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The NJ National Guard Needs You!

Here is our featured
Job of the Week

Quartermaster & Chemical
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Supervises or performs unit &
direct support & general support
maintenance on chemical
equipment, quartermaster

The New Jersey War World II Memorial needs your help

WWII was by all account the greatest victory for the United States – along the front lines and the home front. Every individual alive during this period of history was involved and had a stake in the outcome. It was a war the United States and our Allies could not afford to lose. Now, America is slowly saying goodbye to its greatest generation of citizens. The State of New Jersey is taking the initiative to honor and remember them by establishing a Memorial in Trenton, across from the Statehouse in Veterans Park.

Fittingly, the theme for New Jersey's WWII Memorial is "Victory". The memorial hopes to honor and pay tribute to the many sacrifices made during WWII and celebrate the greatest victory our country has ever known. It is our goal to dedicate the memorial in the spring/summer 2006. Time is short – we need your help now in order to ensure that we can meet this ambitious goal. We urge you to support the New Jersey World War II Memorial through your generous contribution. We cannot afford to let new generations forget the legacy that has been left to them from what has been called "the Greatest Generation". To make a tax-deductible contribute, download a donation form from our website at www.state.nj.us/military/veterans.

Korean War Remembrance Ceremony

The Division of Veterans Services, in conjunction with NJ Korean War Veterans Association, will commemorate the 52nd Anniversary of the signing of the armistice ending hostilities. The event will be held 11 A.M., Wednesday, 27 July at the New Jersey Korean War Memorial, adjacent to Bally's Hotel and Casino, at the Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

NJ ESGR Holds Quarterly Meeting

NJ Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve held its quarterly meeting on 13 July 05 at the Lawrenceville Armory in the Garden Room. The TAG and the DAG both welcomed the committee members present and thanked them for their services. A productive business meeting was held after the TAG and DAG spoke and BG (Ret) Bob Dutko, the Chairman of the NJ ESGR Committee, recognized and presented certificates to four new members of the committee. The new members recognized were Dr. Mario Tommasi, Ms. Barry Schechter, Mr. Darren Williamson, and Mr. Wieners.

New Jersey's Carol Fowler is honored by the Library of Congress

On July 18 the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (VHP) honored 14 individuals who have conducted more than 3,200 interviews of veterans for the Veterans History Project. The VHP is a nationwide volunteer effort of the American Folk life Center at the Library of Congress to record and preserve the stories of wartime veterans and civilian war workers. To date, the project has collected more than 35,000 individual stories, many of which are online at www.loc.gov/vets. The effort relies on thousands of volunteers across the country that interviews veterans of all wars, as well as those who supported them on the home front. DMVA's own Carol Fowler, who works at the NJ National Guard Museum in Sea Girt has submitted 157

machinery, forced air-heaters, & special purpose equipment. Maintains (unit/direct & general support) & repairs electrical/fuel heater systems, pumps, adulator type/reverse osmosis water purification systems, decontamination systems, protective filter systems, smoke generator systems, laundry washer/extractor systems (mechanical), dryer/tumbler systems (mechanical), & quartermaster/chemical equipment electrical systems. Maintains internal combustion engine ignition/fuel/cooling/ electrical systems. Performs battlefield damage assessment & repair.

If you're interested in an exciting job opportunity, contact your Recruiting Office at 1-800-792-8396



Veterans' Organizations Contact Information

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RJClark21@msn.com

NJ Advisory Committee for Women Veterans

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 Advisory Council

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Benefits & Entitlements

1-888-8NJ-VETS
 (1-888-865-8387)

Mental Health

1-866-VETS-NJ4
 (1-866-838-7654)

interviews to the VHP and was one of the chosen honorees. Congratulations Carol and keep up the GREAT work!

Enlisted Association of the National Guard announces Enlisted Conference

The Enlisted Association of the NJ National Guard is proud to announce the Enlisted Conference at the Clarion Hotel & Conference Center in Atlantic City West. The Conference will be held 7 thru 9 October 2005. During the Conference we honor our Outstanding Soldiers and Airmen. There are various plans available. Friday night is the Halloween Masquerade Ball with Tex-Mex Buffet and Saturday is the Formal Evening Ball with dinner and dancing. For additional information contact SGM (Ret) Jerome Zebrowski @ 609-214-6959 or e-mail jcptfalc@aol.com or SGM Edward Goetschius @ 609-965-1972 or e-mail esgtmaj@comcast.net, or www.EANG-NJ.org to get application, plans and other activities offered. Thank you for your support!

NJ Friends of the Guard and Reserve Announce Golf Outing

The NJ Friends of the Guard and Reserve is proud to present the 2005 State Chairman's Annual Golf Outing. The golf outing will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2005 at the Falcon Creek Golf Course at McGuire AFB. The \$85 per golfer registration fee includes greens fees, cart registration, food and beverages on the course, door prizes and dinner at the McGuire AFB Officer's Club. Hole and cart sponsors are being sought too. All proceeds to benefit the activities of the NJ Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. For additional information please contact Hank Pierre at 609-530-6879.

The New Jersey National Guard Magazine "Guardlife" Vol 31 No3 – now available on the world wide web.

Check out Guardlife on the web, it is now available in a user-friendly on-line version. www.nj.gov/military/publications/guardlife/volume31no3/index.html The "Hometown Team" magazine Guardlife provides up to date information on the happenings within the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard both at home and abroad. For all the current news on our soldiers and airmen take a look at the new issue today. To view past issues of Guardlife magazine on-line you can visit www.nj.gov/military/publications/ the DMAVA Publications homepage.

New Childcare Program Available

A new DoD program called Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood provides financial support and assistance in locating quality childcare for eligible military families who do not have access to the DoD's on-base child care options due to long waiting lists or geographic location, available funding and family circumstances. For more information on both childcare programs, go to www.naccrra.org/Military_Programs/ or call the Child Care Aware hotline at 1-800-424-2246.

The New Jersey Veterans Journal Summer 2005 Edition – now available on the world wide web

The New Jersey Veterans Journal Summer 2005 Edition is now available on the world wide web in a user friendly on-line web version at the following web address: <http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/journal/summer2005index.html> The "NJ Veterans Journal" newsletter provides up to date information on New Jersey Veterans events, benefits and facilities throughout the state. For all the current news on issues affecting our NJ Veterans take a look at the new issue today. To view past issues of the Veterans Journal newsletter on-line you can visit <http://www.nj.gov/military/publications/> the DMAVA Publications homepage.

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage increases

The maximum level of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance coverage will be increased from \$250,000 to \$400,000 on September 1, 2005. Anyone in service on September 1, 2005 will have their coverage increased to \$400,000, even if they previously declined or elected lesser coverage. If they still desire no coverage or less

New Jersey Freedom Loans

What is a Freedom Loan?

- * Up to \$10,000
- * Annual APR 6%
- * Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- * Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- * Members of the National Guard or Reserve
 - * Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) – excluding routine training.
- Or
- * Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routing training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

How do I apply?

- * Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.
- * Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with the bank's Freedom Loan application.

Current participants:

Commerce Bank
1-888-751-9000

Credit Union of NJ
609-538-4061, ext. 401

First Morris Bank & Trust
1-888-530-2265

Manasquan Savings Bank
732-223-4450

than the maximum, they will have to go to their Personnel Office and re-elect no coverage or less than the maximum. For more details see your Personnel Office.

Shades of Green Offers Summer Specials

The Shades of Green at Walt Disney World Resort has announced 2005 end of summer specials available from 7 AUG through 30 SEPT. Members of the military community, including retired members, are eligible for package deals. Resort officials say that Shades of Green guests have exclusive access to discounted theme park tickets, reduced rates at Disney's PGA professional golf courses, extra Magic Hours at the parks, and much more. For more information, visit the Shades of Green website at www.shadesofgreen.org/funandsun.htm.

NJ Department of Labor teams up with Teaneck Family Assistance Center.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development is teaming up with the Teaneck Family Assistance Center to provide all soldiers returning from deployment with the necessary information and tools to easily re-integrate into society. The Re-employment Opportunities briefing given by MSG (Ret) John Bautz will be held at the Teaneck Armory every Wednesday at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this briefing, contact MSG (Ret) Bautz at 201-996-8950 or email john.bautz@dol.state.nj.us.

Tricare Reserve Select

TRS is here! This new health plan, launched on April 26, 2005, provides eligible Reserve Component soldiers, and their families continued care through TRICARE. Soldiers called to active duty for more than 30 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation AFTER September 11, 2001 are eligible for this benefit. They must have served continuously on active duty for 90 days or more. This benefit includes coverage that is similar to the coverage available through TRICARE Standard and Extra for active duty family members. Contact SFC Josephine Grey, Chief of Health Services at 609-562-0865 or e-mail @ Josephine.grey@nj.ngb.army.mil for more information on this program.

Sandy Cove offers a free stay for our military members & families at Operation Oasis on Chesapeake Bay.

Operation Oasis is an outreach program developed to offer a time of rest and renewal to military personnel involved in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Located in North East, Maryland, at the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay, Operation Oasis offers a free 3-day, 2-night time of rest and relaxation. It is a thank you to those who seek to secure and sustain our freedom. Simply contact Carol Lee Lynch at c.lynch@sandycove.org or by phone at 800-287-4843 for additional information. You can also visit the website www.sandycove.org for a more detailed description of the facility.

American Legion Riders Motorcycle Chapter Forming in River Edge, NJ

American Legion Post 226 is sponsoring an American Legion Riders chapter. You don't have to be a direct member of Post 226, but you do have to be a member of the American Legion, Auxiliary or SAL and ride a motorcycle that's at least 750cc or higher. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, there is a form on the Post 226 website, www.alpost226.org or you can call Jim Morton, the Post 226 American Legion Riders Director, Adjutant and webmaster at 201-439-0053.

Part-time opportunities in Military Funeral Honors Program.

The New Jersey Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program has several part-time employment opportunities immediately available across the state for TDGs and Technicians. Earn one day's base pay and one retirement point for a few hours work providing Military Funeral Honors for our Veterans. If you are interested, please contact SFC Raymond Denson, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator, at 609-530-7090 or by e-mail at Raymond.Denson@nj.ngb.army.mil.

North Jersey Federal
Credit Union
1-888-78NJFCU

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(908) 719-BANK

Pennsville National Bank
856-678-6006

PNC
1-866-PNC-4USA

Sovereign Bank
1-877-391-6365

Sun National Bank
1-800-691-7701

Thought for the day...

Some think it's holding on that
makes one strong, sometimes it's
letting go....

- Sylvia Robinson

Veterans to be honored at upcoming Medal Ceremonies.

The following ceremonies have been scheduled to honor our State's veterans.

27 July	11 a.m.	Korean War Veterans Ceremony Rain or Shine	Korean War Memorial Atlantic City, NJ
28 July	11 a.m.	Vietnam Service Medal	West Orange Armory 1299 Pleasant Valley Way West Orange, NJ

Women's Equality Day!

ERA Education Fund Inc. invites you to join the celebration in Women's Equality Day, Thursday, 25 August 2005, 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM at the Adath Israel Congregation Auditorium in Lawrenceville NJ, (across from Rider University). General Wilma L. Vaught (Ret), the first woman Brigadier General in the USAF and President of the Women's Military Memorial Museum, will be the featured guest speaker. She will address several of the military women's cases that enhance the forward movement of American women. Suggested contribution is \$35 per person. For tickets and additional information call 609-882-6815.

National Guard Family Day at Six Flags Great Adventure

Saturday, 24 September 2005, join the New Jersey National Guard for a day full of family, fun and excitement! Tickets to the NJ National Guard Family Day are \$17 each and they will go fast. Purchase your tickets today at your nearest Family Assistance center: Morristown, Teaneck, Lawrenceville, Woodbury, Toms River, Jersey City, Somerset or Pomona. Call for more information at 888-859-0352.

AAFES Ready for Birthday Celebration!

Beginning on Saturday, 23 July, PX/BX facilities everywhere will honor the Army & Air Force Exchange Service's (AAFES) 110th anniversary with a wide variety of sales, promotions and sweepstakes. Prizes during the three-day celebration will range from candy bars to a 2005 Chevy Cobalt. Local events will vary from location to location. Every day of the celebration will bring a new host of events and attractions for troops and their loved ones.

Enlisted Association of the National Guard announces Golf Tournament

The Enlisted Association of the NJ National Guard is proud to announce a Golf Tournament to benefit the Annual Scholarship Program. The tournament will be held on Monday, 15 August 2005, at Miry Run Golf Club in Robbinsville, NJ. The \$80 per golfer registration fee includes all fees and a cart, beverage cart on the course, awards, door prizes, food at the turn and luncheon following the completion of play. Hole and cart sponsors are being sought, too. For additional information contact CMSGT (Ret) Lee Cisek at 562-0223 or SGM (Ret) Mike Amoroso at 562-0754.

CNN Attractions Free to Service Members

Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc. is offering free admission for all active and retired U.S. military personnel who visit the CNN-themed attractions at CNN Center in Atlanta and Manhattan's Time Warner Center. Inside CNN Atlanta and inside CNN New York will open the gate to active and retired military members and reservists who present a valid I.D. They can visit the attractions at no cost, while their spouse, children, siblings or parents may enter at a discounted rate of \$7 at Inside CNN Atlanta and \$12 at Inside CNN New York. To receive the discount, family members must be accompanied by the military member. Groups depart several times each hour at both attractions. For hours and reservations at Inside CNN New York, visitors can call 1-866-4CNNTour or visit www.cnn.com/insidecnn. For reservations for Inside CNN Atlanta, visitors can call 1-877-4CNNTour or visit www.cnn.com/StudioTour.

Ride with the 108 Air Refueling Wing!

The 108 ARW will serve as a rolling billboard advertising the 108 ARW NJANG to over 8,000 cyclists, volunteers and bystanders during a two-day ride from Cherry Hill to Ocean City, NJ and back on 24-25 September. They will be covering 175 miles through the flat terrain of NJ Blueberry fields and pine barrens. This ride is fully supported with catered rest stops, bike support and SAG transportation. Veterans News Anchor, Larry Kane will host the Awards Ceremony Saturday night. Cyclists will collect a minimum of \$250 in donations to participate. If you join the team between 6/25/05 – 8/26/05 the registration fee is \$45. For more information go to www.ms150biketour.org/. Road Warriors interested in joining the team contact Maj Dave LaTOUR @ 609-284-7743 or via e-mail @ david.latour@njmccgu.af.mil by 31 July 05.

Support the Troops

Here are some of the activities and fundraisers planned in support of our deployed troops and their families:

Free Military Care Package Kit of Priority Mail. The United States Postal Service is offering free packaging materials to spouses and families of military members who are deployed overseas. To take advantage of this service call: 1-800-610-8734 and press 1 (for English), then 3 for an operator and request CAREKIT04. USPS will send you free boxes, packing materials, tape and mailing labels. These products are to be used to mail care packages to service members.

Enlisted Council to hold golf tourney at Falcon Creek Golf Course in July. The 108th ARW Enlisted Council is holding its second annual Golf Outing on July 21, at the Falcon Creek Golf Course, McGuire Air Force Base. There will be a shotgun start at noon. The cost is \$75 per individual or \$280 for a foursome. This includes lunch, beverages, 18 holes of golf and a chance to win prizes. Proceeds from the tournament support the Freedom Alliance Scholarship fund. Contact Airman Dee Eggles at 609-754-4141 for more information and entry forms. Happy Golfing!

Operation Uplink. Visit <http://www.operationuplink.org/request.cfm> to request free phone cards for active duty military personnel deployed away from home. At this site you can fill out a request for a phone card to be sent to yourself or a loved one. One card per request per servicemember will be honored during a 60-day period.

Gifts from the Homefront. The "Gifts from the Homefront" program was begun last year by the Army and Air Force and enables people from all walks of life to rally around America's troops by purchasing gift certificates designed to lift the morale of deployed troops around the world. The certificates, which can be purchased by any individual or civic organization, allow service members to purchase items of necessity and convenience at PX and BX facilities around the world. "Gifts from the Homefront" certificates can be addressed to "any service member" or individual service members. Because the gift certificates can be used for merchandise already stocked at contingency locations, "Gifts from the Homefront" are a safe alternative to traditional care packages that can strain the military mail system and present force protection issues. Those wishing to send a "Gift from the Homefront" can simply log on to the AAFES website, www.aafes.com, or call 877-770-4438 toll-free to buy gift certificates in \$10 or \$20 denominations. From there, the "Gift from the Homefront" may be sent to an individual service member designated by the purchaser or distributed to "any service member" through the USO, American Red Cross, Air Force Aid Society, or Fisher House.

Operation Mail Call. Operation Mail call is a program initiated by New Jersey Assemblymen Jack Conners and Herb Conaway that enables citizens to donate postage stamps for use by our troops and their families. Over 30,000 stamps have been donated to our National Guard soldiers and airmen and Family Readiness Programs. With Memorial Day 2005 approaching, we recall the unique sacrifices made by every generation that has served in uniform for the good of America. We are often asked what can be done to support the soldiers of this generation. If you would like to participate, please mail or drop off your postage stamps to the 7th Legislative District Office, Delran Professional Center, 8008 Route 130 North, Suite 125, Delran, NJ 08075.

American Hero Band - The American Hero Band is a free wristband worn by Americans to demonstrate their support of the "Defenders of Freedom" who are Army National Guard soldiers deployed across the globe. Engraved on the metallic wristband are the words IN HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO SERVING IN THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. These words are flanked left by the Army National Guard logo and

right by the American flag. There is also an inscription of the National Guard website, <http://www.virtualarmory.com> and a unique serial number engraved inside this commemorative wristband. If you are interested in getting The American Hero Band, go to <http://www.virtualarmory.com> and click on the American Hero Band banner.

American Airlines: Special fare for military personnel and their dependants (you will need your military ID card and a copy of your soldier's orders to fly). Just call 800-433-7300 and ask for the military fare offer for your desired destination. You can also go to www.aa.com, but you cannot book a flight online.

Armory Happenings – Listed below are events taking place at your local armory.

Date	Event	Location
23 July	Flea Market J&C Marketplace	Teaneck Armory
30 July	Recruiting Open House 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Cherry Hill Armory
4 - 7 August	Family Readiness Group is hosting a carnival 4th & 5th – 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. 6th & 7th 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.	Teaneck Armory
8 August	Sports Card & Memorabilia Show	Bordentown Armory
17 August	Tool Show, Homier Dist. Co.	Toms River Armory
25 – 28 August	Tool Show, Homier Dist. Co.	Trenton Armory
26 August	Moscow State Circus	West Orange Armory
27 August	Flea Market, J&C Marketplace	Teaneck Armory

Fitness Corner – Ernie Razzano, Certified Fitness Trainer

Stretching

Prior to performing stretching exercises, body temperature must be elevated. The warm-up can be passive, meaning a hot bath or shower, or active, meaning a brief session of muscular activity. The latter is preferred, because it raises your core temperature, whereas the former may only elevate surface temperature.

Although you may use stretching as a warm-up, such a practice is often counterproductive. Warming up before stretching is important in two regards. First, core body temperature is elevated. Second, muscles are subject to thixotropy, which is the tendency of gels (e.g., body fluids) to become less viscous. This explains why periods of inactivity tend to cause muscular stiffness, and why muscular viscosity is reduced when muscles are active. The most appropriate time to stretch a muscle (from the perspective of body temperature and the thixotropic effect) is after training. In this way, the target muscle tissues are warm and less viscous, which facilitates lengthening; but in the process of cooling down, muscles tend to become less elastic than they are immediately after training (when stretching tends to preserve long-term improvements in length).

Humidity also plays a factor in stretching and flexibility development. A given temperature has a varying "quality" depending on the humidity. In other words, you will have an easier time warming up in 70-degree temperature at 70 percent humidity.

Tell me what you would like to see in Fitness Corner. Write me at ernest.razzano@njdmava.state.nj.us.

Today is 22 July, the 203rd day of the year with 162 days remaining.

On this day in history...

- * 1587 – 2nd English Colony established on Roanoke Island off NC.
- * 1775 – George Washington takes command of the troops.
- * 1916 – A bomb went off during Preparedness Day in SF killing 10.
- * 1918 – Lightning kills 504 sheep in Utah's Wasatch National Park.
- * 1933 – Wiley Post completes 1st round-the-world solo flight.
- * 1939 – 1st black woman judge (Jane Matilda Bolin –NYC).
- * 1942 – Gasoline rationing begins in US during WW II.
- * 1969 – USSR launches Sputnik 50 & Molniya 1-12 communications satellite.
- * 1983 – Dick Smith makes 1st solo helicopter flight around the world.
- * 1991 – Jeffrey Dahmer confesses to killing 17 males in 1978.

Heat Facts You Should Know

Heat-related injuries may not often make headlines, but you should review the information below to see how much you really know about the heat, its effects and how to manage them.

- * Heat has been the top weather-related killer in the U.S. in the past (1998-2002) as well as in 1995. The heat wave of 1995 took an unprecedented 1,021 lives across the country.
- * The temperature inside a parked car in the sun can rise several degrees per minute. So even if you go into a store for only 15 minutes, the temperature could go from a cool 75 degrees to a blistering 120 or more.
- * Children, the elderly, and obese people are at the most risk for heatstroke. So just because you think you may be okay in the heat, it doesn't mean everyone will be affected in the same way.
- * When in the heat, be proactive and drink plenty of fluids (water is best), even if you are not thirsty. If you're thirsty then your body is already somewhat dehydrated.
- * Alcohol and caffeine drinks will actually make you more prone to heatstroke. Alcohol and caffeine are diuretics, which will make you excrete water from your body.
- * Without intervention, heat cramps (caused by loss of salt from heavy sweating) can lead to heat exhaustion (caused by dehydration), which can progress to heatstroke (which can cause shock, brain damage, organ failure, and death).
- * Heat-related injuries, unlike most weather-related injuries, are almost completely avoidable. Wear proper clothing (light colors to reflect radiation, fabrics that provide proper air circulation), use sunscreen with at least an SPF rating of 15 (especially if you are prone to burning), drink lots of water, and get in the shade or indoors with air-conditioning when needed.

This week especially has been brutally hot for us here in Jersey, but by following these guidelines, we can help ensure a healthy summer season for our loved ones and ourselves.

Beach Passes for DMVA employees available now.

The temperatures are rising and the sandy beach at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt is calling. You will need to sign your name and work location on the second line on the back of the pass. Have guests sign the first line and be ready to show photo identification if requested. One pass will admit one car. You can also use your DMAVA or military pass to get on the beach. Call Gail Miller at 609-530-6911 for your Beach Pass.

Call today to volunteer at a Family Readiness Center near you.

If you are able to assist the families of our deployed soldiers and airmen, please call our Family Readiness Center at our toll-free number **888-859-0352**.

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