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NJ GUARD PREPARED TO BATTLE WITH HERMINE

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NEW CHAPLAIN JOINS THE GUARD



Newly sworn in Capt. Mitchell Rocklin, chaplain, 250th Brigade Support Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, at the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Lawrenceville, N.J., Sept. 8, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL L. CUNIFF, LEFT, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY, SWEARS IN CAPT. MITCHELL ROCKLIN, CHAPLAIN, INTO THE NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. ROCKLIN WILL SERVE WITH 250TH BRIGADE SUPPORT BATTALION.



MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD CHAPLAIN CORPS POSE FOR A PHOTO AT THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J., SEPT. 8, 2016.

(Background Photo) Early morning view of Ground Zero, formerly the World Trade Center, New York City, N.Y., from Liberty State park, N.J., Sept. 14, 2001. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

New York Army National Guard Soldiers guard the perimeter at Ground Zero, New York City, N.Y., Sept. 14, 2001. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

First responders search for survivors at Ground Zero, New York City, N.Y., Sept. 14, 2001. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



REMEMBERING 9/11: 15 YEARS LATER

A UH-60 Black Hawk with 1st Battalion, 150th Aviation, prepares to take off with members of the New Jersey State Police after the attack on the World Trade Centers in New York City, Sept. 11, 2001.



VETERANS AFFAIRS



800 STEPS FOR SUICIDE

PHOTOS BY Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA-PA

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cuniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, addressed a crowd participating in the walk for, "Taking Steps to Prevent Suicide," to highlight the need for suicide prevention in Trenton, N.J., Sept. 8, 2016. The walk, part of the Department's observation of Suicide Prevention Week, was approximately 800 steps long, which symbolizes the 800 lives lost to suicide in New Jersey in 2014.



BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL L. CUNIFF, FOURTH FROM RIGHT, THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF NEW JERSEY, AND ELIZABETH CONNOLLY, ACTING COMMISSIONER, NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, PARTICIPATE IN THE WALK, "TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT SUICIDE," TO HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION IN TRENTON, N.J., SEPT. 8, 2016.



HELPFUL INFORMATION

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New Jersey
Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
"Veterans Outreach Campaign"

SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

"VETTE TO VET NIGHT"

AT THE "CHATTERBOX RESTAURANT" IN AUGUSTA

5:00p.m. – 8:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN
Chatterbox Restaurant, 1 State Route 15, Augusta, NJ 07822 (Sussex County)

SEPTEMBER 10, 2016

MyVA PUBLIC FORUM

JOHNSON & JOHNSON CORPORATE CONFERENCE CENTER

9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m.

DMAVA WILL A VSO PRESENT
1 Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 (Middlesex County)

SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

"BOOTS TO BUSINESS"

**PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR VETERANS WHO WANT TO START;
EXPAND OR PURCHASE A SMALL BUSINESS**

8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN
Harvey D. Johnson American Legion Post #295, 232 W. Mill Rd., Northfield, NJ 08225

SEPTEMBER *20 & 21, 2016

BRIDGEWATER COMMONS MALL

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

10:00a.m. – 8:00p.m. Daily

DMAVA MEDAL CEREMONY ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 @ 11:00a.m. (Center Court)
DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN
400 Commons Way, Bridgewater, NJ, 08807 (Somerset County)

SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

CHERRY HILL STAND DOWN

CHERRY HILL NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY

8:30a.m. – 1:00p.m.

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN
2001 Park Blvd., Cherry Hill, NJ 08002 (Camden County)



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WANT TO START, EXPAND OR PURCHASE A SMALL BUSINESS.**

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TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2016

**FROM 08:30 AM TO 5:00 PM – REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED AT NO
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Registration Link:

<http://boots2business.org/rebootapply/>

For Questions Contact:

Gene Spillane, SBA Veterans Small Business Outreach Officer

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A CONCERT FOR OUR HOMELESS VETERANS

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12 - 4PM

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Dear National Guard member,

Dover International Speedway is excited to share some news with you!

Our upcoming NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 will be named the "Citizen Soldier 400." This will be an important race to help determine the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship.

The feature film "Citizen Soldier" is the 21st century story of the National Guard – fighting America's wars when called to do so, building global partnerships when asked, and protecting our homeland at all costs. It is a modern-day Band of Brothers which, using real footage, provides an unprecedented and intimate look into the chaos and horrors of combat and, in the process, demonstrates our soldiers' bravery and valor under the most hellish of conditions, embodying one of the fundamental pillars of the warrior ethos – to never leave a fallen comrade behind.



As a THANK YOU for your service, Waste Masters, the Official Waste Solutions Provider of Dover International Speedway, is inviting each current member of the National Guard to attend the race free of charge. You have the opportunity to receive up to four complimentary tickets per household to the "Citizen Soldier 400."

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and quantities are limited. This opportunity expires on Sept. 28.

It's easy to reserve your tickets: Just [CLICK HERE](#) or call the Speedway's ticket office at 800-441-RACE for more details.

It's worth noting that raceday is far more than just a race, if you've never been to an event before. The entire Sept. 30-Oct. 2 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Dover International Speedway includes fun activities for the whole family, including free live concerts; tons of free activities and experiences within our FanZone and Monster Mile Youth Nation areas; an interactive, 25,000 square foot USO Military Village display; military flyovers; NASCAR driver autograph sessions and meet and greets; awesome food selections; a free outdoor movie; fireworks and so much more! And you certainly won't want to miss seeing Miles the Monster, the world's tallest and fiercest 46-foot-tall icon, holding a full-size racecar in his hand, too. It's a can't-miss event!

We thank you for your service, and hope to see you and your family members in person at the track on Sunday, Oct. 2 for the "Citizen Soldier 400."

Sincerely,

Mike Tatoian
President & CEO
Dover International Speedway

Steve Masterson
President & CEO
Waste Masters



**NEW JERSEY
RECOVERY WALK*RALLY**
Saturday, September 17, 2016
RAIN OR SHINE
**MIDDLESEX COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**
655 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, NJ
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Walk begins at 10:00
 Team and banner registration starts at 9:00 AM
Rally to follow at Noon
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Post 9-11 Veterans

Public radio station WHYY in Philadelphia is looking to interview post 9-11 veterans for a series called 'Veterans Coming Home' to talk about their experiences when transitioning back into civilian life.

These stories will be produced as online video then will later air for television and radio.

Participating veterans and their families will receive a free admission to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, the proposed location of the interviews on Saturday, Sept. 17.

If interested please contact Trenae Nuri by email (tnuri@whyy.org) with your contact information and how many tickets are needed.

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or sign up now**
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7-9 Oct 2016
Stockton
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Golf
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Valhalla Night

Please visit www.eangnj.org for information

VETERANS OUT-REACH CAMPAIGN

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at Center Court

Bridgewater Commons Mall
400 Commons Way
Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

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Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cherry Hill National Guard Armory
2001 Park Blvd.
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

Oct. *25-26, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Daily
DMAVA medal ceremony Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at Center Court
Ocean County Mall
1201 Hooper Ave.
Toms River, NJ 08753

VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

Nov. 12, 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Jersey City, City Hall
280 Grove Street
Jersey City, NJ 07303

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