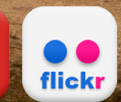


# NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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# TACP TRAINS AT RANGE

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen  
New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs

Above: Airman 1st Class Michael Curley, back, climbs a container while Staff Sgt. Sean Dixon waits his turn at Warren Grove Gunnery Range, N.J., July 30, 2015. Both Airmen are with the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard. TACP Airmen trained for 10 days with the Maryland Air National Guard's 175th Fighter Wing, the District of Columbia's 113th Wing and a Special Operations Command unit at the Range. Right: Staff Sgt. Sean Dixon, a 227th Tactical Air Control Party Airman, establishes radio communications with F-16 Fighting Falcons from the District of Columbia's 113th Wing. Below: Airman 1st Class Michael Curley, front, and Tech. Sgt. Chris Donohue pause as an F-16 Fighting Falcon with the District of Columbia's 113th Wing flies overhead. Curley is using a Soldier Intelligence Receiver, which receives a video downlink feed so he can see exactly what the pilots with the District of Columbia's 113th Wing are looking at with their targeting pods.



**Cover photo**  
A Tactical Air Control Party Airman with the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard, fast ropes from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, at Warren Grove Gunnery Range, N.J., July 30, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

# Center takes shape



*The Public Information Center at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery is ready for interior work. A \$2.9 million Veterans Administration grant is funding the 2,000 square foot structure that will have a funeral honor guard office, a coordination area for funeral corteges and a gravesite locator. (DMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)*



## Sea Girt projects on schedule

*With the superstructure complete, left, workers start the exterior wall of the auditorium with seating for 225 students at the construction of the Regional Training Institute at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt. The nearly \$31-million dollar military construction project will include 10 State-of-the-art classrooms and 72 lodging rooms in the 85,902 square foot building. Another*

*er construction project is moving forward at Sea Girt. The holes drilled are filled with concrete to attach the poles for the solar carport for the armory, building 35. The 610kW solar array will added the existing solar output from the carport near the entrance of the installation. (U.S. Army National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Devlin Drew/Released)*

# Vets Havens visits Washington, D.C.

By Sean P. VanLew Sr., Superintendent, Veteran's Haven North



On July 22, 2015, two busloads of Veterans from Veteran's Haven South and North hit the road for the annual trip to Washington, D.C. to tour the nation's monuments and memorials.

This year marks the third time the two facilities have visited Washington, D.C.

The trip's highlight was the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Walter R. Nall and Sean P. VanLew Sr., the superintendents of Veterans Haven South and North, on behalf of Veteran's Haven.

After the ceremony, the veterans toured the Cemetery, the National Mall, the National Museum of American History and the National Air and Space Museum.

This trip, as in most trips at the facilities, was made possible, in part, through the generous donations of many individuals, groups and organizations.

## A RIDE FOR THE VETERANS

By Sean P. VanLew Sr., Superintendent, Veteran's Haven North

The morning's torrential downpour, thunder and lightning didn't stop the Hunterdon County chapter of HOG (Harley Owners Group) from completing their mission.

That mission was a charity bike ride for the veterans of Veteran's Haven North.

On July 18, 2015 almost 20 bikes registered and took part in the first annual Hunterdon County HOG event for the facility.

Kickstands were up at 11 a.m., and after a ride through Hunterdon county, the bikes returned to the facility, where the members of the Hunterdon HOG and the ladies Auxiliary barbequed and spent several hours socializing, eating and listening to live music with the veterans of the facility, all provided courtesy of Hunterdon County HOG.

The charity bike ride raised more than \$1,000 for the facility. The Ladies Auxiliary donated more than 20 bags, stuffed full of items from the facility wish list to include hygiene products, clothing and other needed items.

Despite the rough weather, the day turned out beautiful and



Sean P. VanLew Sr., second from right, Superintendent, Veteran's Haven North, is presented with donations raised from the charity bike ride for the veterans of Veteran's Haven North by Hunterdon County chapter of HOG members, left to right, Mike Rapp, Director; Tom Stevenson, Membership Director and Kenneth Noll, Assistant Director, July 18, 2015. (Courtesy photo)

the shared comradery and fellowship created lasting memories for our veterans.

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## Veterans Outreach Campaign

Aug. 11 & 12  
DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign  
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Bridgewater Commons Mall  
400 Commons Way  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Sept. 8 & 9  
DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Brunswick Square Mall  
755 Highway 18  
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Sept. 12  
“Rockin Fest” to support student veterans  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sussex County College  
For details:  
sussex.edu/rockinfest  
1 College Road  
Newton, NJ 07860

Sept. 12  
Veterans Health and Wellness Expo  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Centre State Hospital Auditorium #1 & 2  
901 W. Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728

## ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

### Water conservation

While it may not seem like a leak is much of a problem, a faucet that leaks a drip every four seconds will waste 65 gallons in a month and more than 780 gallon in a year! So be sure to fix any water leaks that you may have in your home or office, that one repair could make a big difference.

Another area to save water is at your home. The average person uses between 80 and 100 gallons of water every day. The majority of this use comes from flushing toilets. The next biggest use comes from showers and baths.

If you would like more information about our energy and water conservation efforts, contact Christopher Moore, Energy Manager at [christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov)

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