



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

*World Trade Center wreckage taken early morning on Sept. 14, 2001. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)*





## A LEADER IN ANY UNIFORM

By Donna Clementoni, ESGR Public Affairs Liaison

From the front of a college classroom to a warzone in Iraq, Ocean County resident Alan Smith, a retired Marine Corps colonel, has always exemplified leadership.

Depending on his audience, Smith can inspire confidence in his contemporaries, unlock potential and possibilities in those less seasoned, motivate a crowd, or, literally, lead the troops into battle.

As the recently appointed commandant of the New Jersey National Guard's Youth Challenge program, Smith is expected to be role model and mentor to fulfill the mission of providing New Jersey's at risk youths the second chance they need to get their GED diploma and position their life in a positive direction.

The residential program, located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, is funded by the Department of Defense and the State of New Jersey. There is no cost to the cadets who receive meals, housing and uniforms during their 22-week residency.

The Youth Challenge program provides "a highly disciplined environment fostering academics, leadership development, physical training and personal growth to educate and train unemployed youths who have ceased to attend high school."

Smith understands the meaning of personal investment it takes to achieve a goal.

A graduate of St. Joseph's High School in Toms River, Smith enlisted in the Marine Corps in July, 1967. Upon returning home from a tour in Vietnam, he continued his education at Glassboro State College where he graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and later earned a Master of Arts Degree in

History.

He received his commission as a second lieutenant in March 1975. His final tour of duty was in Baghdad. He retired from the military in 2005.

As a civilian, Smith taught Western Civilization and U.S. History as an adjunct professor at Ocean County College and penned his first historical fiction novel. He also serves as deputy coordinator for the Stafford Township Office of Emergency Management and is on the Board of the New Jersey Red Cross.

In September 2011, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs appointed Smith as the state chairman of the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. He is completing his three-year volunteer term which will end on Oct. 1 - days after he applauds the graduates of Challenge Class 40 and prepares for the next arrivals that will report on Oct. 15.

Under his direction, the NJESGR committee received national recognition in advancing the ESGR mission of "creating a culture where all American employers value the military service and sacrifice of their employees."

ESGR's leadership sought Smith to present national level courses to civilian and military service members concerning employers and service member employees.

Notwithstanding his advocacy of America's Citizen Warriors, Smith is ready for his new 'Challenge' - leading a new generation of America's youth toward a promising future.

# VETS HAVEN VISIT GETTYSBURG



*Photo above: Residents of Veterans Haven North and South overlook the battlefeld at the Gettysburg National Military Park as a park tour guide describes the battle of Big Round Top. On Sept. 3, 2014, both Veterans Haven programs joined up and made the trip to Gettysburg, Pa., to tour the Park - one of the most famous sites of the Civil War. Tour guides boarded the buses and gave all aboard a two*

*hour tour of the battlefeld, discussing the importance of the battle, strategy, logistics, casualties and the impact on the outcome of the war. Photo below: The residents of Veterans Haven North and South pose for a picture outside the Gettysburg National Military Park Historical Center. (courtesy photos)*





## GARRISON RECOGNIZED AT CONFERENCE

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Durinda Garrison, center, is presented the Eagle Rising Award for Warrant Officers by Maj. Gen. Donald Dunbar, left, former National Guard Association of the United States Vice Chair-Air and Col. Paul Caviness, 2014 NGAUS Awards Committee, during the NGAUS conference at Chicago, Aug. 23, 2014. The award was established to annually recognize the achievements and dedicat-

ed service of Army National Guard Warrant Officers who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, technical skills and professionalism in their services to country and community. Garrison is the Bandmaster for the 63rd Army Band, New Jersey Army National Guard and is one of two female bandmasters in the history of the Army National Guard. (Photo by Tunwa Yee of Edward Fox Photography)

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## DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN



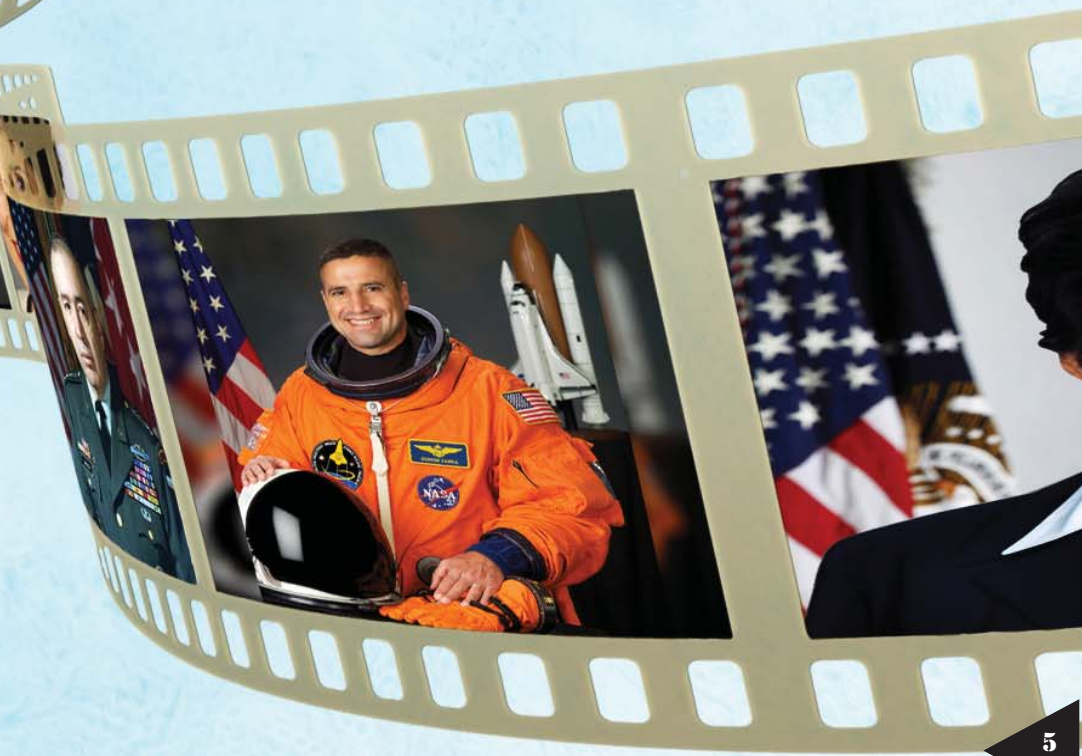
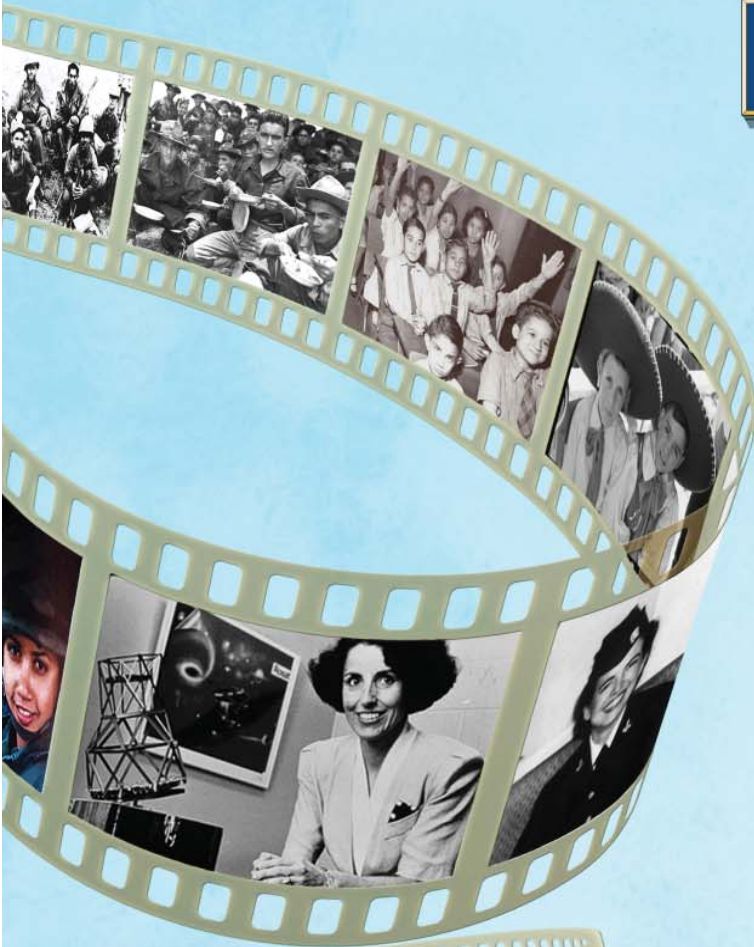
**SEPT. 16, 2014: MEDAL CEREMONY & OUTREACH EVENT**  
 American Legion Post #129 – Toms River (11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)  
 2025 Church Road, Toms River, New Jersey 08753  
 DMAVA will have a veteran service officer present to help and assist any veteran


**NOV. 6, 2014: VETERANS' OUTREACH FORUM**  
 Salem Community College (9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)  
 Davidow Hall Gymnasium  
 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carney's Point, NJ 08069  
 DMAVA will have a veteran service officer present to help and assist any veteran

# National Hispanic Heritage Month

SEP 15–OCT 15, 2014

## HISPANICS: *A Legacy of* HISTORY *a Present of* ACTION *and a Future of* SUCCESS





**SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2014**  
**NJDEP - 401 EAST STATE STREET**  
**1ST FLOOR, PUBLIC HEARING ROOM**  
**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**VETERANS JOB FAIR**  
**AT THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**


Register by September 8th, 2014

**PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:**

- ★ CIVILIAN\MILITARY PHOTO ID
- ★ RESUME
- ★ DRESS BUSINESS CASUAL

**IF YOU WANT TO FILE FOR CIVIL SERVICE VETERANS PREFERENCE, PLEASE BRING YOUR DD214**

**ALSO SUPPORTED BY:**



**WALK-INS WELCOME**



**ALL VETERANS CAREER FAIR**

**Thursday**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**18th**  
 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**New Yorker Hotel**

481 Eighth Avenue  
 New York, NY 10001

**THIS FREE HIRING EVENT IS FOR:**

- Veterans
- Transitioning Military Personnel
- National Guard Members
- Reserve Members
- and Spouses

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**328th Military Police Co. Golf Outing**

Join the 328<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Outing! Enjoy a friendly game while we give away prizes for mini competitions, goodie bags, and a Chinese auction!

**\$120 includes**

- BBQ LUNCH
- GOODIE BAGS
- DOOR PRIZES
- MINI-COMPETITIONS (LONGEST DRIVE, ETC)
- CHINESE AUCTION

Please Register NLT  
 September 20, 2014



...For Registrations, Donations and other details...  
**CONTACT**  
 SERGEANT ODISE CARR AT 856.952.1337 or odise.a.carr.mil@mail.mil  
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**WHERE:**  
**INDIAN SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB**  
**115 SOUTH ELMWOOD ROAD**  
**MARLTON, NJ 08053**

**WHEN:**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2014**  
**9:00AM SHOTGUN START**

**One Mile ~ One Flag ~ One Hero**



**NJ Run for the Fallen**

**Tribute to New Jersey's Military Fallen Heroes and Their Families**

**September 26, 27 & 28, 2014**  
**186 Miles ~ Cape May Lighthouse to The NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.**



Please visit [WWW.NJRunForTheFallen.org](http://WWW.NJRunForTheFallen.org)

**ID CARDS AT BORDENTOWN**  
 ID Cards are available at the Joint Military Family Assistance Center in Bordentown. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 324-7027.



US Family Health Care, a Tricare Prime option, is holding information sessions for service members and families at various locations. Call 1-800-241-4848 option 3 or visit [www.usfhp.net](http://www.usfhp.net) for more information.

**MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.**  
**MOUNT LAUREL LIBRARY**  
Sept. 12 (4 – 6:45 p.m. hourly)  
100 Walt Whitman Avenue  
Mount Laurel, N.J. 08054  
POC: Josephine Grey  
(347) 501-2308

**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J.**  
**177TH FIGHTER WING**  
Sept. 18 (12 – 4 p.m. hourly)  
400 Langley Road  
Bldg 229  
Egg Harbor Twp, N.J. 08234  
POC: Josephine Grey  
(347) 501-2308

**LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.**  
**NJDMAVA BUILDING**  
Sept. 23 (11 a.m. – 4 p.m. hourly)  
1st Floor/IASD Section  
101 Eggerts Crossing Road  
Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648  
POC: Josephine Grey  
(347) 501-2308

**FORT DIX, N.J.**  
**HOUSING COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Sept. 15 (12 – 4 p.m. hourly)  
Building 1134 Hemlock Street  
Ft. Dix, N.J.  
POC: Josephine Grey  
(347) 501-2308

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Brig. Gen. James J. Grant – Director, Joint Staff  
Raymond Zawacki – Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs  
Chief Warrant Officer 3 Patrick Daugherty – Public Affairs Officer  
Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen – Editor, photographer  
Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley – Writer, photographer

**COLTS NECK, N.J.**  
**NAVAL WEAPONS STATION EARLE**  
Sept. 18 (3 – 7 p.m.)  
201 Highway 34 South  
Building C29  
Colts Neck, N.J. 07722  
POC: Pam Kwiat  
(646) 341-2545

**MCGUIRE HOUSING**  
**JIM SAXTON COMMUNITY CENTER**  
Sept. 25 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m. hourly)  
3811 South Boiling Street  
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641  
POC: Pam Kwiat  
(646) 341-2545

**108TH WING AIRMEN & FAMILY READINESS OFFICE**  
Sept. 17 (1 – 7 p.m.)  
3327 Charles Blvd  
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641  
POC: Pam Kwiat  
(646) 341-2545

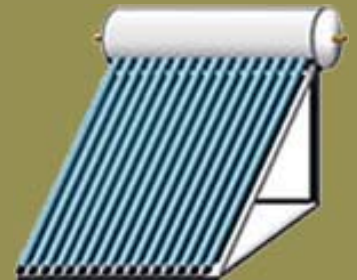
**BROWNS MILLS, N.J.**  
**PEMBERTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY**  
Sept. 22 (12 – 4 p.m.)  
16 Broadway Street  
Browns Mills, N.J. 08015  
POC: Pam Kwiat  
(646) 341-2545

**BLACKWOOD, N.J.**  
**CAMDEN COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
Sept. 15, 22 (11 a.m. – 3 p.m. hourly)  
3 Collier Dr. Lakeland Complex  
Blackwood, N.J. 08012  
POC: Wil Acosta  
(646) 300-1312

#### **ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK**

Solar water heating systems cost more upfront compared to traditional systems; however, a solar water heater could cut your water heating bills by 50 to 80 percent!

(Picture from ENERGY STAR website [www.energystar.gov/products/certified-products/detail/water-heater-solar](http://www.energystar.gov/products/certified-products/detail/water-heater-solar))



#### **Did You Know?**

Installing an ENERGY STAR certified solar water heater will cut your emissions in half and prevent 4,000 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere every year.

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