

# NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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# FLY AWAY

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen  
New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs



Photo above: Capt. Michael Sojka, Assistant Logistics Planning Officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, briefs a Humvee driver prior to loading onto a C-17 Globemaster III from the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing during a deployment exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 11, 2015. The exercise, part of the unit's annual training, was to test the transportation capabilities of the 50th IBCT. Photo bottom right: Loadmaster Master Sgt. Andy Grimes, 105th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard, directs a 50th IBCT light medium tactical vehicle onto a 105th Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster III. Photo bottom left: IBCT Soldiers begin loading their personal gear onto a New York Air National Guard C-17.



For more 50th IBCT photos, click on any photo to go to the New Jersey National Guard Facebook page.

## Cover photo

Soldiers with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, prepare to load Humvees onto a C-17 Globemaster III from the New York Air National Guard's 105th Airlift Wing during a deployment exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 11, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

# Veterans' recognized on Remembrance Day

Photos by Kryn P. Westhoven, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Public Affairs

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, second from left, congratulates Richard Smallwood of Neptune as he received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medals on New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day, at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holmdel, May 7, 2015. Also present are, left to right, retired Maj. Gen. Clark Martin, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation; Ray Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Al Bucchi, Director Veteran Services, NJDMAVA, to honor the veterans who were presented state awards.



Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, left, presents the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal to Newton resident Staff Sgt. Fredrick Gasior. Gasior was one of 40 Vietnam era veterans to receive recognition from the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The annual ceremony also commemorated the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Memorial on May 7, 1995. New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day was created by the New Jersey legislature in 1991 to honor the more than 200,000 New Jersey veterans who served in Vietnam.



For more award photos, click on either photo to go to the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Facebook page.



*Brigadier General Michael L. Cunniff  
The Adjutant General*

*New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs*

*Cordially invites you to attend the*

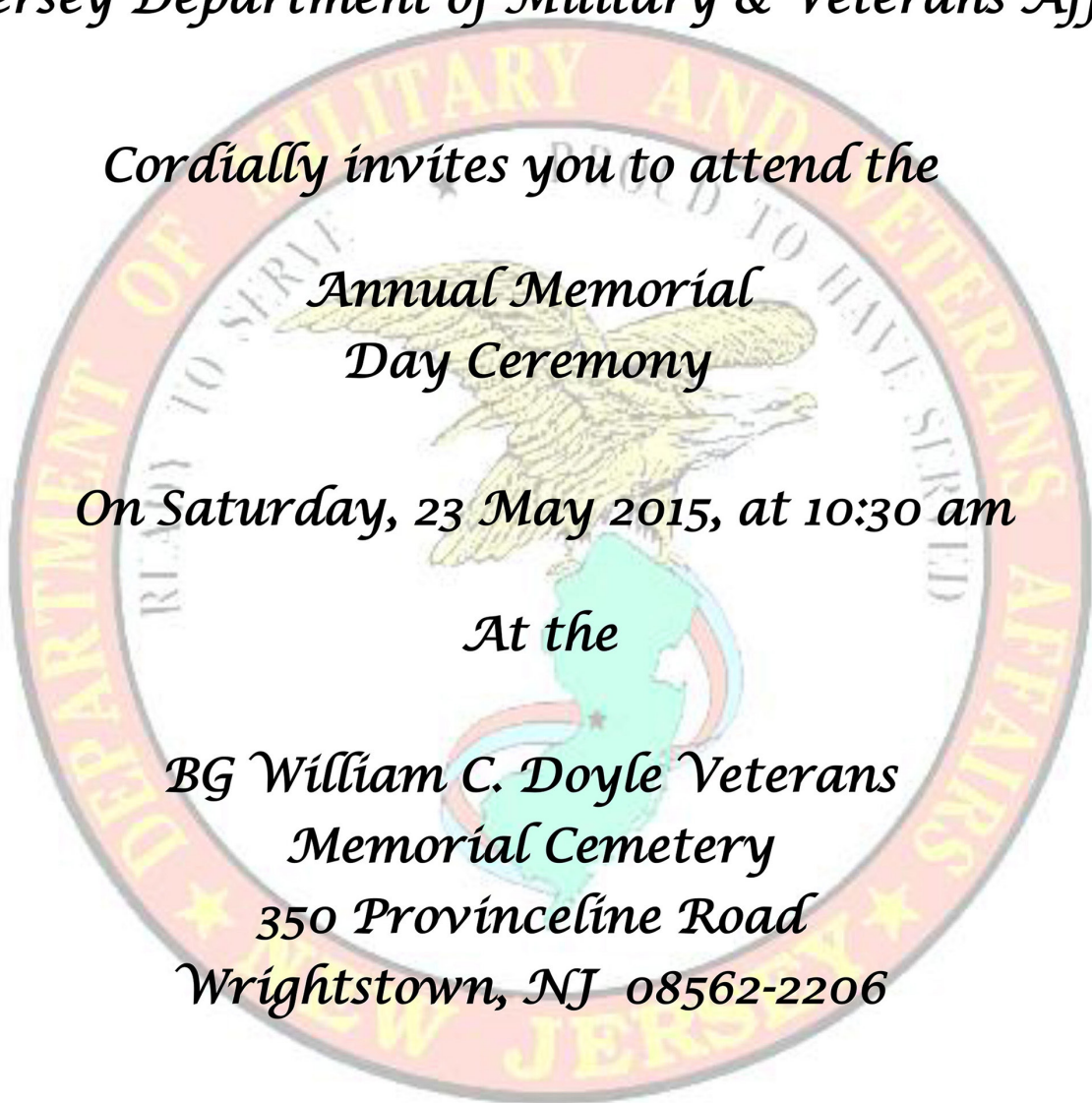
*Annual Memorial  
Day Ceremony*

*On Saturday, 23 May 2015, at 10:30 am*

*At the*

*BG William C. Doyle Veterans  
Memorial Cemetery*

*350 Provinceline Road  
Wrightstown, NJ 08562-2206*



# State and Nation

## Army and Air take third

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Misty DiGangi, left, and Lt. Col. Jesse Arnstein represented the New Jersey National Guard in the 26.2 mile race at the 2015 National Guard Marathon in Lincoln, Neb., May 3. DiGangi took third place in the 35-39 age group with a time of 3:54:34, while Arnstein, who competed in the 45-49 age group, also placed third completing the race in 3:12:11. This is the first time in at least 15 years, both a New Jersey male and female runner placed among the top finishers each earning a spot on the 2015-2016 elite All-Guard Marathon Team. All-Guard members race as a team in various running events around the nation extolling the benefits of serving in the National Guard and recruiting prospective applicants. They also play an ongoing role in local recruiting and retention activities. (Courtesy photo)



## 177th trains at Tyndall

Staff Sgt. Daniel Umana, Weapons Armament Systems Specialist with the 177th Fighter Wing, marshals an F-16 Fighting Falcon prior to a training mission at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., May 4, 2015. Fighter pilots, maintainers and support personnel from the Wing travelled to Tyndall for Combat Archer training with the 53rd Weapons Evaluation Group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley/Released)

## Veterans Outreach Campaign

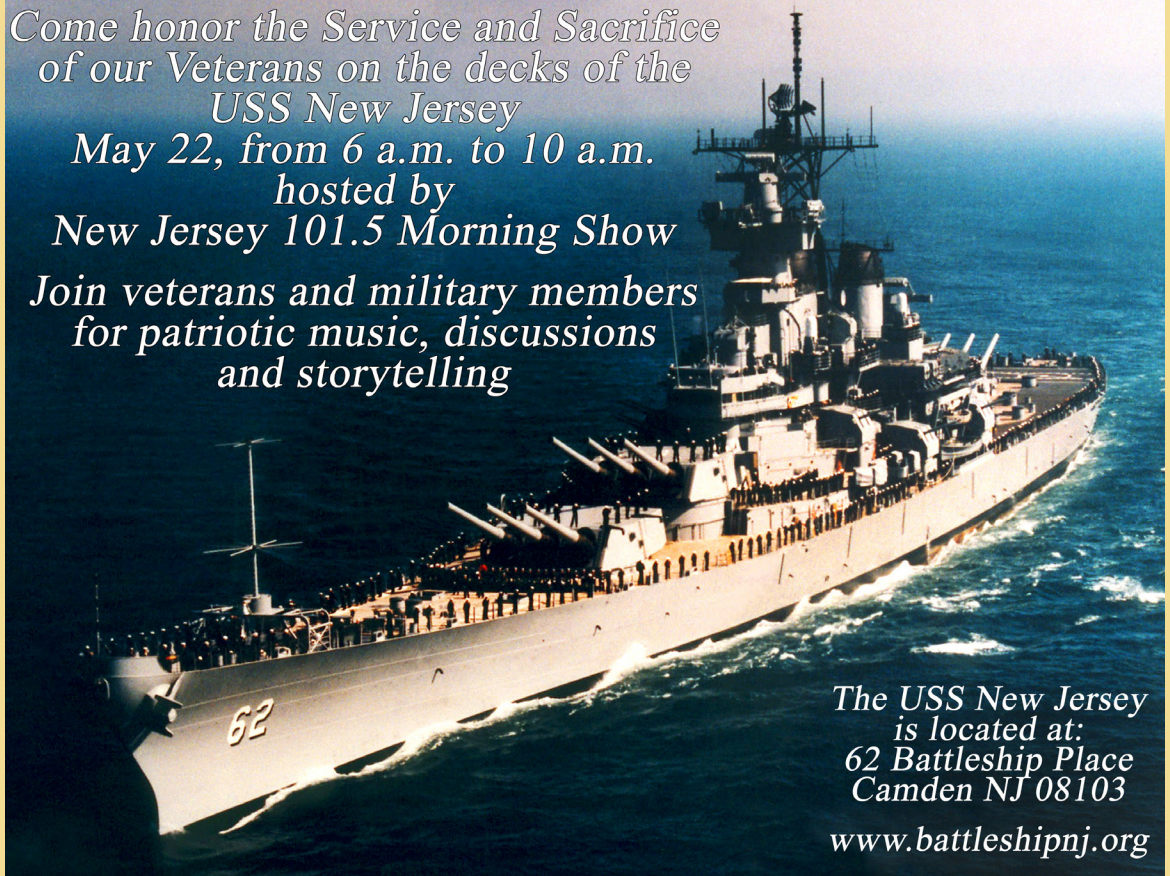
May 19  
DMAVA Medal Ceremony  
11 a.m.  
American Legion  
Post # 170 Rochelle Park  
33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

May 20-21  
DMAVA "Veterans Outreach Campaign"  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Daily  
Livingston Mall  
112 Eisenhower Parkway  
Livingston, NJ 07039

Come honor the Service and Sacrifice of our Veterans on the decks of the USS New Jersey

May 22, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
hosted by  
New Jersey 101.5 Morning Show

Join veterans and military members for patriotic music, discussions and storytelling



The USS New Jersey is located at:  
62 Battleship Place  
Camden NJ 08103

[www.battleshipnj.org](http://www.battleshipnj.org)

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