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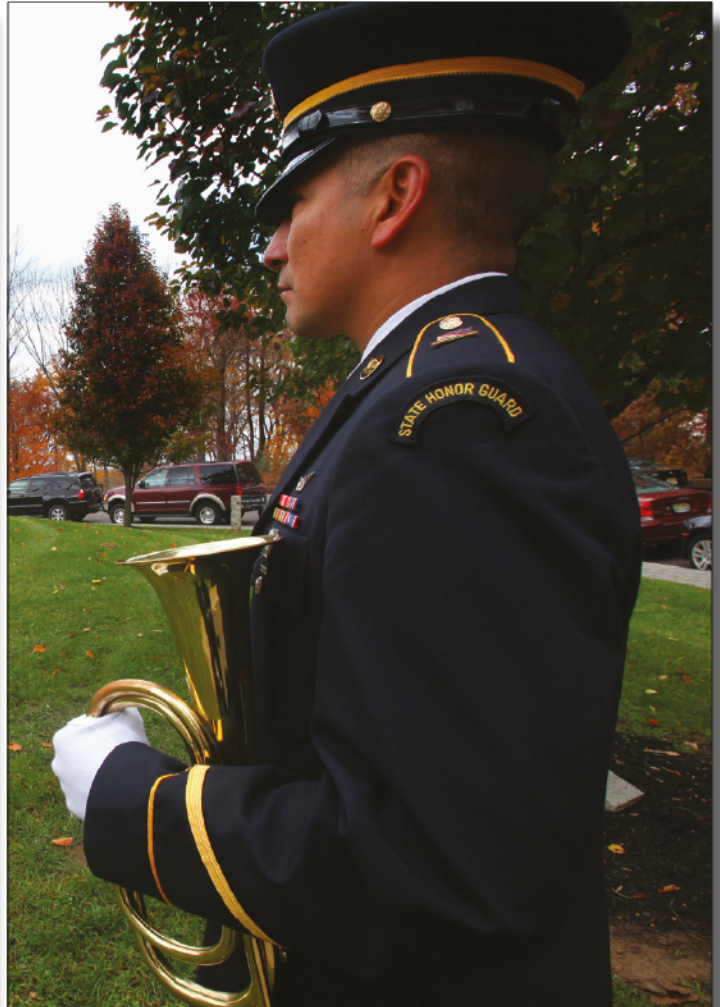
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Veterans Day Ceremony at Doyle Cemetery



The Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery was the site for the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Nov. 11. Third District Congressman Jon Runyan was the keynote speaker joining Raymond Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs along with senior military and veterans' leaders at the ceremony. The event included a flag Retirement Service, wherein the ashes of 3,215 flags were entombed.

The Cemetery, which is New Jersey's sole state-operated veterans' cemetery, was dedicated in 1986, and is managed by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The Doyle Cemetery is the busiest state veteran cemetery in the nation, averaging 2,750 interments each year. It is the final resting place for more than 43,000 veterans and family members. (U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)




Members of the New Jersey Counterdrug Task Force visit with Vineland Veterans Memorial Home resident Anthony Confalone on Nov. 8, left to right, Air Force Staff Sgt. Edson Casanova, 1st Sgt. Charlie Bethea, Air Force Staff Sgt.

Wayne Hassall, Army Master Sgt. Joseph Prieto, Army Staff Sgt. Paul Summerfield and Tech. Sgt. Debra Zygmunt. The Task Force has been visiting all three Veterans Memorial Homes for the past three years. (Photo by Lois Balurrio)

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**New Jersey Department
of
Military and Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Outreach Campaign
Rockaway Townsquare Mall
301 Mount Hope Avenue, Rockaway

January 17 - 19
Medal Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17
Kiosk Hours: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., daily

Veterans Service Officers will be available to provide information on state and federal entitlements



"Serving Those Who Served"



Veterans Job Fair

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New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
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West Orange National Guard Armory
Pleasant Valley Way
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 13, 2011



Employers Attending
Target, Home Depot, Lowe's, Bright Star, NJ Transit, Sovereign Bank, Prudential, Farmers Insurance, Front Line Security, Construction Apprenticeship Union

**Bring Your DD-214
&
Plenty of Resumes**

Toys for Kids drive in full effect

The Holiday season is upon us, support the annual Toy and Gifts for Kids Drive.

The Toy Drive will run now through Dec. 19th. Gifts are needed for children of all ages, but the greatest need is for children 10-17 years of age. The gifts should be new and unwrapped. The lobby of DMAVA central office will serve as the drop-off site for Central Office staff.

Additional drop off locations will be designated at each Veteran Home, Doyle Cemetery, Veteran Haven, and Air Bases.

Please contact your Human Resources Office for location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Serdiuk via email at Paul.Serdiuk@dmava.state.nj.us or by phone at 609-530-6878.

The generosity of DMAVA employees has helped make the lives of some of New Jersey's most vulnerable citizens healthier, happier and full of hope.

DA photos now done at JB MDL

Attention New Jersey National Guard Soldiers: DA photos will now be handled by the Training Support Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

To schedule your DA photo appointment, please contact the TSC at 609-562-3340 or go on-line to the VIOS website at www.vios.army.mil.

The TSC, which is located at Building 5411, Alabama Avenue in the Fort Dix side of the base, is open Monday thru Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Photos will be taken by appointment only.



The Royal Jordanian air force Commander, Maj. Gen. Malek Habashneh; Col. Robert Bolton, commander of the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, and other dignitaries cut a ceremonial cake at Shaheed Muwaffaq Salti Air Base, Jordan, on Oct. 18, to officially open Falcon Air Meet. FAM is a multi-national exercise and operational activity in Jordan that enhances regional partnerships and interoperability as well as demonstrates U.S. commitment to regional security and stability in the region. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Senior Airman Asha Kin)

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