

# NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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# AFRICOM visits AASF

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Above: Maj. Ryan Smith, UH-60A Black Hawk pilot, addresses visiting African air force members touring the New Jersey Army National Guard's Army Aviation Support Facility during a United States African Command conference at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 31, 2015. Right: Staff Sgt. Simon Debran, left, UH-60A Black Hawk crew chief, briefs African air force members about UH-60A maintenance at the NARNG's Army Aviation Support Facility.

## Cover photo

UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, land after taking African air force members on an aerial tour of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 31, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



**The U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa conference, which emphasized maintenance and logistics knowledge and procedures, included military representatives from Angola, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia.**



**Staff Sgt. Simon Debran, right, UH-60A Black Hawk crew chief, escorts African air force members out to UH-60A Black Hawk helicopters for an aerial tour of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.**



**Above: Sgt. Thomas Vickers, second from left, UH-60A Black Hawk crew chief, briefs African air force members as they prepare to board a Black Hawk helicopter assigned to the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion. Left: African air force members wait onboard a UH-60A Black Hawk to take off for an aerial tour of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Below: African air force members pose in front of a UH-60A Black Hawk helicopter during an AFRICOM conference at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The U.S. Air Forces in Europe and U.S. Air Forces Africa conference, which emphasized maintenance and logistics knowledge and procedures, included military representatives from Angola, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Tunisia. The African Partnership Flight was created to conduct regional military to military events with African air forces to build aviation capacity, enhance regional cooperation and increase interoperability.**



# Vineland receives \$20,000 donation



*The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland received \$20,000 on Aug. 25, 2015 to fund activities for the nearly 300 residents. Keith Chance, assistant CEO of support services, center, with Lisa Williams, activities director, second from left, accepted the generous gifts. Chayan Jagsukh, Cognizant Technology Solutions, left, presented a \$10,000 check from the worldwide information technology and consulting busi-*

*ness firm headquartered in Teaneck. Eric Chesebro, vice president of information technology, second from right and Robert D'Urbano, chief information officer, with Freedom Mortgage Corporation, a full-service residential mortgage lender in Mount Laurel donated \$10,000 presented the check to the veterans home. (Photo by Amy Gruenewald, Freedom Mortgage)*

## Wall returns to Bridgewater

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute and Traveling Wall will visit the Somerset County Park Commission's North Branch Park County Fairgrounds on Milltown Road Oct. 1-4.

The AVTT's appearance is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 452.

During the visit, county officials will recognize current and former residents who served during the Gulf War or later military operations in Southwest Asia. Eligible veterans may register at <https://www.co.somerset.nj.us/medalforms/>

The AVTT is comprised of several exhibits, with its centerpiece being the Traveling Wall, an 80-percent-scale version of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

The mission of the AVTT project is to travel the nation to honor, respect and remember men and women who served, and to pay specific tribute to those who gave all in that service.



## You Are Cordially Invited



### 1st Annual New Jersey National Guard Suicide Prevention Stand Down

- Suicide Prevention is the TAG's #1 priority. DMAVA and the NJ National Guard is proud to present Brian Fleming, Army Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, for "Living Resilient" a training event on resilience & suicide prevention emphasizing the importance of positive decision making and perseverance.
- We have partnered with the Office of the Governor, the Department of Human Services and Veteran's Organizations for a proclamation signing in support of ongoing suicide prevention efforts for Service Members and their Families.
- The NJ National Guard remains committed to the prevention of suicide and will continue to train, educate, and raise awareness on this matter. We are working to foster a climate that encourages help-seeking behaviors while de-stigmatizing behavioral health ensuring a **ready** and **resilient** force.

**Lawrenceville Drill Floor Sept 9, 2015 @ 0830**

R3SP is the POC for this event: MAJ Amy Glatz & Ms. Amanda Brown

609-562-0832

# All Veterans, Active Duty, Reservist and National Guard

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

All Veterans, active duty personnel, National Guard and Reservist are invited and encouraged to attend.

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., American Legion, Department of N.J. Employment and Education Committee, as well as the North Hudson Cap and the Catholic Charities of Paterson.

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://bcnjla.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.

Any questions, contact Bob Salvini, BCAL Commander, at [bobsalvini@att.net](mailto:bobsalvini@att.net)



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**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!

# Veterans Outreach Campaign

Sept. 8 & 9  
DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Brunswick Square Mall  
755 Highway 18  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Veterans Health and Wellness Expo  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Centre State Hospital Auditorium #1 & 2  
901 W. Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728

Sept. 12  
"Rockin Fest" to support student veterans  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sussex County College  
1 College Road  
Newton, NJ 07860  
Sept. 12

Sept. 25  
Stand Down of South Jersey  
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Cherry Hill Armory  
Park & Grove Street,  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002



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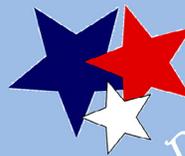
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## SAVE THE DATE!

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

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