

NOVEMBER 17, 2022



READY TO SERVE ★ PROUD TO HAVE SERVED

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Workgiving at the Lawrenceville headquarters.

As the Thanksgiving holiday is quickly approaching, this is a time for us all to take a moment to be grateful for the people, things and circumstances afforded us simply because we live in this great state and nation. Treasure every moment spent with those nearest and dearest to you, rest and recharge, and make new and meaningful memories.

We at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs are grateful to each and every one of you for your continued support to our DMAVA employees, National Guard Members, our Veterans, and all of their families.

We wish you an abundance of health and happiness this Thanksgiving. Please stay safe as you travel and gather with your family and friends to celebrate. We look forward to returning from the holiday ready to conquer the end of 2022 positive and strong with all of you!

Thanks for reading. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

We encourage you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at outreach@dmava.nj.gov.

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



VETERANS DAY



State Veterans Day Ceremony

Governor Phil Murphy and Brigadier General Dr. Lisa Hou, The Adjutant General of New Jersey and Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, presided over the state's Veterans Day ceremony.

The ceremony was held in the Vietnam Era Museum at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Holmdel, New Jersey, November 11, 2022.

Veterans Day celebrates and honors America's Veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

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FEATURED EVENTS

VETERAN INFORMATION SESSION

The Wilmington VA Medical Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) Outreach Specialist will be hosting a presentation on information regarding enrollment, eligibility, services, and programs offered by the Sessions offer general information and how to navigate VA. Q & A and one-on-one information will be provided for all Veterans, their families, and caregivers in attendance.

Please contact the VA Outreach Specialist a VA provider or staff member if you would like to attend. (Seating is limited and based on availability)

UPCOMING SESSIONS

September 22, 2022
October 27, 2022
November 17, 2022 (moved up a week due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE

Atlantic County CBOC
1909 New Road
Northfield, NJ 08225



VA OUTREACH SPECIALIST
Jacqueline Hinker
302-304-5509

CLINIC STAFF
PACT Team
Nurse Manager
Behavior Health
AMSA Supervisor
AMSA

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

CONTACTED BY PHONE



Join the
Center for Women Veterans
for a Virtual

PACT ACT TOWNHALL

Thursday, November 17, 2022
12 pm ET

PANELISTS

Veterans Benefits Administration
&
Office of Women's Health Services

Topics will include:

- Healthcare screenings and services related to potential toxic exposures.
- The evaluation process and determining the presumption of exposure.
- Service connection for various chronic conditions.

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Registration Required

USA Toll Number 404-397-1596
(Access code: 2763 638 0538)



**DISTRICT 12 VETERANS
RESOURCE FAIR**

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2022 FROM 4 – 7:30PM

383 VETERANS BOULEVARD, BAYVILLE, NJ 08721

SERVING THOSE WHO SACRIFICED THEIR ALL



If you are a Veteran or know someone who is a Veteran, then this is your one stop shop for information and assistance. There will be representatives from the VFW Veterans Service Officers, Ocean County Veterans Administration, and Dept. of Military and Veterans Affairs to assist you with your claims and setup appointments to meet directly with the subject matter experts. There will also be service providers present such as Vetworks, Soldier On, Veterans Haven, and many more to be announced. Don't worry if you have babysitting duty, bring your kids we will have something there to keep them busy. Bring a copy of your DD214, supporting documentation, and an open mind and we will ensure you leave with the answers you were looking for.

"OPEN TO ALL VETERANS"

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present.

JOB AND RESOURCE FAIR



NJ FAMILY PROGRAMS



19 Nov 2022

Bldg 3700 (JT2DC)
Technology Dr.
JB-MDL, New Jersey
1000-1500hrs

SOLDIERS & FAMILY MEMBERS

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THERE WILL BE A HOST OF
EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,
EMPLOYERS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO
EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS



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Employers looking to hire
responsible Citizen
Soldiers and their family
members



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For more information please contact:

Phil Morse at phillip.c.morse.civ@army.mil

Ken Lucas at Kenneth.d.lucas2.civ@army.mil

REGISTER
AT EVENT
BRIGHT



DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present.

New Recruiting Office

**COME CELEBRATE OUR
GRAND OPENING WITH A
BLOCK PARTY**



WHEN

**NOVEMBER 19, 2022
10AM-3PM**

**12:00 PM RIBBON
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WHERE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DMAVA Calendar

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present at most of these events. Check details to confirm.

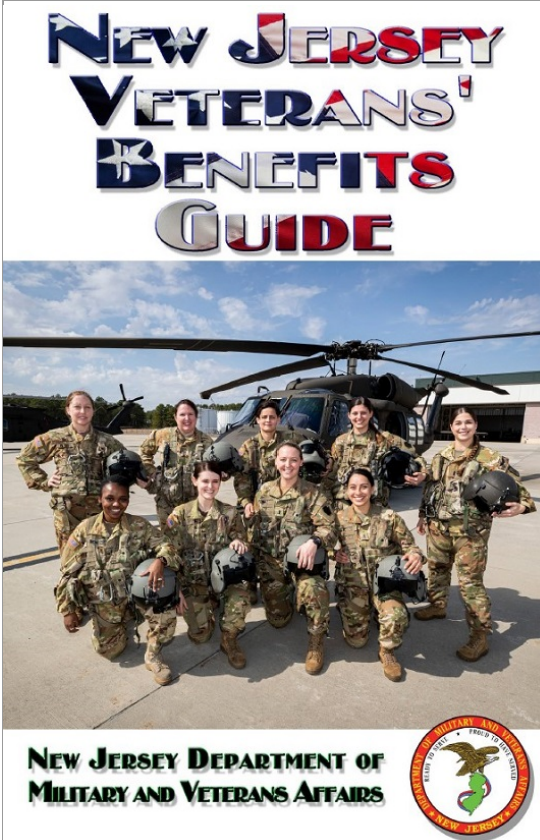
- November 17, 2022 | Atlantic City, NJ
[NJ State League of Municipalities Conference](#)
- November 17, 2022 10:00AM | Fort Dix, NJ
[VA Disability Claim Processing Briefing](#)
- November 18, 2022 4:00PM - 7:30PM | Bayville, NJ
[VFW District 12 Veterans Resource Fair](#)
- November 19, 2022 10:00AM - 3:00PM | Fort Dix, NJ
[Job and Resource Fair](#)
- November 19, 2022 10:00AM - 3:00PM | Perth Amboy, NJ
[Recruiting Office Grand Opening](#)
- November 20, 2022 9:00AM - 12:00PM | Bordentown, NJ
[Reserve Component Transition Benefits Brief](#)

Community Calendar

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

SPOTLIGHT



The image shows the cover of a 'New Jersey Veterans' Benefits Guide'. The title is written in large, bold, stylized letters with a 3D effect. Below the title is a photograph of a group of military personnel in camouflage uniforms, some kneeling and some standing, in front of a military helicopter. At the bottom of the cover, the text 'NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS' is displayed in a bold, black font. To the right of the text is the official seal of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, which features a central figure holding a torch and a scroll, surrounded by the words 'NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS' and the motto 'PROVIDE PROTECT PROMOTE'.

The Benefits Guide has been updated
effective October 12, 2022.

Get Current Edition

Please Join
American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.
OPERATION HOLIDAY SALUTE

Holiday Cards will be delivered to Veterans
in Hospice locally and across the United States

1. Address your holiday card to "Dear Hero" or "Dear Veteran"
2. Deliver Your holiday cards to your local AGSM, Inc. Chapter

OR

Mail your cards to:
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Cape Coral, FL 33915
Postmark Deadline: 20 November 2022

For more information go to AmericanGoldStarMothers.org

VETERANS SERVICES



DMAVA Medal Ceremony

Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Kennedy, left, Assistant Adjutant General-Air, New Jersey National Guard and Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to Vietnam War Veteran Army Spc. Five Paul O. Hong during the New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Hainesport Volunteer Fire Department in Hainesport, New Jersey, November 7, 2022. Congratulations to all of the medal recipients.

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DMAVA Medal Ceremony

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Venue at Smithville Greene in Easthampton, New Jersey, November 4, 2022.

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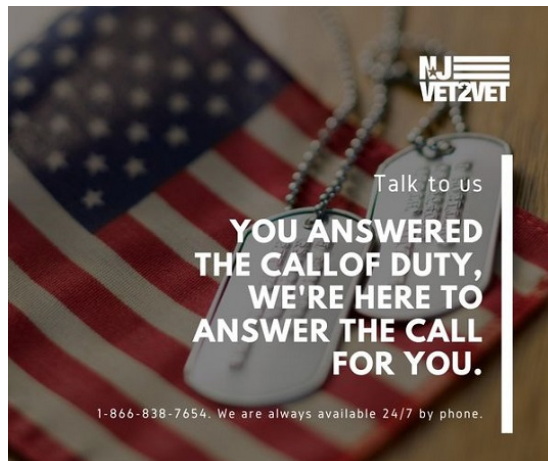


Crestwood Manor Hosts Veteran Recognition Program

In honor of Veterans Day, Crestwood Manor, a Springpoint community, hosted a Veteran Recognition Program on November 9, 2022. Springpoint President and CEO Anthony Argondizza was in attendance and recognized Crestwood Manor resident Veterans for their service and dedication.

Joining Argondizza was LTC (Ret) Joseph C. Bucco, Jr. Bucco serves as a Veterans Service Office State Supervisor for the New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs.

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NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline
888-865-8387
vbb@dmava.nj.gov

ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE

NJ National Guard



21st WMD-CST

U.S. Army Soldiers and Air Force Airmen with the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team, New Jersey National Guard, underwent an Army North-mandated training proficiency evaluation at the Monmouth County Sheriff Situational Training and Response Simulator Facility, Freehold, New Jersey, November 1, 2022. The 21st identifies chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear substances; assesses and advises civil authorities on response measures to man-made or natural disasters.

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Salute to Service

U.S. Army Staff Sergeant Jessie Leek, left, and Specialist Jeremiah Long, right, with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, New Jersey National Guard, hold the American Flag along side other Servicemembers and Veterans at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, November 6, 2022. Members of the New Jersey National Guard participated in the pregame ceremonies at the New York Jets' "Salute to Service" game.

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NJ Army National Guard



Mortar Training

U.S. Army Soldiers with the 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, New Jersey Army National Guard, fire 60mm mortars for table IV

and V qualifications on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, November 5, 2022.

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NJ Air National Guard



Veterans Day Parade

the 177th Fighter Wing participated in the Brigantine Veterans Day Parade on November 6, 2022.

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DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



Operation Take Back

Counterdrug Task Force (CDTF) members supported Operation Take Back for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The mission was to collect unused, unwanted, and expired prescription pills from three designated locations in Monmouth, Bergen, and Morris counties. Over 16,000 pounds of material was collected.

NJ CDTF has supported the DEA with Take Back Day for 11 years, marking this the 23rd Take Back Day we have participated in.



NJYCA

Representatives from the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy (NJYCA) attended the New Jersey Education Association Convention in Atlantic City on November 10-11, 2022.

The mission of the NJYCA is to train and mentor disengaged teenage youth so they become responsible and productive citizens of their community, state, and country.

[Learn more about NJYCA](#)

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Morris County Honors Veterans

The Morris County Board of County Commissioners presented Morris County Distinguished Military Service Medals and Certificates of Honor to seven Veterans during their annual Veterans Day Observance ceremony, where state and federal authorities also issued honors to the former service members.

[Read More](#)


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VETS-GIVING

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FAMILIES THIS THANKSGIVING.

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Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau

We know that the holidays can be a tough time for some of our sister and brother Veterans. So we are going to be hosting our inaugural VETS-GIVING, in which we will be providing \$25 Visa gift cards to Veteran families in need throughout Ocean County this Thanksgiving.

If you or someone you know would like to help and sponsor this event, we are accepting donations in the form of gift cards until November 18, 2022. We will be distributing the gift cards on Monday November 21, 2022.



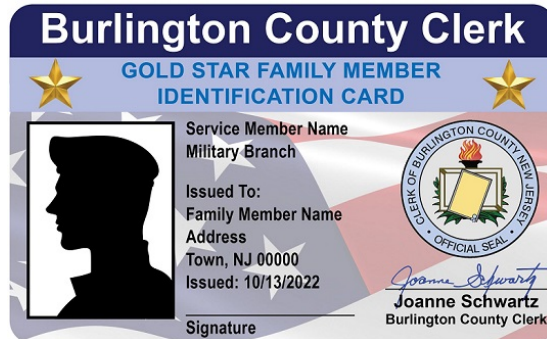
Donate a Tree

For \$35, you can donate a tree to a military family in need. The Morris County Chamber of Commerce's annual Trees for Troops program, run by the Leadership Morris Alumni Association, will collect donations until November 30th. Trees will be delivered to families the following weekend.

[Learn More](#)



Burlington County Supports & Recognizes Gold Star Families



Burlington County Offering Gold Star IDs

The Burlington County Clerk's Office is now issuing Gold Star Family identification cards to the spouses, domestic partners, civil union partners and children of military members who died while serving on active duty with the U.S. Armed Forces.

[Learn More](#)

NEEDED: Volunteer Veteran Mentors!

Help a Fellow Veteran Undergoing Life-Changing Rehabilitation, Counseling and Treatment!

The Cape May County Prosecutors Office operates a Veterans Diversion Program (VDP) which offers Veterans charged with crimes an alternative to trial and sentencing. The program offers Veterans treatment and assistance for mental health, substance abuse and other issues which may have contributed to their arrest and criminal charges.

Instead of Incarceration, the program helps Veterans with:

- Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Community services and assistance
- Veterans Affairs counseling and benefits
- Mentoring support & coaching

VETERAN MENTORS are a vital part of the program, offering a frontline source of guidance and support for the participants...and MORE are needed in our community!



**ARE YOU READY TO
LEND A FELLOW VET A
HELPING HAND?**

PLEASE CONTACT:

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SPC-4, US ARMY – LCDR, USNR
VFW-386, Cape May, NJ

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Cape May County Prosecutors Office

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Director of Community Outreach

ATTENTION VETERANS, FAMILY MEMBERS and SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office **Veterans Diversion Program** is available to certain veterans of the armed services who have pending non-violent criminal charges in Superior Court.

ACPO is seeking veterans willing to serve as **VOLUNTEER MENTORS** to become trained by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in working with fellow veterans through the diversion process.

For more information, please contact Detective Chris Southard at southard_c@acpo.org / (609) 909-7965, Detective Hannah Piatt at piatt_h@acpo.org / (609) 909-7859, or Executive Assistant Prosecutor Rick McKelvey at mckelvey_r@acpo.org / (609) 909-7722.

Defendants who have served and are currently pending criminal charges in Superior Court should consult with their attorney or visit <https://www.acpo.org/resource-page/55>.



NJ State Agencies

- [Vote For Valor](#)
- [Career Connections for Veterans](#)
- [Tax Resources for Military/Veterans](#)
- [Educator Certification for Military Spouses and 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](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)

- Professional and Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses
- Military and Overseas Voting



FEDERAL PARTNERS




VA opens health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, post-9/11 Veterans under PACT Act

Washington – On October 1, The Department of Veterans Affairs will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Gulf Wars and post-9/11 era.

This expansion will increase health care eligibility for hundreds of thousands of toxic-exposed Veterans. Additionally, VA has already expanded health care eligibility for certain Veterans of the Vietnam War. More detailed information about this expansion can be found on [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

President Biden signed the bipartisan [PACT Act](https://www.va.gov/PACT) into law August 10, authorizing one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits in U.S. history. Veterans can go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) to apply for health care or learn more about what this bill means for them and their families. [Read the full press release.](#)



**THE 2022
PACT ACT**
makes it easier for many survivors
to receive Dependency and
Indemnity Compensation.

VA will be contacting survivors who were
previously denied. You don't need to wait
for VA to contact you to submit a claim.

VA SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Learn more at VA.gov/PACT
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA | U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

Eligibility Extension on VA Family Caregivers Program

Washington – 10/1/2022

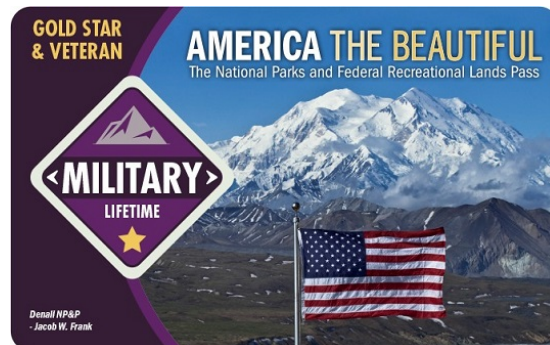
VA's [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) is expanding to include eligible Veterans and family caregivers of all eras.

Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible Veterans who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible Veterans who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sept. 11, 2001.

PCAFC provides caregivers of eligible Veterans with resources, education, financial assistance, health insurance, beneficiary travel, peer support and more. The program is a cornerstone of VA health care, ensuring that Veterans get the world-class care they deserve and that caregivers get the comprehensive support they need. [Read the full press release.](#)

Medical Supplies

In this episode of *theSITREP*, the host discusses how Veterans and their families can save money on medical supplies and equipment with VA health care. From medical beds to wheel chair ramps, VA can help with everything. All medical supplies and equipment are brand new, never used, and yours to keep. To watch the short video please go to [#theSITREP](#).



New National Parks Pass

Just announced. A new lifetime pass for National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands, called America the Beautiful.

This new 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.

The Interagency Military Pass has been part of the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series since 2012. On December 27, 2021, President Biden signed into law S. 1605 "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022" (NDAA). Section 641 of the NDAA makes Gold Star families and Veterans eligible for lifetime passes to federal recreational lands.

[Learn More at VA News](#)



VA Life Insurance

Important changes are coming to VA Life Insurance programs. Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) is launching on Jan. 1, 2023, as a new guaranteed acceptance whole life insurance program for service-connected Veterans. VA's current offering for service-connected Veterans—Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance (S-DVI)—closes to new enrollment after Dec. 31, 2022. Veterans currently enrolled in S-DVI may keep their coverage or switch to VALife.

While both VALife and S-DVI cover Veterans with any level of service-connected disability (0-100%), there are key program differences to consider before deciding which program is right for you.

So, what is the difference between VA Life Insurance and Service-Disabled Veterans Life Insurance? Read more at [VA News](#).

ANNUAL **2023**
Benefits Enrollment
November 14 - December 12

FEDVIP Open Enrollment

Sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), FEDVIP is a voluntary, enrollee-pay-all dental and vision insurance program. It replaced the former TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). In general, retired uniformed service members, their families, and survivors are eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage and, if enrolled in a TRICARE health plan, FEDVIP vision coverage. Please note: Opportunities to enroll outside of open season are limited.

The Federal Benefits Open Season is your annual opportunity to enroll in, change, or cancel a FEDVIP dental and/or vision plan. This year, open season runs from November 14 through December 12, 2022, with coverage effective January 1, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Benefits Fair

The Virtual Benefits Fair is an online health fair that houses 2023 FEDVIP plan information in a single location, allowing military families to browse exhibits, download plan brochures, [register for educational webinars](#) and chat with BENEFEDS and FEDVIP representatives. [BENEFEDS](#) is the secure online portal to enroll in FEDVIP.

Log in anytime during the Federal Benefits Open Season, from November 14 to December 12, 2022. Representatives will be available to take your questions during the four live chat days:

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022 10 am-5 pm ET

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022 10 am-5 pm ET

Thursday, Dec 1, 2022 10 am-5 pm ET

Thursday, Dec 8, 2022 10 am-5 pm ET

[Learn More and Register](#)

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USFHP Lunch & Learn

The Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) @ Saint Vincents is a TRICARE® Prime military health plan sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD). Lunch and Learn briefings are now scheduled in New Jersey.

[Learn More and RSVP](#)

Featured Links

- [Fast facts about new toxic exposure screening for Veterans](#)
- [Simplifying the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill application process](#)
- [VA extends delay of upcoming electronic health record deployments to June 2023](#)
- [Free legal services for Veterans, service members](#)
- [VA Health and Benefits Mobile App - six essential facts](#)
- [Women Veterans Call Center](#)
- [Preserve Your Loved Ones Story with 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 PARTNERS



Veterans Home at Menlo Park

The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park celebrated Halloween with trick-or-treat stations for residents and visitors and entertainment by the [Florian Shantz Jazz Combo](#).

Catholic  Charities

representatives are
at the Carlton R.
Rouh Veterans Center

**Every 2nd &
4th Thursday**

11:00am - 2:00pm

NO Appointment Necessary



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Lindenwold, NJ 08021



IN THE NEWS



Goodwill Helps Northern NJ Homeless Veterans Find Homes And Jobs

Patch.com | Nov. 10, 2022

Every year, US veterans are honored during Veterans Day with parades and shopping discounts. That's well-deserved, but some veterans have more pressing needs like finding a place to live and a job to support their families. Many vets struggle to translate military skills into civilian jobs, experience poverty, unemployment, and homelessness.

Veterans like Angela Bernard, a single mom in her early 40s who lives in Bloomfield, NJ with her two daughters. Angela came to Goodwill's Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (HVRP) in early 2022 when her job cut her hours and pay due to the pandemic. She was also facing eviction.

Today, thanks to Goodwill, Angela has a place to live with her daughters and a full-time job as fulfillment associate at Samsung Electronics in Ridgely Park, NJ.

Since July 1, 2021, [Goodwill Industries of Greater NY and Northern NJ, Inc.](#) (Goodwill NYNJ), a nonprofit serving the 10 most Northern counties of NJ and 38 counties of Eastern NY, has been operating the HVRP in New Jersey thanks to a three-year grant from the US Department of Labor. Goodwill provides job training and placement, connection to housing, and wraparound supports to homeless veterans or those at risk for homelessness.

[Read Full Story](#)



Veterans House at Rutgers to Be Named After Medal of Honor Alumnus

Lisa Intrabartola, Rutgers University | Nov. 9, 2022

One year after graduating from Rutgers College at the height of the Vietnam War, a young ROTC-trained Army advisor named Jack Jacobs made a heroic rescue that earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor – a distinction few soldiers live to receive.

During an ill-fated mission in 1967 that left his commander disabled and his unit in chaos amid heavy casualties, Jacobs took control, ordering a withdrawal and forming a defense line at a more secure position.

Then, despite suffering head and arm wounds and impaired vision, Jacobs repeatedly ran across open rice paddies through heavy fire for hours to evacuate the wounded, personally saving a fellow advisor, the wounded company commander and 12 other allied soldiers.

In honor of his exceptional act and years of subsequent service, the Office of Veteran and Military Programs and Services at Rutgers is launching a campaign to have Veteran's House at Rutgers named after the retired Army colonel and raise \$500,000 to create an Opportunity Fund that will support military-affiliated students at Rutgers.

[Read Full Story](#)

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

November 24, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PFC Ryan D. Christensen
U.S. Army
Spring Lake Heights, New Jersey

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

November 26, 2012
Operation Enduring Freedom
CPL Christopher M. Monahan Jr.
U.S. Marine Corps
Island Heights, New Jersey

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

November 27, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom
LCPL Michael A. Schwarz
U.S. Marine Corps
Carlstadt, New Jersey

November 23, 2003
Operation Enduring Freedom
SSGT Thomas A. Walkup Jr.
U.S. Air Force
Millville, New Jersey

November 28, 2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PFC Stephen C. Benish
U.S. Army
Clark, New Jersey

November 23, 2003
Operation Enduring Freedom
MAJ Steven Plumhoff
U.S. Air Force
Neshanic Station, 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

VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES



Robert Winthers
Vietnam/Desert Storm/Iraq



Frederick Yorke III
Cold War

Veterans History Project

HISTORY



Chaplain Major Charles J. Watters

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. 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.

November 27, 1777

New Jersey Militia General Philemon Dickinson led a force of 1,400 militiamen on a massive raid on Staten Island and captured 200 men of the Loyalist New Jersey Volunteers, most of them recently recruited in Bergen County.

November 30, 1776

British General William Howe, then in the process of driving the remnants of General George Washington's American Army out of New Jersey, optimistically advised Lord George Germain, Secretary of State for America, that he intended to decisively crush the rebellion in America in the forthcoming year. Needless to say, that prediction, as with many in war, did not work out.

November 30, 1967



Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander, a US Army nurse from River Vale, was killed in an aircraft crash near Qui Nhon while returning from a mission to Pleiku. She was the only New Jersey woman to die in the Vietnam War.

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Harbor Township, New Jersey. Hecht is a former member of the NJ Air National Guard's 177th Communication's Flight and remains an active member of the 177th Fighter Wing community.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Boo Crew

DMAVA employees from the Fiscal Division and the Construction & Facilities Management Office got into the holiday spirit for Halloween.

L-to-R: Laura Rezner, Giuliana DePace, Dawn Esposito, Crystal Arthur and Felicia Hornbaker.

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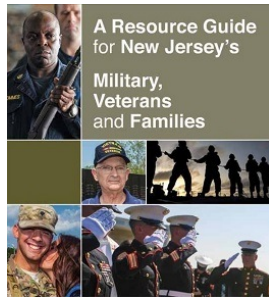
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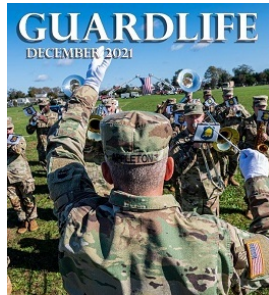
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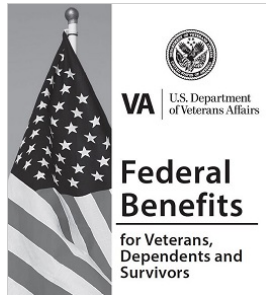
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