

# NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

SEPTEMBER 16, 2015



# Lt. Gov. Guadagno congratulates 100 ChalleNGe grads

By Master Sgt. David Moore, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs

The state's first Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno congratulated 100 high school graduates who pursued their diploma through New Jersey National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

In the Tuesday evening graduation ceremony held at the state's historic War Memorial in Trenton, the 42nd class completed the 22-week long program that focused on hard work and life-skills training to successfully pass the high school equivalency test.

The lieutenant governor thanked the parents, family and friends attending the event and said the cadets had worked hard. But she quickly turned her speech to the cadets, about accepting the challenges to reach individual goals.

Besides being the first lieutenant governor, Guadagno was also the first woman Monmouth County Sheriff and was often told she did not look like a sheriff. She pointed to her pink attire and said, "I was challenged. They told me if I became sheriff I couldn't wear pink because a sheriff doesn't wear pink," she said.

The education the cadets received in completing this program is an indication that they could be successful doing anything. She added that the cadets should always use a pencil when challenged in attaining future goals.

"Use the eraser and make a change, but do not lose focus of the goal," Guad-



Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno congratulates the cadets of Class 42 during the New Jersey National Guard Youth Challenge Program graduation ceremony at the War Memorial in Trenton Sept. 15, 2015. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Young/Released)

agno said. "Remember pink and the pencil."

Besides attending academic classes and physical fitness training, the cadets also worked on community service projects. Guadagno recommended that they continue their service to others. "Serve something great than you," she added.

Prior to the cadets entering the pro-

gram, they were considered as at risk teenagers. Leaders at the ceremony said the cadets will return home as better sons or daughters. While the program has four phases, the new graduates will enter the final phase and continue to be mentored for the next 12-months. Some of the graduates will be seeking employment, others will go on to community college and some of them will enter the military.

Brig. Gen. Michael Cuniff, the Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard, said the cadets have paved their way for future successes.

"Taking on this challenge, you have proven something great. You proved that when you set your mind to do something you will succeed," he said.



The cadets of Class 42 applaud at the end of the ChalleNGe graduation ceremony. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Nick Young/Released)

## Cover art

September is Suicide Prevention Month. New Jersey has several peer-to-peer programs. From the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs – Vet2Vet (1-866-838-7654) – a hotline manned by former military members to the Military Crisis Line (800-273-8255) for 24/7 crisis support and finally, the New Jersey Hopeline (855-654-6735) a statewide suicide prevention hotline. (U.S. Air National Guard artwork by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

# 2016-2017 ANNUAL TRAINING DEFINED



*The Chief of Staff-Army and the New Jersey Joint Force Headquarters staff directors and section officers present the New Jersey Army National Guard training year's 2016 and 2017 Command Readiness Guidance and Unit Training Plan to the NJARNG's major subordinate commands at the Homeland Security Center for Excellence in Lawrenceville, N.J., Sept. 9, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)*

## VETERANS SURVEY

Avalon Health Economics, along with Rutgers University and the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, are working together on a grant project regarding issues of mental and substance abuse among New Jersey veterans.

This is a very important survey, the results of which will be used to assess the needs of New Jersey's veterans and to help allocate resources going forward. To help collect the data necessary to complete this needs assessment, together with Edge Research we have created an online, web-based survey at:

<http://dimensions.edgeresearch.com/e.asp?p=AHE1501&S=C>

The survey should take approximately 20-30 minutes. As a thank you for taking this important survey, we will send you \$25 within four weeks of completing the survey. All responses will be held in the strictest of confidence, in accordance with the approvals set forth by the Rutgers University Institutional Review Board (IRB).

At the end of the survey, we will ask for your contact information only so we know where to send your \$25. Again, your individual responses will be kept completely confidential.



### Now Casting Short Documentary Tri-State area

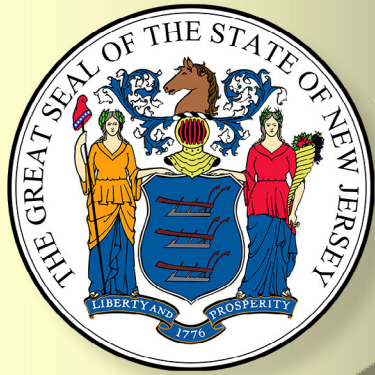
Shoot Location: New York  
Shoot Date: Early September

#### Seeking active and Non-active military families

Award-winning film directors are seeking veterans of any ethnicity and their families for a short documentary on the conversation about war. In a Conversation about War, we will hear from active and non-active members of the military and their families about the impact war has on the family unit. We are looking for families with at least one child between the ages of 8-18. Filming will take place in New York in early September.

For more information, please email [vashortdoc@wrightnowcasting.com](mailto:vashortdoc@wrightnowcasting.com) with your name, contact information, family members' names and ages along with a family photo ASAP.


**\*Please note this documentary will not portray the military in a negative light**

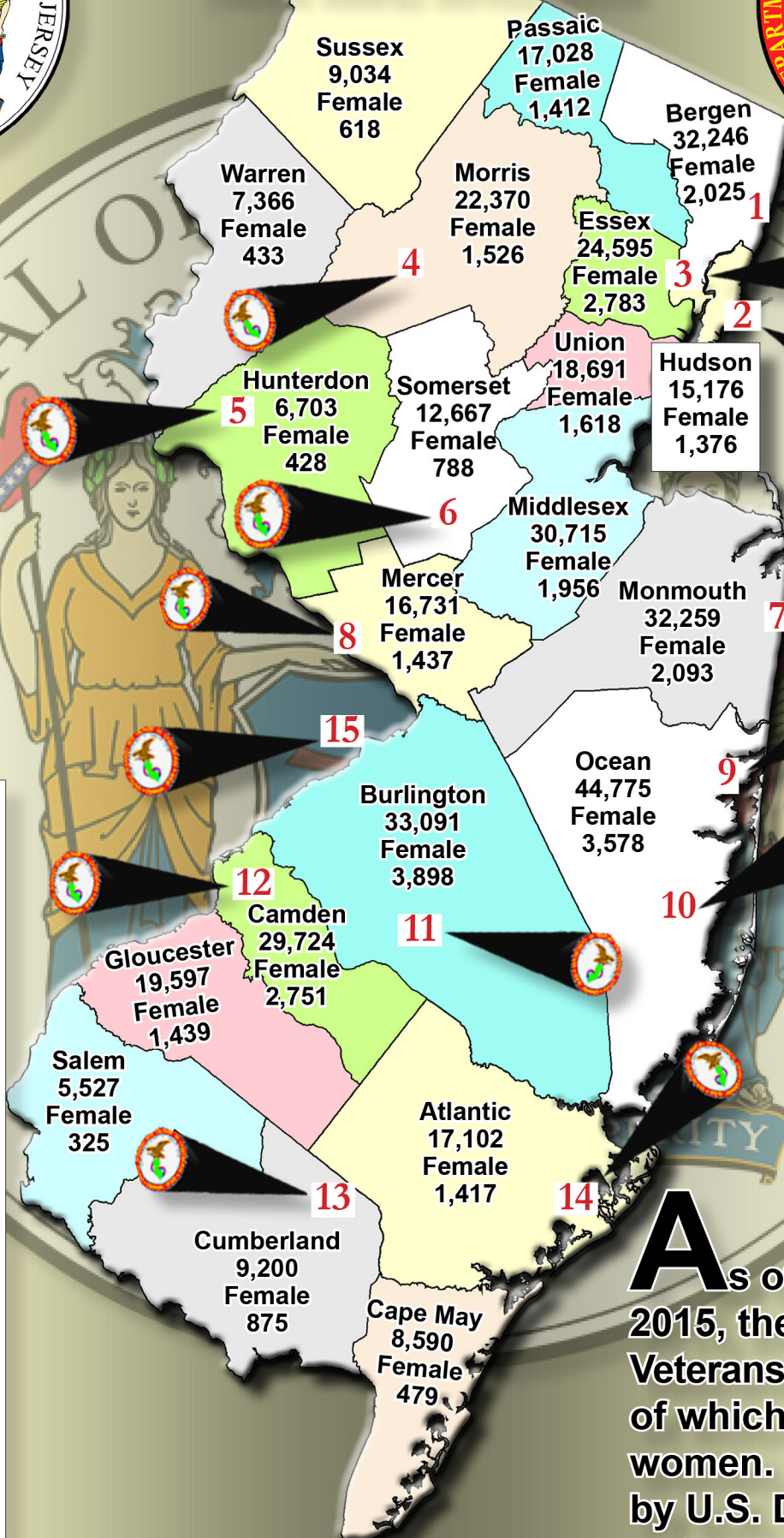


# STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## Veterans Population by County and Locations of DMAVA Veteran Service Offices



-  = Locations of DMAVA Veterans Service Offices (VSOs)
- 1 Hackensack
  - 2 Jersey City
  - 3 Newark VSO & Regional VA Office
  - 4 Dover
  - 5 Glen Gardner
  - 6 Somerset
  - 7 Asbury Park
  - 8 Trenton
  - 9 Brick
  - 10 Manahawkin
  - 11 Mt. Holly
  - 12 Camden
  - 13 Vineland
  - 14 Atlantic City
  - 15 Philadelphia Regional VA Office



**A**s of September 30, 2015, there are 413,188 Veterans in New Jersey, of which 33,258 are women. Data provided by U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

# Memorial Home conducts outreach



Joseph Brandspiegel, left, CEO, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, and retired Col. Samuel Fuoco, President, Association of the United States Army Monmouth Chapter, participate in an out-reach program for the Home at the Veterans Health and Wellness Expo Sept. 12, 2015. The event was held at Centra State Medical Center, Freehold, N.J. The event included breakout sessions, free health screening, displays and information for veterans, military service members and their families. (Courtesy photo)

## Benefits seminar

Bergen County American Legion will sponsor a Veteran's Benefit Seminar Sept. 19, from 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

There will be speakers from the Veterans Administration, N.J. Department of Military And Veterans Affairs, Bergen County Veterans Affairs, American Legion, Department of N.J. Employment and Education Committee, as well as other groups.

The seminar will be held at Elmwood Park American Legion Post 147, 1 Legion Place, Elmwood Park, NJ 07407. Because of limited seating, pre-registration is required please go to: <http://bcnj.al.org/vbs2015/>

There will be a second seminar Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Toms River American Legion Post 129, 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753. Please indicate when you register which session you'd like to attend.

## Attention Businesses! Hire a Veteran!



**You're Invited!**

**Veterans Job & Resource Fair**

November 9th, 2015 ~ 9:30-12:30

Moorestown Community House,  
Mainstreet, Moorestown, N.J. 08057

*Meet Moorestown Mayor Napolitano*

**Get suited up with Suiting Warriors**

**Special Guest Speaker  
Lt. Col Scott Rutter (Ret.)**

Free breakfast, lunch, snacks and beverages and so much more.



Just some of the organizations attending with job vacancies to fill.



Technology Research Associates  
Infrastructure



For more information and to reserve your free table, please contact Madeleine Morlino at 856.628.7421 or email [madeleinemorlino@outlook.com](mailto:madeleinemorlino@outlook.com)

**Thank you to Moorestown Community House for generously sponsoring this event.**

# Veterans Outreach Campaign

<p><b>Oct. 3</b>  <b>NJ Vietnam Era Museum &amp; Educational Center's 4th Annual Car Show</b>  <b>10 a.m. – 4 p.m.</b>  <b>NJ Vietnam Era Museum &amp; Educational Museum, GSP</b>  <b>Exit 116, Holmdel, NJ 07733</b></p>	<p><b>Oct. 6 – 8</b>  <b>Veterans Outreach</b>  <b>10 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>  <b>Moorestown Mall</b>  <b>medal ceremony Oct. 6 at 11 a.m., (Lord &amp; Taylor Court)</b>  <b>400 Route 38,</b>  <b>Moorestown, NJ, 08057</b></p>
--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

**E-mail your Highlights submissions to: [mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov) by close of business Wednesday**



*The US Family Health Plan has been a trusted partner of the Military Healthcare System for more than 30 years.*

*We provide the TRICARE Prime option to service families and retirees.*

*US Family Health Plan contracts with over 12,000 physicians.*

*For more information on our plan, visit us @ [usfhp.net](http://usfhp.net)*



**NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS** is published weekly under provisions of AR 360-1 and AFI 35-101 by the Public Affairs Office of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for all members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, their families, the New Jersey veterans community, retirees and civilian employees. The views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Department of Defense, the Army, the Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, Veterans Affairs or the State of New Jersey. Letters may be sent to: NJDMAVA Highlights, Public Affairs Office, NJDMAVA, PO Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340. E-mail at: [pao@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:pao@dmava.nj.gov)

**BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL L. CUNIFF**  
*The Adjutant General*

**RAYMOND ZAWACKI**  
*Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs*

**CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3 PATRICK DAUGHERTY**  
*Public Affairs Officer*

**MASTER SGT. MARK C. OLSEN**  
*Editor, layout, photographer*

**KRYN P. WESTHOVEN**  
*Writer, photographer*

**STAFF SGT. WAYNE WOOLLEY**  
*Writer, photographer*

**TECH. SGT. MATT HECHT**  
*Photographer, graphic artist*



**CONTACT:**  
 Bob Looby, Chairman: (908) 894-0746  
[boblooby@cmbarqmail.com](mailto:boblooby@cmbarqmail.com)

**Join The American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian at the South Jersey Regional Veterans Resource & Opportunity Fair**  
*Services will include vendors that provide assistance with Employment, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Criminal Justice initiatives*

**Atlantic City, NJ** – The American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian will host a Veteran Job & Resource Fair to bring together Area Veterans with service organizations and employers that can assist and enhance the lives of the brave men and women that defend our freedom.

This event, tailored to Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their families is looking for vendors and providers to join the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and many others that provide services for homelessness, mental health & Women issues, and veterans' affairs in general. The NJ State Parole Board will be present to discuss various criminal justice initiatives that will benefit veterans.

**WHAT:** Military & Veterans Job and Resource Fair. The VA's Mobile Vet Center will be onsite to further support attendees. A Transitioning Workshop will also be conducted.

**WHO:** Over 50 employers and service providers.

**WHEN:** Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.  
 Transitioning Workshop at 10 am. (Resumes, search, interviews, networking)

**WHERE:** All Wars Memorial Building (Old Soldiers Home)  
 1510 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

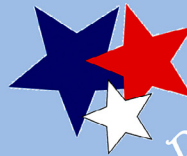
**RSVP – EMPLOYERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS** – Employers with current job openings or entities that can offer services **MUST** PRE-REGISTER With Martin Houston, State Parole Board, at [martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us](mailto:martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us) (PREFERRED) or call 609-984-4588, **no later than October 1, 2015.**

**RSVP – MILITARY & VETERANS** – All Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their spouses are encouraged to pre-register with Martin Houston, State Parole Board, at [martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us](mailto:martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us) (PREFERRED) or call 609-984-4588, but "WALK-INS" are welcome!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

*42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Enlisted Association Conference*



*Patriotic Polar Plunge*



Host Command- 42D Regional Support Group



*Beach Party*



**Military Ball & Awards Presentation**

Nov. 6-8, 2015

Ocean Place Resort and Spa  
 Long Branch, NJ

**Details will be posted to [EANG-NJ.ORG](http://EANG-NJ.ORG)**