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Words of Wisdom .

"Although gold dust is precious, when it gets in your eyes, it obstructs your vision."

.Hsi-Tang

Congressional Staffers visit New Jersey's military bases.

Congressional staffers enjoyed a tour of New Jersey's military bases on 29-30 May 2003. BG Glenn K. Rieth greeted and briefed the group of 16 staffers at the 108th Air Refueling Wing, McGuire Air Force Base. The following congressional offices were represented: Senators Corzine and Lautenberg, Congressmen Andrews, LoBiondo, Saxton, Smith, Garrett, Pallone, Ferguson, Pascrell, Rothman, Payne, and Holt. Blackhawk helicopters from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 1/150th Aviation Battalion transported the staffers to the Lakehurst Naval Air Station, 177th Fighter Wing in Atlantic City, Picatinny Arsenal, Fort Monmouth, and Naval Weapons Station Earle. Each base provided the staffers with a briefing describing their contributions to the war effort.

DMVA represented as U.S. Postal Service Unveils the Purple Heart Stamp.

Colonel Emil H. Philibosian, DMVA's Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs and a Purple Heart recipient, represented DMVA at the United States Postal Service's First Day Stamp unveiling of the Purple Heart Stamp. The ceremony, attended by over 500 people, was held at the Joyce Kilmer American Legion Post 25 in Milltown, New Jersey on Friday, 30 May 2003. The issuance of this long awaited stamp pays honor and tribute to those living and dead who have been awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat. The order to establish the first Purple Heart, originally called the Badge of Military Merit, was issued by George Washington during the American Revolution. Today, as in the past, the single bond that united members of The Order of the Purple Heart is that each has sustained a wound inflicted by an enemy in combat. There is no exclusion by war or branch of service - the members' common bond is that they have given of their own blood. The Order exists to serve not only combat wounded, but also all veterans and their dependents.

Network Security - RCAS Users:

The seemingly simple little jumble of letters, numbers, and characters that is often scribbled onto a "sticky" and left in plain sight is a first line of defense the NJ Army National Guard has to fight unauthorized access to our network. AR 380-19, Information System Security, outlines the manner in which personnel must manage their own password. The holder of a password is not authorized to share their

Don't forget.

DMVA's Picnic

Friday, 27 June 2003

12:30 - 5 p.m.

John F. Mann Recreational Park

Bldg 6045

Doughboy Loop

Fort Dix, NJ

Cost: \$10 Adults

\$5 Children

Reservations must be made by 20 June 2003.

Contact your office rep or call Marie Durling at 609-530-4802

password, and personnel are not authorized to use a system while logged on under another user. The holder of a password is the only authorized user of that password. Passwords are set to change at a minimum of every ninety days. You will be prompted to do this automatically. The minimum requirement for a password is one of at least eight characters, consisting of a mix of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters, including at least three of the four types of characters. It is recommended that passwords contain all four types of characters (e.g., Fz*1s\$>R). Passwords will not include user-id, names, slang, military acronyms, call signs, dictionary words, consecutive or repetitive characters, or be easy to guess.

Vietnam, Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medal Presentation Ceremonies are scheduled.

10 June 11 a.m.	Vietnam Service Medal	Lawrenceville Armory Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ
14 June 6:15 p.m.	Distinguished Service & Meritorious Service	Blue Claw Stadium Lakewood, NJ
25 June 11 a.m.	Vietnam Service Medal	Cherry Hill Armory Grove St. & Park Blvd, Cherry Hill, NJ

Installations Division has revised Departmental Directive 600.1, Installations- Operation, Care and Maintenance of Facilities.

The revised and updated Departmental Directive 600.1 can be found on the DMVA web page located at <http://www.state.nj.us/military/publications/dd/index.html>. In addition, revisions of the following forms can also be found on the Department's web page at <http://www.state.nj.us/military/publications/forms.html>. These forms are: DMAVA Form 98 - Army Maintenance Supplies; DMAVA Form 104 - Project Request; DMAVA Form 104-1 - Replacement Parts Request; DMAVA Form 106 - Custodial Services Frequency Schedule; DMAVA Form 107 - Routine Detail Assignment; and DMAVA Form 109 - Cleaning and Painting Schedule.

DMVA Picnic - 27 June 2003

This year's DMVA Picnic will be held on Friday, 27 June 2003, at the John F. Mann Recreational Park, Fort Dix, NJ. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Reservations must be made by 20 June 2003. Contact Marie Durling at 609-530-4802.

Armory Happenings - Check to see what's happening at an Armory near you.

20-22 June	Sports Card and Memorabilia Show	Woodbridge Armory
22 June	Emcee Sports Card and Comics Show	Bordentown Armory
28 June	Bead Show	Cherry Hill Armory
28-29 June	Basketball Tournament	Jersey City Armory

Veterans honored at recent Distinguished and Meritorious Service Medal Ceremonies.

On Monday, 26 May 2003, BG William Marshall, on behalf of the Governor and The Adjutant General, presented 37 Distinguished Service Medals to veterans at a ceremony hosted by West Orange Township. BG Thomas J. Sullivan, with the assistance of Mr. Angelo Romeo, presented 139 Distinguished Service and Meritorious Service Medals to veterans at a ceremony hosted by the Midtown Community School in Bayonne, New Jersey. Honored guests included Congressman Robert Menendez, Assemblyman/Mayor Joseph Doria, and Assemblywoman Elba Perez-Cinciarelli. CW5 Robert Wimberly served as Master of Ceremonies at the ceremony.

Veterans Administration's brochure on Benefits and Health Services for Reserve and National Guard Members is available now.

The Veterans Administration (VA), in collaboration with the Department of Defense, has developed a brief but comprehensive brochure to describe benefits and health services for Reserve and National Guard members. The pamphlet provides an overview of VA health care, disability benefits, education and training, vocational rehabilitation and employment assistance, VA life insurance, home loan guaranty, and burial benefits, and lists several key toll-free numbers and web sites for more information. Visit the website at <http://www.va.gov/environagents/docs/SVABENEFITS.pdf> for more information.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Education Center Announces its Calendar of Events for the summer.

14 Jun	1 p.m.	<i>Unknown Soldier</i> (author lecture/film presentation)
27 July	9 a.m.	5 th Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show Rain Date: Sunday, 10 August 2003
8 Sep	9 a.m.	Golf Outing Olde York Country Club
19 Sep	11 a.m.	POW/MIA GSM Recognition Day Ceremony
21 Sep	11 a.m.	Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Awareness Motorcycle Run

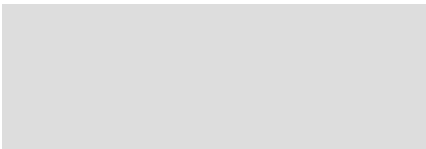
For more information about any of these events, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033.

Getting to Know New Jersey - The State Tall Ship

The *A. J. Meerwald*, a Delaware Bay oyster schooner launched in 1928, is the state's tall ship having been so designated by Chapter 9 of the Laws of 1998. The ship, constructed of oak planks laid over oak frames, is 115 feet long and has a beam height of 22 feet, 3 inches. From its homeport in Commercial Township, the Delaware Bay Schooner Project operates *A. J. Meerwald* as a floating classroom, promoting ecological and historical awareness of the bay and the waters of New Jersey.

Interesting, but Useless Facts -

The bullfrog is the only animal that doesn't sleep.
Giraffes have no vocal cords.



Mosquitoes have 47 teeth.
There are 63,360 inches in a mile.
11% of the people in the world are left-handed.

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