

OCTOBER 19, 2022



READY TO SERVE ★ PROUD TO HAVE SERVED

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Last week, The Adjutant General (TAG) traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and the Army Reserve Forces Policy Committee meetings to discuss issues that impact soldiers and their families today and in the future. She also had the opportunity to participate in the Army Ten Miler along with some of our Soldiers, Airmen and families of the New Jersey National Guard.

Sunday, October 16th she hosted our Commander in Chief, the Honorable Philip D. Murphy, as he presided over the annual New Jersey National Guard Military Review. Once again the Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard performed in an outstanding manner displaying equipment, capability and esprit de corps for all to see. Additionally, senior military leadership along with Veterans Affairs senior leaders had the opportunity to meet with some of our Veterans, Veteran Service Organizations, and employers to thank them for their service and support of the entire Department.

October presents the opportunity for several special observances. Throughout the month TAG, and many of you, showed support for the ongoing effort to bring awareness to and beat Breast Cancer. The Adjutant General attended and kicked off the National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) observance hosted by the State Equal Employment Managers office (SEEM) to highlight and celebrate the contributions of America's workers with disabilities past and present and showcases supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices.

Continue to be safe and take care of yourselves and each other.

Thanks for reading. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

We encourage you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at outreach@dmava.nj.gov.

Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O.

The Adjutant General & Commissioner



ANNOUNCEMENT



Call for Veterans Day Events

If you are hosting a Veterans Day event, or know of a scheduled event, please email us at outreach@dmava.nj.gov with as much detail as possible, including any flyers/artwork.

DMAVA will publish a listing of all Veterans Day events across the state on our website, social media pages, events calendar and to all of our mailing list subscribers.

Thank you for your support.

FEATURED EVENTS

Veterans Making a Difference in Our Community

Serving All Veterans

Union County



VFW Post 2648
2012 High St.
Union, NJ 07083



Thursday, October 20th
10 am—2 pm

Services Include:

DD 214's Benefits Claims Housing
Clothing Employment Ongoing Support

Questions or Comments—Please Contact
Larry Platt (908)487-8672 l.platt@njamericanlegion.org
Michael Boll (973)332-1556 mdbollie@optonline.net



New Jersey National Guard Child & Youth Program

ANNUAL FALL FEST & TRUNK OR TREAT

MUSIC • GAMES • "HAUNTED HOUSE" • PRIZES

Thursday, 20 October 2022
6:15 - 8:00pm
Bordentown JMFAC

*registration is required * costumes are encouraged*



contact Ms. Kim for more info
kimberly.n.jordan2.ctr@army.mil

scan to register



Veterans Making a Difference in Our Community

Serving All Veterans

Atlantic County



VFW Post 1026
390 S. Egg Harbor Rd
Hammonton, NJ 08037



Friday, October 21th
11 am—2:30 pm



Town Hall Meeting with the
Wilmington VA Medical Center
will overlap with the fair inside the post
12:30 - 2:00 p.m.



Free Lunch for
Veterans attending
11:45 a.m.

Services Include:

DD 214's Benefits Claims Housing
Clothing Employment Ongoing Support

Questions or Comments—Please Contact

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Patrick Carney

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VETERANS INFORMATION EXPO

Hosted by

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 19

SENATOR VITALE, SPEAKER COUGHLIN, &
ASSEMBLYWOMAN LOPEZ, AND

WOODBRIIDGE VETERANS ALLIANCE



Date: : Saturday, October 22, 2022

Time: 10 AM - 1 PM

Location: Woodbridge Community Center
600 Main St. Woodbridge, NJ 07095

Come and learn more about Veteran benefits, services, and resources. Enjoy refreshments and the company of veterans. For additional information call or email Sharon McGreevey and John Eberhardt at 732-855-7441, SenVitale@njleg.org

The Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee
invites local veterans to its free



VETERANS OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

1:00 - 4:00 PM

VFW POST 2179 (1 VETERANS LANE)



Representatives from local veterans' organizations will be there to provide information and volunteer opportunities. We hope you consider joining us at this great event!



COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND JOB FAIR NOVEMBER 3RD, 2022

TO OUR MILITARY COMMUNITY:

In response to the growing need for community connections and employment resources, please join us as we host many vendors including the USPS, the Riverdale Police Department, Morris County Legal Aid, Mental Health Association, Bergen County Sheriff, NJ Department of Corrections, and more! Many potential employers looking to hire. All Military Service Members, Veterans and their families are welcome to attend.



SCAN TO REGISTER



Registration Deadline:
Friday, October 20th, 2022

Join us for a Community
Resource and Job Fair

For our Military
community, Veterans,
and their families.

Thursday, November
3rd, 2022

10am - 2pm

At the Riverdale National
Guard Armory!

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:

Maureen Williams:
maureen.e.williams11.civ@army.mil

Diana Becker:
diana.e.becker2.civ@army.mil

Maria Morro:
maria.d.morro.civ@army.mil



NJ Veteran's Housing Symposium

Presented by: The NJ American Legion & the Dept. of Veteran Affairs
Hosted By: Stockton University

 **Stockton University's
Atlantic City Campus**
3711 Atlantic Ave.
Atlantic City, NJ

 **November 3rd, 2022**
10:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

This event will host presenters on a national and regional level who are subject matter experts in affordable housing and at-risk Veterans. This is a learning and networking experience for all persons interested in assisting our Nation's struggling Veteran population.

Topics Discussed will include:

- HUD / VASH Vouchers
- Funding Sources
- Architectural issues
- Real Estate Development
- And much more...



Contact Info

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Robert Looby (908)894-0746 r.looby@americantlegion.org



Join us for a Community Resource and Job Fair

For Service Members, Veterans, and Dependents

Saturday, Nov 5th, 2022

10am – 2pm

Sea Girt
National Guard
Armory
Building 35

COMMUNITY RESOURCE AND JOB FAIR NOVEMBER 5TH, 2022

TO OUR MILITARY COMMUNITY:

In response to the growing need for community connections and employment resources, please join us as we host many vendors including UPS, IBEW Local 400, Wise Snacks, NJ Department of Corrections, Earle Co, NJ State Police, Helmets to Hardhats, Vetwork, Arms 2 Artisans, Affordable Housing Alliance, Ocean Mental Health, OCEAN Inc, and more! Many potential employers are actively hiring. All Military Service Members, Veterans and their dependents are welcome to attend.

Brenda Irwin

Soldier & Family Readiness
Specialist

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SCAN QR CODE FOR A COMPLETE VENDOR LIST



11TH ANNUAL SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CASINO NIGHT NOVEMBER 5, 2022 7:00PM WESTFIELD ARMORY



TICKET information

(all tickets include buffet, beer, wine and \$ 75 gambling chips)

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$ 60

SENIORS AND VETERANS: \$ 40

MILITARY: (ACTIVE, GUARD, RESERVE)

SEE WEBSITE FOR SPECIAL PRICING



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WESTFIELD
ARMORY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DMAVA Calendar

- October 20, 2022 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Union, NJ
[Union County Stand Down](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 20, 2022 6:00PM - 8:00PM | Bordentown, NJ
[Annual Fall Fest & Trunk or Treat](#)
- October 21, 2022 11:00AM - 2:30PM | Hammonton, NJ
[Atlantic County Stand Down](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 22, 2022 10:00AM - 1:00PM | Woodbridge Twp., NJ
[Woodbridge Township Veterans Information Expo](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 22, 2022 1:00PM - 4:00PM | Middletown, NJ
[Middletown Veterans Affairs Committee Open House](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 27, 2022 9:00AM - 3:00PM | Sea Girt, NJ
[VSO Training Seminar](#)
- October 27, 2022 11:00AM | Willowbrook Mall, NJ
[DMAVA Medal Ceremony](#)
- October 27, 2022 11:00AM - 3:00PM | Willowbrook Mall, NJ
[DMAVA Outreach Campaign](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 28-29, 2022 | Atlantic City, NJ
[EANGNJ Annual Conference](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- October 30, 2022 9:00AM - 12:00PM | Bordentown, NJ
[Reserve Component Transition Benefits Brief](#)
- November 1, 2022 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Egg Harbor Twp., NJ
[Caregiver Resource Fair](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present
- November 3, 2022 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Riverdale, NJ
[Community Resource & Job Fair](#)
- November 4, 2022 11:00AM | Easthampton, NJ
[DMAVA Medal Ceremony](#)
- November 5, 2022 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Sea Girt, NJ
[Community Resource & Job Fair](#)
DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

State Calendar

- November 11, 2022 11:00AM - 12:15PM | Holmdel, NJ
[State Veterans Day Ceremony](#)

Community Calendar

We add new events to our calendar on a daily basis so please bookmark and check back often.

[View Full Calendar](#)

SPOTLIGHT

NEW JERSEY VETERANS' BENEFITS GUIDE



**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**



The Benefits Guide has been updated
effective October 12, 2022.

[Get Current Edition](#)

VETERANS SERVICES



Veterans Havens' Annual Softball Game

Veterans Havens' North and South squared off October 15, 2022 at Lawrenceville, New Jersey during their annual softball game and BBQ. Veterans/residents and staff members teamed up for a seven inning duel to see who would take home the trophy and bragging rights this year. [Veterans Haven North](#) prevailed in the end with solid defense holding off a late push by [Veterans Haven South](#) to take the victory. Thank you to all the Veterans, staff members, family, and friends who came out to show support and enjoy a great day in the park.

[View Images](#)



Medal Ceremony

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Four Seasons at Harbor Bay, Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, October 14, 2022.

[View Images](#)



VFW Donation

On October 6, 2022, VFW Post 3117 stopped over at the [Menlo Park Veterans Home](#) to drop off a donation check from the 5K run that they sponsored on September 17th. Post Commander Filipe Oliveira presented a check for \$2,160 to the Recreation Department to keep our Veterans entertained.



Donation for Veterans Haven North

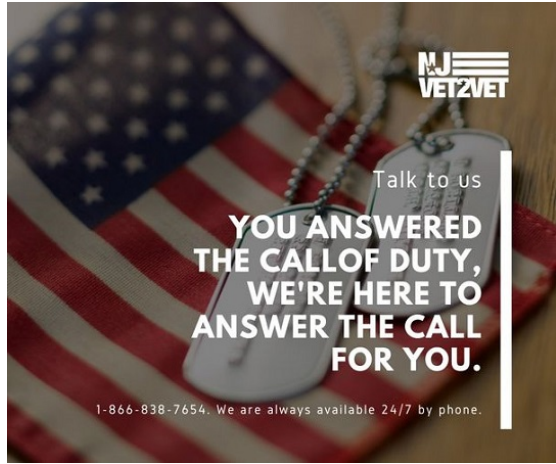
Members from the General William Maxwell Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) presented "Thank You For Your Service" tote bags to Veteran residents at [Veterans Haven North](#) on October 3, 2022. Each bag was filled with snacks, pocket calendars, note pads, reusable grocery bags, personal care items, playing cards, and water bottles.



American Legion Donation

On September 29, 2022, American Legion Post 310 Chaplain Victor Ruggiero presented the [Veterans Home in Paramus](#) with a \$1,000 donation for the Veterans well being that are residing at the home.

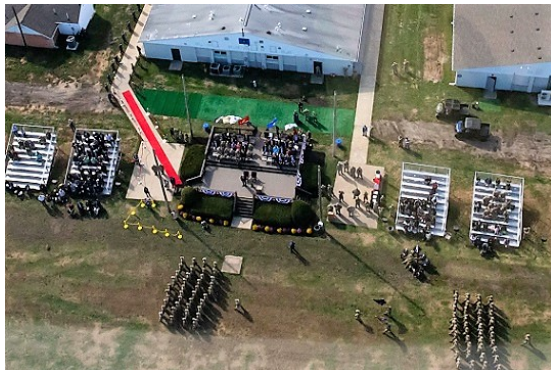
Thank you from all of us at DMAVA!



NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline
888-865-8387
vbb@dmava.nj.gov

ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE

Governor's Military Review



Military Review

The New Jersey National Guard held its annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, New Jersey, October 16, 2022. New Jersey Gov. Philip D. Murphy and Brig. Gen. Lisa J. Hou, D.O the Adjutant General of New Jersey, reviewed the Soldiers and Airman of the New Jersey National Guard.

More than 130 years of Military Review tradition continued. See more images of the pass in review, battery salute, flyovers, and award recipients at [New Jersey National Guard Flickr](#).

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DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



New Jersey Receives Grant to Expand Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

WASHINGTON October 5, 2022 – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) announced today that the Veterans Cemetery Grants Program (VCGP), which it oversees, has awarded a grant of up to \$5,529,378 to the state of New Jersey for the expansion of [Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery](#) in Wrightstown.

"Gov. Thomas H. Kean dedicated New Jersey's first state-operated Veterans cemetery, May 30, 1986," said Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Matthew Quinn. "NCA is proud to continue our partnership with this flagship cemetery for more than 30 years."

Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery currently serves more than 318,000 Veterans and their eligible family members living within 75 miles of the cemetery. The grant will fund 5,000 columbarium niches, landscaping, irrigation well, irrigation pump and automated irrigation system, and supporting infrastructure on approximately 1.10 acres of land.

[Full Press Release](#)



Counter Drug Task Force

U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Darren Williams, [Counter Drug Task Force](#) (CDTF), New Jersey National Guard, teaches two West New York Youth Academy cadets how to properly be guidon bearers for the company, West New York, New Jersey, Aug. 15, 2022. For two weeks, the CDTF Soldiers worked with the cadets to instill discipline and leadership through physical training and drill and ceremony. The Academy is a partnered youth program with the West New York Police Department.

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STATE PARTNERS



Morris County Veteran Honored

Gerald "Gerry" Gemian, a World War II veteran who turned 100 years old this past summer, was honored on October 12, 2022 by the Morris County Board of County Commissioners at a celebration organized by more than two dozen friends and fellow veterans at the Montville Memorial VFW Post 5481.

[Read Full Story](#)



Senator Vin Gopal Honored

New Jersey Gov. Philip D. Murphy, center, congratulates New Jersey Civilian Commendation Medal recipient Senator Vin Gopal, right, New Jersey-District 11, during the 2022 New Jersey National Guard Military Review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, New Jersey, October 16, 2022.

NJ State Agencies

- [Vote For Valor](#)
- [Career Connections for Veterans](#)
- [Tax Resources for Military/Veterans](#)
- [Educator Certification for Military Spouses and Veterans](#)
- [NJ National Guard Hunting / Fishing Licenses](#)
- [NJ Special Hawker and Peddlers License](#)
- [Veterans Designation for Drivers License](#)
- [Military CDL Skills Waiver Program](#)
- [Disabled Veteran / Purple Heart Recipient Placards](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)
- [Professional and Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses](#)
- [Military and Overseas Voting](#)



FEDERAL PARTNERS



Calling all Post-9/11 combat Veterans!

If you are not currently enrolled in VA health care, The PACT Act provides a 1-year window for enrollment

This enrollment window applies to certain Veterans of combat service who did not previously enroll.

OPEN ENROLLMENT: OCTOBER 1, 2022 – OCTOBER 1, 2023

Learn more at [VA.gov](https://va.gov)
1-800-MyVA411 (800-696-2411)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

The PACT Act adds health care eligibility if you served in:



The PACT Act adds health care eligibility if you served in:
Republic of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia
Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters)
Johnston Atoll (or a ship called there)



VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS: ENROLL NOW IN VA HEALTH CARE.

Learn more at [VA.gov](https://va.gov)
1-800-MyVA411 (800-696-2411)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs


PACT ACT SPECIAL HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD

October 1, 2022 – October 1, 2023

Did you serve in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War?
Or, did you serve in combat against hostile forces after November 11, 1998?

–AND–

Were you discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013?



It's free, no annual costs, and your health care may be free as well!

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA opens health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, post-9/11 Veterans under PACT Act

Washington — On October 1, The Department of Veterans Affairs will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Gulf Wars and post-9/11 era.

This expansion will increase health care eligibility for hundreds of thousands of toxic-exposed Veterans. Additionally, VA has already expanded health care eligibility for certain Veterans of the Vietnam War. More detailed information about this expansion can be found on [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT).

President Biden signed the bipartisan [PACT Act](https://va.gov/PACT) into law August 10, authorizing one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits in U.S. history. Veterans can go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://va.gov/PACT) to apply for health care or learn more about what this bill means for them and their families. [Read the full press release.](#)

Eligibility Extension on VA Family Caregivers Program

Washington — 10/1/2022

VA's [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) is expanding to include eligible Veterans and family caregivers of all eras.

Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible Veterans who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible Veterans who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sept. 11, 2001.

PCAFC provides caregivers of eligible Veterans with resources, education, financial assistance, health insurance, beneficiary travel, peer support and more. The program is a cornerstone of VA health care, ensuring that Veterans get the world-class care they deserve

and that caregivers get the comprehensive support they need. [Read the full press release.](#)

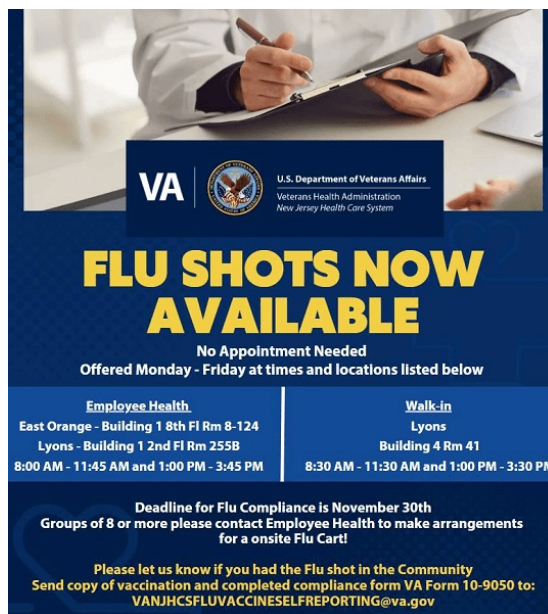
Veterans Benefits at 70% Disability

In this episode of *theSITREP*, the host discusses Veterans benefits available to those receiving 70% disability. To watch the short video please go to [#theSITREP](#).

VRRAP

If you're a Veteran who lost your job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VA may have a solution for you. The [Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program \(VRRAP\)](#) offers education and training for a variety of high-demand jobs so you can get back to work.

If you qualify, apply soon! The VA will stop accepting new VRRAP enrollments on December 11, 2022 - or when they reach either the funding or participant limit, whichever comes first.



The poster features a background image of a healthcare professional in a white coat writing on a clipboard. The VA logo and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs seal are prominently displayed. The text is in bold, yellow and white fonts against a dark blue background.

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
New Jersey Health Care System

FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE

No Appointment Needed
Offered Monday - Friday at times and locations listed below

Employee Health	Walk-in
East Orange - Building 1 8th Fl Rm 8-124 Lyons - Building 1 2nd Fl Rm 255B 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM and 1:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Lyons Building 4 Rm 41 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Deadline for Flu Compliance is November 30th
Groups of 8 or more please contact Employee Health to make arrangements for a onsite Flu Cart!

Please let us know if you had the Flu shot in the Community
Send copy of vaccination and completed compliance form VA Form 10-9050 to:
VANJHCSFLUVACCINESELFREPORTING@va.gov

No-Cost VA Flu Shot for Eligible Veterans

Getting a flu shot protects you, your family and your community. And if needed, you can safely get vaccinated for COVID at the same time you get a flu shot—one visit, two vaccines. (Call ahead so your community provider has COVID vaccine available.)

Eligible veterans can get a no-cost flu shot from a nearby VA clinic or within their community. To find a flu shot near you, visit the [VA locator](#). You can choose a nearby VA facility or one of 70,000 in-network pharmacy or urgent care locations nationwide. Simply type in your ZIP code.

No-cost flu vaccines are available at retail pharmacies and urgent care locations from September 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023. Find an in-network community care provider by choosing a location in the drop down menu of the [VA locator](#). Read more on the [VA website](#).

ANNUAL **2023**
Benefits Enrollment
November 14 - December 12

FEDVIP Open Enrollment

Sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), FEDVIP is a voluntary, enrollee-pay-all dental and vision insurance program. It replaced the former TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP). In general, retired uniformed service members, their families, and survivors are eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage and, if enrolled in a TRICARE health plan, FEDVIP vision coverage. Please note: Opportunities to enroll outside of open season are limited.

The Federal Benefits Open Season is your annual opportunity to enroll in, change, or cancel a FEDVIP dental and/or vision plan. This year, open season runs from November 14 through December 12, 2022, with coverage effective January 1, 2023.

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Benefits Fair

The Virtual Benefits Fair is an online health fair that houses 2023 FEDVIP plan information in a single location, allowing military families to browse exhibits, download plan brochures, [register for educational webinars](#) and chat with BENEFEDS and FEDVIP representatives. [BENEFEDS](#) is the secure online portal to enroll in FEDVIP.

Log in anytime during the Federal Benefits Open Season, from November 14 to December 12, 2022. Representatives will be available to take your questions during the four live chat days:

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2022 10 am-5 pm (ET)

Tuesday, Nov 22, 2022 10 am-5 pm (ET)

Thursday, Dec 1, 2022 10 am-5 pm (ET)

Thursday, December 8, 2022 10 am-5 pm (ET)

[Learn More and Register](#)

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USFHP Lunch & Learn

The Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP) @ Saint Vincents is a TRICARE® Prime military health plan sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD). Lunch and Learn briefings are now scheduled in New Jersey.

Featured Links

- [VA extends delay of upcoming electronic health record deployments to June 2023](#)
- [Free legal services for Veterans, service members](#)
- [VA Health and Benefits Mobile App - six essential facts](#)
- [Women Veterans Call Center](#)
- [Preserve Your Loved Ones Story with Veterans Legacy Memorial](#)
- [Million Veteran Program](#)

#VetResources

Subscribe to #VetResources to receive a weekly newsletter from the VA for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

#Check22Challenge

This year, our friends at UPenn challenge everyone to go beyond awareness and take the #Check22Challenge.

Between now and Veterans Day, dedicate 3-4 minutes each week to check on the Veterans in your life. Texts, calls, messages, and impromptu visits can make a big difference to someone in their darkest hour or someone who is slipping into isolation.

[Learn More](#)



Honor Flight

On October 4, 2022, three Combat Wounded Vietnam Veterans of VFW Post 5119, Chaplain John Paulus, Adam Mackow and Lawrence Honan participated in South Jersey Honor Flights. The organization is dedicated to honoring Veterans with a free trip to Washington DC. Their day started at Williamstown High School with breakfast and honors, including the entire school lining the walls to thank the Veterans. With a police escort, they then travelled to Washington DC where they stopped at several monuments and memorials. They returned to the high school, where they received additional honors, music and dinner.

Courtesy VFW Post 5119 Facebook

IN THE NEWS



New York, New Jersey Guard Practice CBRN Response

October 12, 2022 by Staff Sgt. Matthew Gunther, New York National Guard

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa. – Six hundred New York and New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen honed their skills to respond to a terror attack or weapon of mass destruction incident Sept. 8-14 at Fort Indiantown Gap and Fort Drum in New York.

The Guard members are part of the Homeland Response Force, which supports Region II of the Federal Emergency Management Agency covering New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

The HRF responds to incidents involving chemical, biological, radiological or nuclear contaminants. CBRN incidents can be industrial, terror-related, or from other causes. The force employs a CBRN response task force, with 27 such teams across the country. The New York and New Jersey Soldiers and Airmen performed a wide range of tasks during their six-day training event, which coincided with the 21st anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

[Read Full Story](#)



Jersey Guard Veteran and Oral History Participant Honored with Quilt of Valor

The Quilt of Valor Foundation honored Gulf War and Iraq War Veteran Veronica Miller with one of its quilts on October 15, 2022 at Miller's Neptune home.

The mission of the [Quilt of Valor Foundation](#) is to honor Servicemembers and Veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

In 2007, Veronica Miller participated in the Oral History Project run by the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey. It is the Museum's mission to collect and preserve the memories of Veterans and Gold Star family members through recorded oral history interviews. To view Veronica Miller's oral history interview please [click here](#).

On October 14, 2022, the Asbury Park Press published an article about Veronica Miller's military service and, at the time, the pending quilt presentation. [Read the full story](#).

NEVER FORGET



In Honor of all those from New Jersey who gave their lives in the fight against terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In humble gratitude, we remember their sacrifice.

October 19, 2010
Operation Enduring Freedom
LCpl Francisco R. Jackson
U.S. Marine Corps
Elizabeth, New Jersey

October 26, 2011
Operation Enduring Freedom
SGT John A. Lyons
U.S. Army
Seaside Park, New Jersey

October 19, 2011
Operation Enduring Freedom
SSG Jorge M. Oliveiras
U.S. Army
Newark, New Jersey

October 27, 2010
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SGT Michael D. Kirspel, Jr.
U.S. Army
Hopatcong, New Jersey

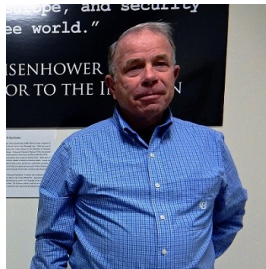
October 25, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom
LCpl Donald S. Brown
U.S. Marine Corps
Succasunna, New Jersey

November 1, 2012
Operation Enduring Freedom
PO2 Matthew G. Kantor
U.S. Navy
Gillette, New Jersey

*"But on the battlefield their feet stood fast, and in an instant at the height of their fortune, they passed away from the scene, not of their fear, but of their glory."
~ Pericles*

NJ Fallen Heroes Memorial

VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES



Robert Beavis
Vietnam / Cold War



John Bilby
Operation Enduring Freedom

Veterans History Project

HISTORY



Superstorm Sandy

October 19, 1864
First Lieutenant William Burroughs Ross, Company B, 14th New Jersey Volunteers, killed in action near Middletown, Virginia, October 19, 1864. A cheerful, friendly man with a great love of music, William Burroughs Ross enlisted as a private in the 14th New Jersey

October 24, 1942
US Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone of Raritan, commanding a machine gun section defending Henderson Field on Guadalcanal, held off an attack by Japanese soldiers, fighting for three days and nights without sleep, and ending the

Volunteers in the summer of 1862. He brought his guitar with him when he went to war and quickly became one of the most popular men in the regiment. His skills led to promotion to sergeant-major and, later to 1st lieutenant of the 14th's Company B. At the Battle of Cedar Creek, Virginia, October 19, 1864, he was shot and killed. His family and his many friends were devastated by his loss. He was buried in Trenton, NJ. His wartime correspondence and his beloved guitar can be found at the Monmouth County Historical Association, Freehold, NJ.

October 22, 1777

During the Revolutionary War, Continental Army soldiers were stationed at Fort Mercer on the Delaware River to keep the British and their Hessian mercenary allies from resupplying troops in nearby Philadelphia. On Oct. 22, 1777, the Army repelled a major assault by Hessian forces. Little-known today, the Battle of Red Bank was brief and ferocious, marking one of the worst defeats the Hessians suffered in the war.

battle firing at them with his .45 caliber automatic pistol.

October 26, 2000

The New Jersey State Museum's Civil War flag exhibit opened in Trenton. The standing exhibit displays surviving flags of New Jersey regiments on a rotating basis, supplemented with explanatory narrative and supplemental artifacts.

October 29, 2012

When Superstorm Sandy hit in 2012, 346,000 homes in New Jersey were damaged or destroyed. 2.7 million people were without power. New Jersey National Guard troops rescued more than 7,000 residents and their pets in the days following Sandy's landfall, remaining on duty following the storm by assisting civil authorities with security, transportation, logistics, and reconstructing efforts. The troops also delivered more than 10,000 meals and hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel.



The Civil War Flag Collection of New Jersey

State Museum Trenton

Get up close and personal with a rare collection of flags carried into battle by New Jersey's Civil War soldiers and learn about our important role in the history of the War Between the States. New Jersey is one of the few states to actively display its Civil War flags, which were often returned to capital cities after the war. The flags change periodically, allowing visitors to experience new examples from the collection.

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The New Jersey National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force supports detection, interdiction, disruption and curtailment of drug

trafficking and associated illicit activities at the request of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by using unique military skills and assets in order to support national counterdrug strategies and objectives, as well as the Counterdrug Activities Plan for the State of New Jersey.

Counterdrug Task Force

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



SSgt Tashea Jackson-Medley *177th Fighter Wing*

Staff Sergeant Tashea Jackson-Medley works with the 177th Medical Group at the 177th Fighter Wing. She is employed full-time as a Temp. AGR. She has been in the military for seven years.

As a 177th medical administrator, Staff Sgt. Jackson-Medley performs and directs patient management functions, while interpreting communication directives and publications with providers and patients. She helps to maintain the clinic tempo, being a liaison between the patients and providers.

SSgt Jackson-Medley is a volunteer with Autism Speaks in Cape May, New Jersey.

Some words of wisdom important to her - "If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude." - Maya Angelou.

She is proud to have opened a spa during the pandemic and has been in business two years and counting.

Nice work Airman!

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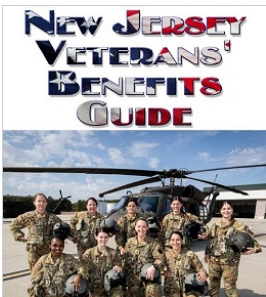
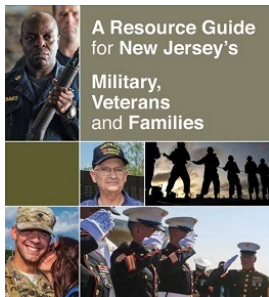
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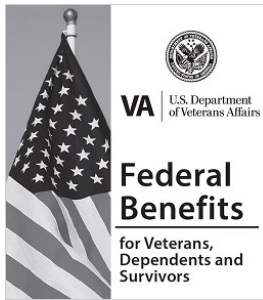
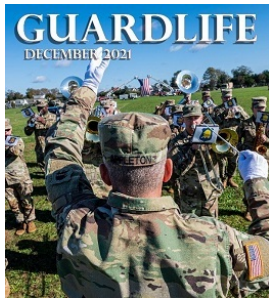


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