

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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108th Wing is excellent at IG inspection

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Amid applause, cheers and high-fives, the 108th Wing out of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., learned on June 14 they had received an “excellent” rating from the Inspector General Office of Air Mobility Command during their readiness inspections at JBMDL.

Present at the IG out briefing were Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, commander of the New Jersey Air National Guard; Navy Capt. Andrew Butterfield, deputy commander of JBMDL; Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, commander of the 108th Wing; commanders from the 108th Wing groups and various Wing Airmen and their families.

During the tough but fair inspection, they found that very strong leadership and teamwork were clearly evident at all levels in the 108th Wing, said the team of inspectors.

With a tough mission to support operation Odyssey Dawn, and other deployments around the globe, the 108th Wing prepared for two years to undergo the IG inspection.

“Team Air National Guard New Jersey; team joint base. I don’t know what to call you, except I know to call you ‘Excellent!’”, said the IG team chief, Col. Andrew Molnar, as he announced the over-

all grade of the inspection to the 108th Wing personnel. “This is the best inspection I’ve ever witnessed and you can take that to the bank.”

“Brave and undisciplined will always lose or be killed by valor with discipline”, and that is exactly what I saw in the Air National Guard,” said Molnar as he paraphrased one of his heroes, Gen. George Patton.

“Teamwork from the joint base with you, and a discipline in every step of the operation at every rank, Airmen, NCO, officer, senior officer, leadership, a round of applause for yourself,” continued Molnar as he described his overall observation of the 108th Wing during the inspection.

Cunniff thanked the IG team for their professionalism and fairness during the inspection.

In addition, Cunniff said he was proud of the Airmen of the 108th Wing for their hard work and excellent attitude throughout the inspection, and told his Airmen to thank their families for the sacrifices they made during preparations and deployments throughout the year as the Wing got ready for the inspection.



Staff Sgt. Jeffery J. Raine, a weapons loader with the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, checks the fin of an AIM-120 advanced medium-range air-to-air missile (AMRAAM) during the

annual Load Crew competition at the 177th on June 12, 2011. This is the 30th year the Wing has held the competition. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen)

Virtual veteran's career fair on June 23

Attend the career fair from the comfort of your own home

Attention job seekers! Tired of going to job fairs only to find out that you can apply for job positions online?

Well, Milicruit, a veterans' friendly Web site, can bring the job fair to you on Thursday, June 23.

Milicruit.com is designed to bring veteran friendly employers, veterans and spouses together as if in person, but from the comfort

and convenience of their home or office.

So register online at www.veteranscareerfair.com and attend the virtual veteran's career fair scheduled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 23.

For more information, please visit www.milicruit.com or contact Kevin O'Brien at 202-558-2899 ext. 101.

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Newark Bears military service night

Join the Newark Bears in honoring the men and women who proudly serve and protect our great nation on Newark Bears Military Service Night on Tuesday, July 12 at Riverfront Stadium in Newark, N.J.

You can have your name announced over the public announcement system, as well as shown in the lights on the scoreboard.

Group tickets start at \$7 per person, and if you attend in uniform, tickets are only \$5.

The Bears will play the New York Yankees starting at 5:35 pm.

For more information please call Dan Tamburro at 973-848-1000 or via Email at dtamburro@newarkbears.com.

Wounded Heroes Baseball Classic is coming to Lakewood, NJ

Hope4Heroes invites you to the next Wounded Heroes Baseball Classic game at the Lakewood BlueClaws' stadium, First Energy Field, in Lakewood, N.J. on June 17 at 7 p.m.

For just \$10 you can watch MLB legends play service members from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

In addition, a free kids' clinic with MLB legends will be held there at 3 p.m., followed by free autographs at 5 p.m.

The Wounded Heroes Baseball Classic was created to give our wounded heroes from all generations an opportunity to play America's favorite past time with legends of Major League Baseball in cities across the country. The Classic pits military heroes against MLB legends in an All-Star game format. The game is an opportunity for the local community to show their support and watch the heroes and legends play their favorite sport in a fun family atmosphere while showcasing the talents of our nation's Heroes to employers and companies coast to coast.

Proceeds from the game will benefit enlisted programs at JB-MDL.

To get your tickets, please visit www.woundedheroesbaseball.com.

DMAVA job vacancy announcement

The state of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is announcing two vacancy openings for a Staff Assistant 2 P15 (Fire Fighter) effective June 15 and closing on July 7.

Applications will be accepted from all interested DMAVA employees and outside applicants with the most qualified candidate being selected.

To review the qualification requirements, duty station, salary, and how to apply for this position please visit the following link: <http://www.nj.gov/military/vacancy/State/2011/V7-11.pdf>

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Veterans Outreach Schedule



June 2011

Wildwood Convention Center
4501 Boardwalk, Wildwood, N.J. 08260

OUTREACH EVENTS ONLY

Elks State Convention: June 2-3, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

American Legion State Convention: June 8-10, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

VFW State Convention: June 15-17, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Enjoy clam bake party at Sea Girt in July

Come to the clam bake at the Sea Girt National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J. on Saturday, July 9 starting at 2 p.m.

This event will be hosted by the National Guard Association of New Jersey and will include clams, corn on-the-cob, barbecue chicken, hot dogs, burgers, water and soda.

The cost for this event is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Make checks payable to NGANJ and send them to NGANJ – Clam Bake, P.O. Box 266, Wrightstown, NJ 08652.

For additional information contact Connie Cisek at connie.cisek@ang.af.mil.

Free tickets to Arena Football game

The Philadelphia Souls of the Arena Football league are offering free complimentary tickets to their July 8 game against the Cleveland Gladiators as part of their Military Appreciation Night.

All military service members with a valid military ID will be offered the free complimentary tickets. Additional tickets for family members can be purchased for regular price.

Please visit the Souls' Web site for more information on ticket prices at www.philadelphiasoul.com.

For questions or more information contact Ashley Wood, ticket sales, at 215-253-4900 ext. 181 or via E-mail at awood@philadelphiasoul.com