

# DMAVA Highlights

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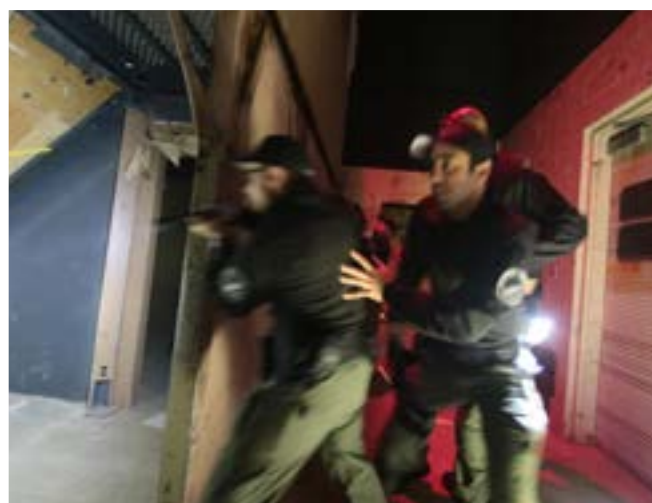
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Atlantic City SWAT Team does low-light training at the Joint Training and Training Development Center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.



# ATLANTIC CITY SWAT TRAINS AT JT2DC

Police Officers assigned to the Atlantic City Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team clear an indoor urban area during low light tactical training at the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC), Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Oct. 14, 2016. The JT2DC is used by the military, civil authorities, and foreign allies for training and features the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment (VICE), indoor Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Immersion/Night Fighting Lanes, Call For Fire Trainer (CFFT) and Immersion Lane, Engagement Skills Trainer 2000 (EST 2000), and the Virtual Convoy Operations Trainer (VCOT).

(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJDMAVA PAO, Released)





# VETERANS AWARDED



## ST. LAURENT RECEIVES MEDAL IN JACKSON

Photo by Chuck Robbins, DMAVA

Brig. Gen. Kevin Keehn, commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, left, presents the New Jersey Distinguish Service Medal and Korean Service Medal to E. Larry St. Laurent during a ceremony at the Jackson Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4703 on Oct. 22. The Township of Jackson renamed a street in St. Laurent's honor, who received the Army senior non-commissioned officer rank of Sergeant First Class at age 20. St. Laurent was very active in Ocean County veteran services and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He served on the committee to build the Korean War Memorial on the boardwalk in Atlantic City.



## 17 VETS AWARDED AT OCEAN COUNTY MALL

Photos by Kryn Westhoven,  
DMAVA-PA

Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General, New Jersey National Guard, presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and other state military awards to 17 veterans during a ceremony on Oct. 25 in the center court of the Ocean County Mall,

Toms River.

The veterans were from Ocean (12), Atlantic (2), Gloucester (1), Middlesex (1) and Somerset (1) counties. The state medal recipients include eight veterans from Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, two Vietnam era and two Deseret Storm/ Shield veterans.

The ceremony marked the start of a two-day visit of the veterans outreach kiosk from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day, where veterans and their family members can learn more about benefits or entitlements that they could be eligible to receive. The Veterans Outreach Program is an effort by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to talk one-on-one with veterans or their family members about the wide variety of state and federal veterans benefits. Veterans and their families can call 1-888-8NJ-VETS for assistance.

Anyone interested in applying for the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal should call 1-888-8NJ-VETS (65-8387). For additional information visit: [www.nj.gov/military/veterans/awards/distinguished\\_service/index.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/awards/distinguished_service/index.html)





## VETERANS AFFAIRS



## MANTUA VFW PRESENTS CHECK TO VINELAND



Members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7679 in Mantua present a \$1,600 check to Keith Chance, assistant CEO, Vineland Veterans Memorial Home. (Courtesy photo from Vineland VMH Activities Department)

## VETERANS OUTREACH SCHEDULE

**NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

**"BOOTS TO BUSINESS"**

**PROGRAM DESIGNED FOR VETERANS WHO WANT TO START, EXPAND OR PURCHASE A SMALL BUSINESS**  
DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

American Legion Post 279, 133 Main Street, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035

**NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

**VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR AT CITY HALL IN JERSEY CITY**

**1:00p.m. – 2:00p.m.**

(Veterans Parade begins at 12 Noon at Harsimus Cemetery – ends at City Hall)  
(Military Art Exhibit and Veterans Resource Fair to follow)

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

280 Grove Street, Jersey City, NJ 07303 (Hudson County)

**NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

**VETERANS BENEFIT PRESENTATION AT THE SALVATION ARMY KROC CENTER – CAMDEN**

**12:15p.m. – 2:00p.m.**

A DMAVA VSO WILL MAKE A VETERANS BENEFIT INFORMATION PRESENTATION

1865 Harrison Avenue, Camden, NJ 08105 (Camden County)

**DECEMBER 7, 2016**

**"PATRIOT'S PRIDE DAY CEREMONY" HOSTED BY THE MONMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**A DMAVA MEDAL CEREMONY WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS EVENT**

**10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.**

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

2500 Kozloski Road, Freehold, NJ 07728 (Monmouth County)

## VINELAND DAY OF SERVICE



Volunteers from Prudential Insurance and Philadelphia VA Services performed a Day of Service at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home decorating the grounds for the Fall Season. (Courtesy photo from Vineland VMH Activities Department)

## CHECKS & BLANKETS



Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home resident council President, William O'Brien, center and Joseph Brandspiegel, CEO, right accept \$2,000 dollar check along with some hand-knitted blankets for the residents from American Legion Post 529 at the Four Seasons

community in Wall Township. Dr. Michael Mittelman and Rich Murray make an annual donation to the home on behalf of Post 529. (Courtesy photo Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home)

# HELPFUL INFORMATION

## New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

PO Box 340  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

1-888-8NJ-VETS(8387) or [www.state.nj.us/military](http://www.state.nj.us/military)



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### Veterans Services (DVS)

<b>Albert J. Bucchi, Director</b> 609-530-6962 Cynthia Barnes, Sec 609-530-6975 Fax: 609-530-7075	<b>Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery</b> Iven Dumas, State Supt – 609-738-2424 Genia DiBella, Sec – 609-738-2404 Cyndi Dzurisin, Interment Office Supervisor, – 609-738-2407 Dennis Macomber, Honor Guard, – 609-758-7505 350 Provincetown Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562 609-738-2400 Fax: 609-758-0169 Maintenance/Cemeteries/Memorials Joseph Arroyo & Kenneth Smith Supervisor, 609-738-2408 Fax: 609-758-3490	<b>Vietnam Veterans Memorial</b> 1 Memorial Lane, PO Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733 732-335-0033 Fax: 732-335-1107 <b>Korean Memorial</b> Boardwalk/Brighton Park, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 <b>War World II Memorial</b> W State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608	<b>Veterans Haven South</b> Walter Nall, Supt – 609-561-4948 William Lobach, Asst, Supt – 609-567-3715 Carisa Shufford, Sec 609-561-4990 ext. 120 301 Spring Garden Road, PO Box 80 Winslow, NJ 08095 609-561-0269 Fax: 609-567-5186	<b>Veterans Haven North</b> Sean VanLew, Supt – 908-537-1960 Laura Blaine, Sec – 908-537-1963 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101 Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 908-537-1999 Fax: 908-537-1990
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### Veterans Service Offices

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### Southern Ocean County Resource Center

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**Manahawkin**, NJ 08050  
609-978-5895 Fax: 609-978-6446





## Women Veterans Roundtable, Luncheon and Career Fair



PHILADELPHIA

DECEMBER 8-9, 2016

### **WOMEN VETERANS!** Get Your MOJO on in PHILLY!

Engage with Recruiters and Hiring Managers from 40-50 top tier Companies at our annual Philly MOJO. This is a 2-day hiring event targeting Degreed Veterans – with a hosted Luncheon/Roundtable exclusive to Women Veterans. Conversations will be candid and include topics like: Compensation, Careers Where Women Thrive, Careers Women Don't Consider, and discussions about Women – by Women – for Women.

### **EMPLOYERS REGISTERED – More to Come!**

Aetna, Amazon, ASML, Avanade, BPML, BlackRock, Booz Allen Hamilton, Cornell University, Deloitte, Eaton, Edward Jones, Farmers, FBI, First Command, General Motors, Georgia Pacific, Google, Harland Clarke, Johnson & Johnson, JPMorgan Chase, Koch, KPMG, Los Alamos National Lab, Merck, Microsoft, New Penn Financial, Northrop Grumman, Oracle, Peace Corps, Pfizer, PNC, PWC, Robbins Gioia, Sears, Secret Service, Shell Oil, Sodexo, Sun Pharma, Travelers, Turner Construction, U.S. Custom & Border Protection, U.S. Treasury & Mint, Verizon



### Women Veterans Roundtable & Luncheon Hosted By



**Chris Phillips, USMC**  
Assistant Vice President  
Diversity Recruiting  
Military & Disabilities

### ► **DAY 1: Thursday 8 December**

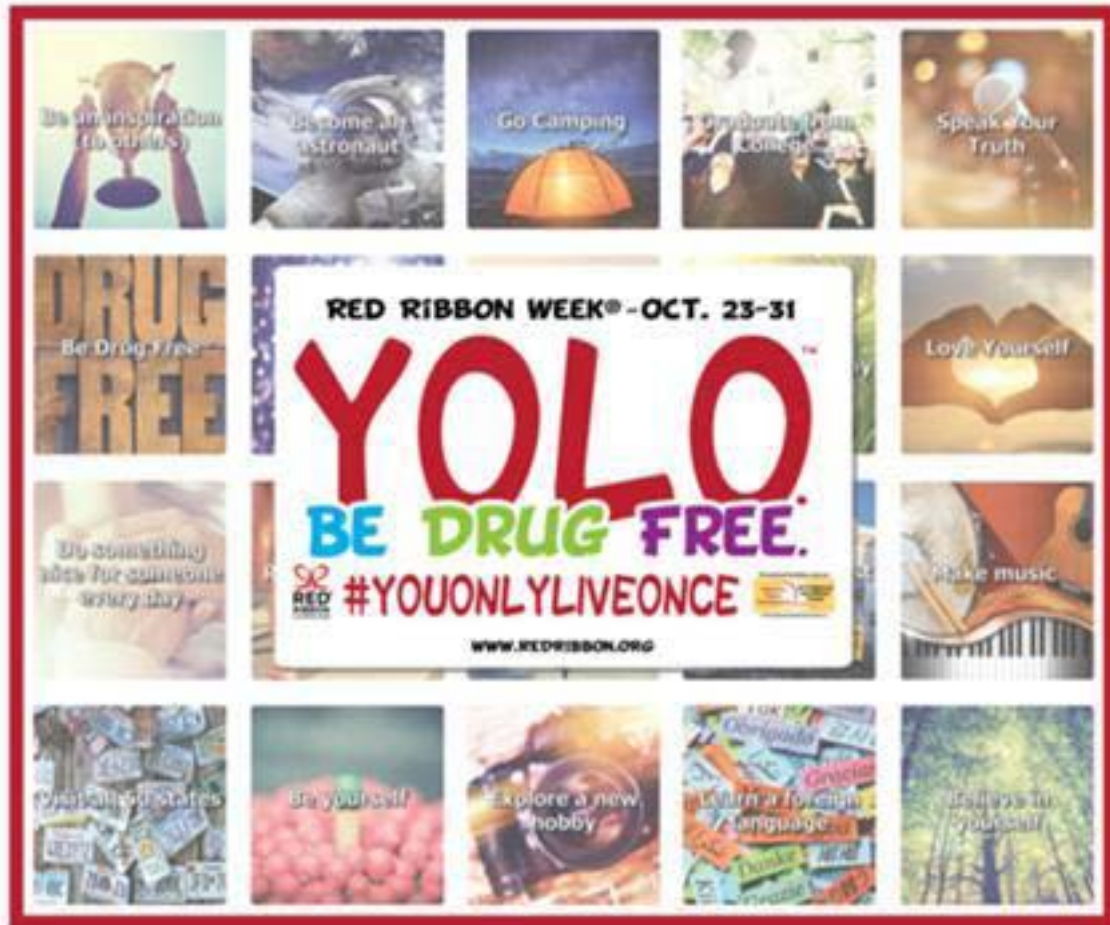
Career Seminars, Interviews, **Women Veterans Luncheon**,  
Networking Reception with Employers – Food, Beverage, Bar

### ► **DAY 2: Friday 9 December**

Career Fair, Interviews, Networking Lunch with Employers

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

[sally@militarymojo.org](mailto:sally@militarymojo.org) [kristin@militarymojo.org](mailto:kristin@militarymojo.org)



## WHAT IS RED RIBBON WEEK?

Red Ribbon Week is a national campaign that promotes the prevention of substance abuse. The Red Ribbon mobilizes communities to educate youth and encourage participation in drug prevention activities. It is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions during Red Ribbon Week (October 23rd-October 31st) each year. This year's theme, "YOLO. Be Drug Free" was submitted by sixth graders in Pennsylvania.

Stay tuned for tips on how you can promote substance abuse prevention in your community during Red Ribbon Week! Follow @redribbonweek on Twitter or contact your State Substance Abuse Program Alcohol and Drug Control Officer at [matthew.r.scheuer.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:matthew.r.scheuer.ctr@mail.mil) to learn more!





**DO YOU HAVE AN AWESOME EMPLOYER? HAS YOUR EMPLOYER'S SUPPORT MADE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO SERVE IN THE NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE? DOES YOUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYER PROMOTE MILITARY SERVICE, SUPPORT YOUR FAMILY, AND KEEP IN CONTACT WHILE YOU'RE ON ROUTINE DUTY, RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS, OR SERVING IN A DEPLOYED LOCATION? IF SO, YOU SHOULD NOMINATE YOUR CIVILIAN EMPLOYER FOR THE 2017 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE EMPLOYER SUPPORT FREEDOM AWARD.**

**THE FREEDOM AWARD IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S HIGHEST AWARD FOR LARGE, SMALL, AND PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS (NOT INDIVIDUALS, E.G. A SUPERVISOR, MANAGER, ETC.) THAT PROVIDE OUTSTANDING SUPPORT OF THEIR GUARD AND RESERVE EMPLOYEES. THE NOMINATION FORM TAKES ABOUT 10-15 MINUTES TO COMPLETE AND CAN BE FOUND AT [FREEDOMAWARD.MIL](http://FREEDOMAWARD.MIL). JUST CLICK "NOMINATE EMPLOYER" ON THE HOMEPAGE, AND THEN TELL US THE STORY OF HOW YOUR EMPLOYER SUPPORTS YOU AND FELLOW MILITARY EMPLOYEES.**

**Nominate your employer**

**[www.FreedomAward.mil](http://www.FreedomAward.mil)**

## Office of U.S. Senator Cory Booker hosts: Veterans Small Business Forum



A forum for veterans who own a small business or are interested in starting a business to learn about resources and opportunities from federal agencies, private industry partners and NJ's military bases.

### AGENDA

**8:30AM:** Networking & Registration

**9:15AM:** Speaking Program Begins

**10AM:** Access to Capital Panel Discussion

**10:45AM:** Breakout Sessions

- Digital Marketing Strategies
- Supporting Veteran Entrepreneurship
- Supplier Diversity Programs
- Military Base Contracting

**Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016  
9:00am-1:00pm**

*Registration and networking  
starts at 8:30 AM*

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at  
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### Kean University

*North Avenue Academic Bldg., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Corner of North Ave. & Morris Ave.  
Union, NJ 07083  
(Entrance on North Ave.)*



**PLEASE RSVP FOR EVENT: [bit.ly/VeteransSmallBusinessForum](http://bit.ly/VeteransSmallBusinessForum)**

*For more information please call our office at (973) 639-8700*



## Veterans' Oral History Luncheon to be Held in Manasquan

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ) Center for US War Veterans Oral History Program will hold its annual luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on November 1, 2016 at the Manasquan Elks Lodge. The luncheon honors veterans who participated in the Veteran Oral History program over the previous year. At the luncheon each veteran will be presented with a ceremonial resolution commending them for their participation.

The Oral History Center has interviewed more than 550 veterans of World War II, Korea, the Cold War, Vietnam, Desert Storm/Shield, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and more since the program's inception in 2001. Copies of individually filmed interviews are given to the veteran participants, filed at the museum, and sent to the Library of Congress. As time and resources permit, summaries are then posted on the NGMMNJ website.

Veterans' interviews are vital historical primary sources and are continually accessed by scholars, journalists, book authors and documentary filmmakers around the world, as well as by other veterans and their families. They are an essential part of the American story and provide a vital contribution to its narrative.

Individuals interested in participating in the program may obtain an application by completing the form on the website, printing and mailing the form to the museum in Sea Girt, or contacting the museum.

### Contact:

Carol Fowler, Assistant Curator, Veteran Oral History Director,  
National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey at Sea Girt  
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[Carol.Fowler@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:Carol.Fowler@dmava.nj.gov)  
[nj.gov/military/museum/oralhistory.html](http://nj.gov/military/museum/oralhistory.html)



# NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH



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ACCESS TO  
OPPORTUNITY



# #InclusionWorks

Make Inclusion a Core Value!



OCTOBER  
2016

## JB MDL Resiliency

*Finding Solutions to Life's Challenges*

Military OneSource .....	1-800-342-9647
Military OneSource NJ REP.....	609-433-8008
NJ ARNG SHARP Program .....	609-562-0854
NJ ARNG Suicide Prevention Program.....	609-562-0832
NJ ARNG Substance Abuse Program.....	609-562-0279
NJARNG Equal Opportunity Office.....	609-562-0401
NJ ARNG Psychological Health Program.....	609-235-5959
108th Wing Airman & Family Readiness Ctr.....	609-754-4479
108th Wing Director Of Psychological Health.....	609-754-2159
177th Wing Airman & Family Readiness Ctr.....	609-761-6248
177th Wing Director of Psychological Health.....	609-761-6871
DDD Sexual Assault Hotline .....	1-877-995-5247
Employer Support for Guard & Reserve (ESGR) .....	609-562-5550
Joint Military & Family Assistance Center.....	1-888-859-0352
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.....	1-800-273-TALK
Red Cross.....	877-272-7337
Vets 4 Warriors .....	1-855-838-8255
National Resource Directory .....	www.nrd.gov
Joint Services Support.....	www.jointservicesupport.org

**Highlights submissions deadline**  
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**NJ★VET2VET** 1-866-838-7654  
 (1-866-VETS-NJ4)

**Confidential Peer Support  
 For New Jersey Veterans**

**1-866-838-7654**

**<http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/vet2vet/>**

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**Life doesn't have to be a battlefield**



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