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Honoring 250 Years of the U.S. Army

In 2025, our nation will pause to honor the 250th birthday of the United States Army - a force forged in revolution, refined in resilience, and always ready to serve. From June 14, 1775 to today, generations of Soldiers and Army civilians have stood on the front lines of freedom, guided by the Army's enduring motto: "This We'll Defend."

This historic milestone offers a unique opportunity to reflect on the Army's role in shaping our republic, defending liberty, and leading through times of peace and conflict. As the celebrations unfold across the country, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs proudly joins in recognizing the extraordinary legacy of service - past, present, and future.

Whether you're a veteran, a military family member, or a supporter of our armed forces, there's a place for you in this commemoration. From reenactments to community ceremonies and educational campaigns, this effort honors not only the Army's founding but its continuing mission to defend and serve.

This year, New Jersey Governor Murphy signed a State of New Jersey Executive Department Proclamation designating June 8 through June 14, 2025 as [Military250 Week](#).

We encourage all New Jerseyans to engage with this national celebration - whether through local events, digital storytelling, or simply taking a moment to thank a Soldier. As always, we remain committed to honoring our military heritage and standing with those who wear the uniform.

This we'll defend - then, now, and always.

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.

Brigadier General Yvonne L. Mays
Adjutant General & Commissioner



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1
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JULY
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3
JULY
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4
JULY
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Events

DMAVA Calendar

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

- June 12 | Fairleigh Dickinson Univ.
[State Medal Ceremony for Women Veterans](#)
- June 13 | Sea Girt
[Neighborhood Nukes: NJ's Nike Missile Program](#)
- June 16 | Wildwood
[State Medal Ceremony for Women Veterans](#)
- June 16 | Lawrence Twp
[Mobile Food Pantry & Resource Fair](#)
- June 17 | Franklin
["Wise for Vets" Resource Fair](#)
- June 21 | Lawrenceville
[Bus Trip to Fort Mott & Fort Delaware](#)

- June 21 | Sea Girt
[21st Annual 5K Nutter Run](#)
- June 21 | West Orange
[Smiles for Our Heroes Free Dental Care](#)
- June 24 | Sparta
[NJMVC & Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- June 24 | Jersey City
[Veterans Health Fair & Luncheon](#)

Community Calendar

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

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Honor and Remember

Brig. Gen. Yvonne L. Mays, The Adjutant General of New Jersey and Commissioner of the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, laid a wreath in honor and remembrance of Staff Sergeant Frank T. Carvill, Specialist Christopher M. Duffy, Staff Sergeant Humberto F. Timoteo, and Sergeant Ryan E. Doltz on the campus of the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in Lawrenceville, NJ on June 3, 2025.

The four New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers, who all served with the [3-112th Field Artillery Regiment](#), were killed in action in Iraq, June 4-5, 2004.

Spotlight

WETSU:
A BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY PODCAST

EP.11
WITH:
**BRIG. GEN.
YVONNE MAYS**

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF
NEW JERSEY & COMMISSIONER
OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT
OF MILITARY AND VETERANS
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NJ National Guard



Republic of Cyprus

In May, the Chief of The National Guard for Cyprus, Lt. Gen. Georgios Tsitsikostas, other members of the Cyprus National Guard, and members of the New Jersey Air and Army National Guard, visited the [177th Fighter Wing](#).

During the tour, they were briefed on the 177th mission by the Wing commander, talked to a member of the 177th Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, and got up close to an F-16C Fighting Falcon static display.

Cyprus is a part of the [New Jersey National Guard State Partnership Program](#) along with the Republic of Albania. The State Partnership Program helps build enduring relationships with foreign nations.

It was an honor to have you here!



177th Fighter Wing

From May 10-22, 2025, Defenders with the 177th Security Forces Squadron deployed to Yokota Air Base, Japan, in support of the 49th Annual Japan-America Friendship Festival.

The team conducted integrated security operations alongside the 374th Security Forces Squadron, allied partners, and other National Guard units, to ensure the safety of more than 117,000 attendees.

Their efforts safeguarded approximately \$1.8 billion in U.S. Air Force assets and helped strengthen international partnerships through a professional and unified presence.

Outstanding work by all involved - Defenders leading from the front!



The Adjutant General's Match

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen competed in The Adjutant General's Match small arms marksmanship competition at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ on May 21-22, 2025.

The State Marksmanship Program ran the TAG Match, which consisted of 33 New Jersey National Guardsmen, and the winners

will advance to the National Guard Bureau's Marksmanship Competition later this year.

The event was kicked off by The Adjutant General, Brigadier General Yvonne Mays, hitting a steel target with the M110A1 SDMR (Squad Designated Marksman Rifle).

Congratulations to Staff Sergeant Cory Van Dyke, with 2nd Battalion, 113th Infantry Regiment, [44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team](#), on winning 1st place overall!

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Women Veterans Day

On June 12th, DMAVA Celebrates WOMEN'S VETERANS DAY



Women's Veterans Day, observed annually on June 12, recognizes the vital role women have played in the United States Armed Forces. This date marks the anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act of 1948, which allowed women to serve as permanent, regular members of the military. The observance provides an opportunity to reflect on the contributions, dedication, and service of women throughout military history. From the Revolutionary War to modern-day deployments, women have served with honor, skill, and commitment. The following timeline highlights key milestones in the evolving role of women in the U.S. military.



Women served as nurses, cooks, and aides in military camps. Some, like Deborah Sampson, disguised themselves as men to fight in combat.

1775-1783;
The American
Revolutionary War



Thousands of women volunteered as nurses to serve as caretakers for wounded soldiers on both sides of the conflict. Over 21,000 women served the Union alone.

1861-1865;
The Civil War



For the first time women could officially serve as part of the US Army and Navy in medical and support capacities.

1901-1908;
Army & Navy Nurse
Corps Created



Over 30,000 military women across the Army, Navy, and Marines contribute to the war effort as not only nurses, but as clerical workers and telephone operators.

1917-1918;
World War I



More than 350,000 women now serve in all branches of the military, including as support pilots. By 1948 women were granted permanent status within regular armed forces.

1941-1948;
World War II &
Aftermath



Congress passes legislation allowing women to enroll in US Military Academies for the first time, beginning in 1976.

1976;
Women Admitted to
Service Academies



40,000 women are deployed to the Persian Gulf, serving a variety of functions from logistics, to aviation, to intelligence operations.

1991;
The Gulf War



In 2013, the Department of Defense lifted the ban on women serving in combat roles. By 2016 this was expanded to include infantry and special forces.

2013-2016:
Combat Roles for
Women Open

Today, women serve in every branch of the military, contributing across combat, leadership, and technical roles. Their service reflects the evolving strength and readiness of our armed forces. Honoring Women's Veterans Day means recognizing not just history, but the continued dedication and excellence of those who serve.



CALLING ALL WOMEN VETERANS



The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA) in conjunction with the YWCA Northern New Jersey will hold a State Medal Ceremony for Women Veterans, held in conjunction with Women Veterans Appreciation Day in New Jersey.

The ceremony is open to all Honorably Discharged New Jersey Women Veterans. To access the medal applications, please scan the QR code below or click "download application".

The ceremony will be held during the YWCA NNJ – Operation Sisterhood Women Veterans Appreciation Day Event at 5:30pm on Thursday, June 12th at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Florham Campus, 285 Madison Ave, Madison, NJ 07940. We ask that all medal recipients arrive by 5:00pm.

Applicants must return a completed NJDMAVA Medal Application with a copy of their DD-214 to:



Jennifer Glazewski by email:
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OR



By mail: NJ Department of Military &
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CALLING ON OUR WOMEN VETERANS



The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA) in conjunction with the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) organization will hold a State Medal Ceremony for Women Veterans, held in conjunction with Women Veterans Appreciation Day in New Jersey.

The ceremony is open to all Honorably Discharged New Jersey Women Veterans. To access the medal applications, please scan the QR code below or click "download application".

The ceremony will be held during the Disabled American Veterans Convention at 11:00am on Monday, June 16th at the Wildwood Convention Center, Ballroom C, 4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, NJ 08260. It is asked that all medal recipients arrive by 10:30am.

Applicants must return a completed NJDMAVA Medal Application with a copy of their DD-214 to:



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DMAVA Veterans Services



State Medal Ceremony

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. L. Mike LaPoint, Deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey, presided over a State Medal Ceremony at the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Justice Complex Building, in Trenton, NJ on May 28, 2025.

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Veterans Health Fair & Luncheon

Vincent Solomeno III, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, and Esther Chucaralao, Director of Veterans Services, joined community and veteran leaders for the Veterans Health Fair & Luncheon at the Cherry Blossom Welcome Center, Branch Brook Park in Essex County on May 30, 2025.

Partnerships like these provide Veterans and their families with access to the essential health services they have earned and deserve.



VFW Annual Convention

Congratulations to [Veterans of Foreign Wars - New Jersey](#) on another successful convention! DMAVA looks forward to meeting with leadership, Veterans, auxiliaries, and volunteers in the weeks ahead.

Vincent Solomeno III, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, and Esther Chucaralao, Director of Veterans Services, presented VFW State Commander Luddie Austin with the [New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal](#) on May 29, 2025.



Marine Corps League Annual Convention

Camaraderie, fellowship, tradition: always an honor to attend the [Marine Corps League - Department of New Jersey](#) annual convention in Galloway Twp.

Vincent Solomeno III, Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs, presented Department Commandant Mike Waluk with the New Jersey Commendation Medal on May 31, 2025.

DMAVA works side by side with our state's veterans service organizations, including the Marine Corps League, toward the shared mission of supporting New Jersey's heroes every day.



New Jersey Elks

Community, friendship, charity: Esther Chucaralao, Director of Veterans Services, presented NJ Elks State President Michael Penchenski III with the New Jersey Commendation Medal on June 6, 2025.

From Lake Hopatcong to Greater Wildwood, DMAVA welcomes the opportunity to work with service organizations to support our state's heroes every day.



Get Connected to Resources & Services

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has partnered with Unite Us to connect individuals and families to a wide variety of services and resources.

Unite Us is a coordinated care referral network of health and social service providers. Unite Us can connect our New Jersey military and veteran community to resources to obtain benefits, food assistance, housing, education, transportation, behavioral health services, peer support and more.

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Veteran Homelessness

The mission of Bringing Veterans Home (BVH) is to effectively end veteran homelessness in New Jersey by enhancing existing systems, creating rapid access to housing, and ensuring homelessness becomes rare, brief and non-recurring.

BVH creates a clear path to stable housing for veterans experiencing homelessness through a coordinated network of services and support.

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New Jersey 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion

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FREEDOM SEEKER

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Six Triple Eight Day in New Jersey

May 18th is now "Six Triple Eight Day in New Jersey" and was signed into law last month by Governor Phil Murphy.

May 18th is the birthday of 6888 soldier Marion VanOrkey, an Allentown, NJ native who was a member of the Battalion and whose story prompted The Allentown Village Initiative (TAVI) to seek

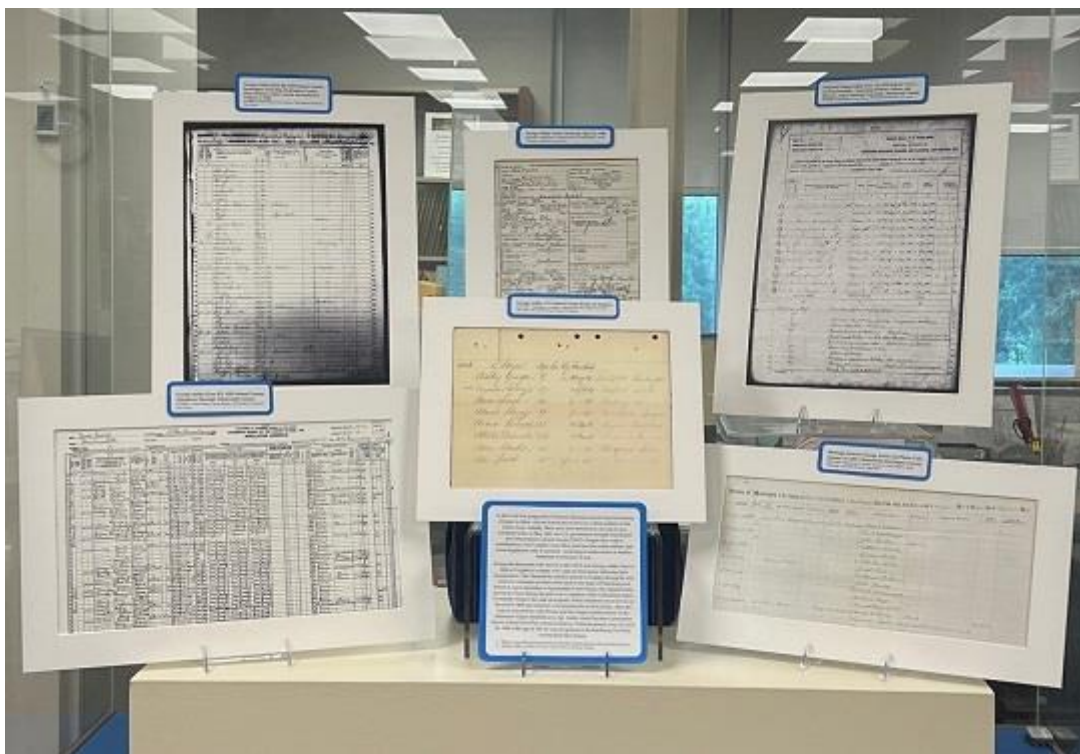
passage of a bill designating every May 18th as “Six Triple Eight Day”.

In June 2025, the New Jersey Historical Commission's African American History Program is launching a series of essays called "Freedom Seeker" exploring the centuries-long Black liberation heritage of New Jersey for the upcoming 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The first essay will explore the lives of the New Jersey Black women in the 6888.

The 6888th Central Postal Battalion of the Women's Army Corps during World War II. The women received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2022 for clearing a backlog of over 17 million pieces of mail to and from 7 million U.S. servicemen fighting in the European Theater of World War II in just three months during 1945.

Image and caption courtesy of the [NJ Historical Commission](#).



New Jersey State Archives

We've got a new exhibit up in the Manuscript Reading Room for the month of June!

Our latest display highlights the remarkable life of Sgt. George Ashby – the last surviving Civil War veteran from New Jersey.

Born into slavery in Virginia, Ashby served in the U.S. Colored Troops. His unit was stationed in Virginia during the war and Texas after. He lived an incredible 102 years, passing away in 1946.

Image and caption courtesy of the [NJ State Archives](#).



NJ State Agencies

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Share your story with “VLM for Living Veterans”

VA News | May 14, 2025

“VLM for Living Veterans” allows Veterans to share their life stories today.

Made possible by the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM), the new online feature is free and it enables Veterans to securely share their photos, autobiographies, military and life milestone achievements, and historical documents about their lives.

All you need to do is sign up for and be approved for a pre-need eligibility determination with VA. Pre-need eligibility is a way to find out if you’re eligible to be buried in a VA national cemetery ahead of time.

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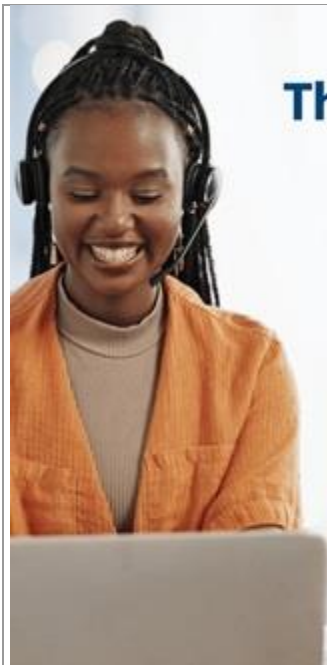


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Community Spotlight



After Princeton graduation, ROTC students are commissioned as U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force officers

Rebekah Schroeder | Office of Communications | May 28, 2025

Twelve members of Princeton's Class of 2025 became commissioned officers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force on May 27 during a ceremony led by Gen. Christopher G. Cavoli, a Class of 1987 alumnus who was commissioned through Princeton's ROTC program more than 30 years ago.

Cavoli serves as NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Europe and commander of the U.S. European Command. The ROTC Commissioning was held in the Faculty Room of Nassau Hall in the afternoon, following Princeton's Commencement.

[Read Full Story](#)



Pinning Ceremony

Today on May 29th 2025, Brigadier General (Retired) Cindy Jebb, President of Ramapo College of New Jersey, held a special pinning ceremony to commemorate, our very own, 2LT Nicholas Calhman's commission into the Army - specifically the New Jersey Army National Guard.

Image and caption courtesy [Seton Hall Army ROTC](#).



Audubon High School

Students and staff members from the Audubon Junior and Senior High School First Responder and Health Prep Club visited the [177th Fighter Wing](#) for a base tour.

They received a 177th mission, met with an F-16 fighter pilot and saw an F-16C Fighting Falcon in the main hangar, were briefed by a member of Aircrew Flight Equipment, visited with Medical Group Airmen, climbed inside an Explosive Ordnance Disposal vehicle, and visited the 177th Fire House.

Thanks for coming out, it was a pleasure having you!

Staff Spotlight



American Legion Family Honors Veterans at Arlington

Henry Howard | American Legion | May 28, 2025

Editor's Note: Chuck Robbins (pictured center) is the Veterans Outreach Coordinator for the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

American Legion National Vice Commander Charles “Chuck” Robbins usually visits Arlington National Cemetery during the organization’s Washington Conference.

On Memorial Day, Robbins attended the annual ceremonies and came away with a different experience.

“It felt a little different today,” he said. “It was truly an honor but different from back when I laid a wreath in a much smaller ceremony as department commander. It’s a hallowed place, just incredible.”

Robbins, a member of American Legion Post 351 in Seaside Heights, N.J., served in the U.S. Army from 1975 to 1978 with both the 3rd Infantry Division and 18th Airborne Corps. His thoughts on Memorial Day were with his brother, Bill Robbins, who passed away about five years ago, and others.

“It was an incredible honor when National Commander James LaCoursiere asked me to represent him,” he said. “I am very humbled. I’m just a normal patriotic American. There were so many Gold Star families, so many stories of heroism. Such an honor to be there.”

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Never Forget



In humble gratitude, we remember their sacrifice.

Memorial Inscription

"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



The seven Weeks brothers.

June 15, 1864

The Twenty-second United States Colored Infantry, a regiment composed mostly of New Jersey African-American soldiers, was part of a force that broke through the Confederate defenses of Petersburg. The Twenty-second captured an enemy fort and artillery pieces, but their army corps commander, Major General William F. "Baldy" Smith, halted the victorious advance. When Confederate reinforcements arrived, Petersburg was saved and a ten month siege of the critical rail junction began.

June 18, 1812

America declared war on Great Britain. New Jersey's subsequent role was largely relegated to militia duty in coastal defense, although several New Jerseyans of note, including Zebulon Pike, William Bainbridge and James Lawrence, served in the army and navy, and a regular army regiment, the

Fifteenth United States Infantry,
was raised in the state.

June 23, 1899

Paterson-born George Henry Wanton, an African-American soldier serving in the Tenth United States Cavalry, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in saving stranded soldiers from his regiment in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

June 23, 1943

United States Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone of Raritan, NJ was awarded the Medal of Honor in Washington. A news report noted that "firing a machine gun and also using a pistol, Basilone piled up 38 Japanese bodies in front of his emplacement on Guadalcanal, October 24, 25th 1942."

June 25, 1776

General William Howe arrived off Staten Island with a fleet and an army prepared to capture New York and subdue the rebellion there and in New Jersey.

June 25, 1947

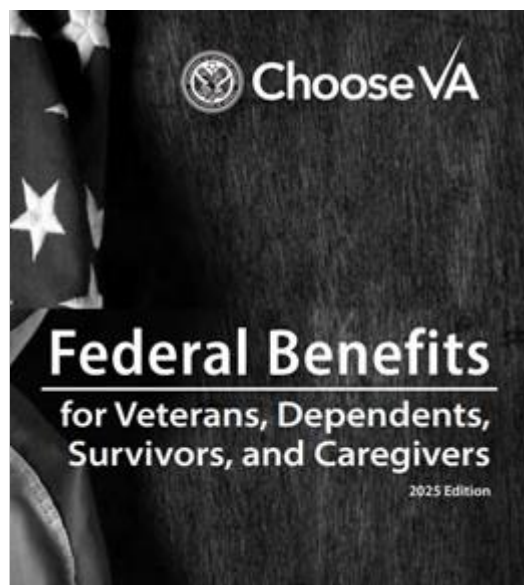
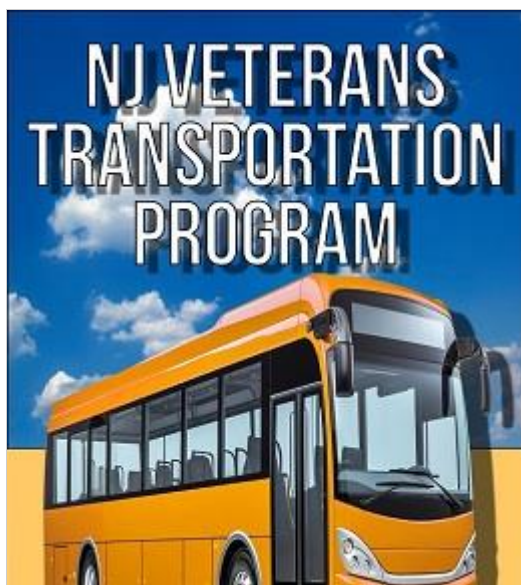
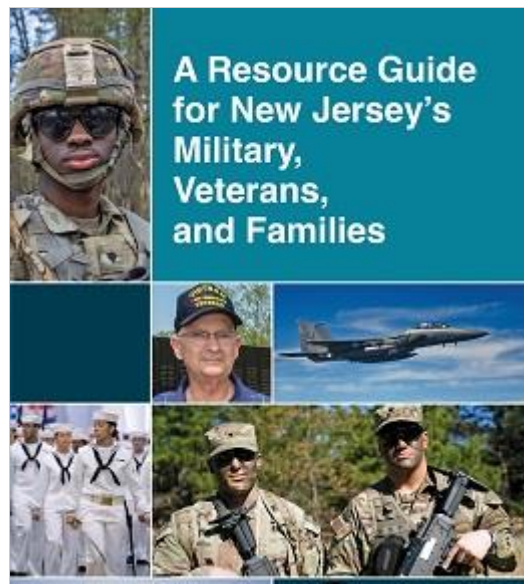
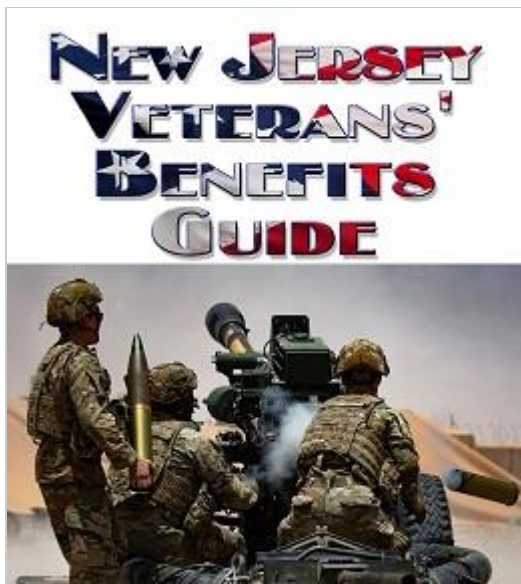
The seven Weeks brothers - Robert, Edward, Albert, John, LeRoy, James and Joseph of Jersey City - showed up to enlist in the 309th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery of the New Jersey National Guard's 50th Armored Division. All but Joseph, an underage fifteen years old, were sworn into the organization, in the largest recorded

group family military enlistment in New Jersey history.

June 25, 1950

North Korea invaded South Korea, beginning the Korean War. More than 190,000 New Jerseyans served in the U.S. military during the war between 1950 and 1953, and 836 lost their lives. New Jerseyans Nelson V. Brittin of Audubon, Hector A. Cafferata of Montville and Samuel F. Coursen of Madison were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroism during the conflict.

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