service members, reservists, Guardsmen and family members obtain a high-quality online education.

Together, the organizations will award 25 scholarships nationwide this year. Each scholarship will consist of a \$4,000 credit with the university, which is the nation's premier educational institution for adult learning.

All veterans, service members and family members are eligible to apply.

Scholarship information on BBB Military Line

There are many scholarships available to military family members. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line suggests that you not pay someone to find scholarships for you. Why? Because these researchers will use the same sources on the internet that you will use, so why pay them to do so? For suggestions on where to find scholarships for which you might be eligible, visit: www.enebuilder.net/cbbb_military/e_article-000694547.cfm?x=b8r7v3.

For information to help military families avoid financial pitfalls, visit: <http://military.bbb.org>

Association News

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey

Give our state a larger voice by becoming a member of the Enlisted Association. The increased numbers will help us speak on all legislative issues that will benefit you and your families. The association works hard for you at the Federal & State level on all important issues. Visit the web site EANG-NJ.org, click on *Become a Member* for the application and find out more about what the association does.

NGANJ has busy calendar for members in 2007

The National Guard Association of New Jersey will be conducting the following events. All members (active and retirees) are encouraged to participate:

NGANJ President's Golf Tournament - this tournament will be held at Falcon Creek Golf Course at McGuire AFB, on **June 4**. This will be a "shotgun" start beginning at 11 a.m. The course limit is 144 players, so early reservations are suggested. A hot buffet dinner will follow at approximately 5 p.m. at the McGuire NCO Club, located across the street from the course. This tournament benefits the "Scholarship Fund". Last year,

with your help, we were able to award nine \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. This year, we hope to meet or exceed that goal.

National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) 129th Conference - this conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from **August 25-27, 2007**. The New Jersey delegation will be staying at the Caribe Hilton (15 minutes from airport). Our hotel is located on the beach, has a great pool for the family and is located close to the convention center (10 minutes). We have reserved 30 rooms on a first come, first gets basis. Additional information and registration forms will be coming out shortly. If you are interested, please contact Capt. Jose Maldonado.

NGANJ Website - The above information is posted on the NGANJ website. If you need copies of the forms, specific contacts or additional information, please go to the website at: www.nganj.org.

Veterans Information

DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues

The DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues with kiosk displays at selected malls throughout New Jersey. The schedule is as follows:

July 11,12, 13	Bridgewater Commons Mall
August 8, 9, 10	Newport Centre Mall
September 12, 13*, 14	Livingston Mall

*Medal ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. on these dates.
The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the identified dates.
During the month of June the kiosk will travel to the New Jersey Elks Convention (May 31-June 1), the American Legion Convention (June 6-9) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention (June 13-16).

Delaware Valley Vietnam Vets looking for volunteers

The Donald W. Jones Veterans' Flag Memorial is looking for volunteers to come out and help the Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans plant flags to honor veterans on **June 8** starting at 9 a.m. at Falls Community Park, 9125 Millcreek Road, Levittown, Penn. There will be a free concert all day June 9 starting at 11 a.m. with performances by a variety of music groups. On June 10 there will be a motorcycle rally and memorial ceremony starting at noon. For more information, call David at 215-669-8430 or Ed at 215-945-3475.

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