

MARCH 22, 2023



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



50th IBCT Homecoming

On June 12, 2009, the New Jersey Army National Guard closed its largest combat deployment since World War II - the 2,900 soldiers of the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team served 10 months in Iraq - with a parade and celebration in downtown Trenton, N.J.

Vietnam & Iraq

The month of March marks the 20th anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom and the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Operation Iraqi Freedom began in March 2003 with an aerial bombardment campaign followed by a ground invasion led by the V Corps of the US Army. US Servicemembers made up 130,000 of the 160,000-strong initial invasion force, including Cape May's 253rd Transportation Company, which helped supply and support the 101st Airborne Division.

Despite the crumbling of the Iraqi Army, the war continued for years afterwards. Major mobilizations by the New Jersey Air and Army Guard continued throughout the entire war. These included the 42nd Division Support Command in 2004, the 177th Fighter Wing at Balad Air Base in 2006, and the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in 2008.

December 2011 marked the official end to OIF, however the US still maintains a presence in the country. The 42nd Regional Support Group, a descendant of the old DISCOM, oversaw operations at Al Asad Air Base during their deployment between 2020 and 2021.

March 29th marks National Vietnam Veterans Day and DMAVA honors all of those that served and sacrificed during the Vietnam War. Fifty years ago on March 29, 1973, the United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was disestablished and the last U.S. combat troops departed. This departure officially ended years of war that forever marked a generation. This date is also recognized as the day that Hanoi released the last prisoners of war.

DMAVA honors the sacrifices and courage of the servicemen and women who fought for our country during these conflicts. Thank you to our Veterans and their loved ones for their service.

Thanks to each of you for all you do to make the Department and the State a better place.

We encourage you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at outreach@dmava.nj.gov.

Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O.
The Adjutant General & Commissioner



ANNOUNCEMENT

A graphic for the NJ Veterans Transportation Program. It features a white and black bus on a blue and orange background. The text reads: "NJ VETERANS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM". Below the bus, it says "THIS PROGRAM OFFERS RIDES TO:" followed by two columns of destinations: "VA MEDICAL CENTERS, CLINICS, OTHER HOSPITALS" and "PRIVATE PHYSICIANS, VA REGIONAL OFFICES, VETERAN SERVICE OFFICES". At the bottom, it says "SCAN THE CODE AND CALL YOUR LOCAL VSO FOR MORE INFO, OR CALL: (888) 865-8387 EMAIL: VBB@DMAVA.NJ.GOV". There is a QR code and a logo for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, State of New Jersey.

This new guide provides the critical information on the transportation services available to New Jersey Veterans and their caregivers.

[Download Guide](#)

DMAVA EVENTS

VETERAN INFORMATION SESSION

The Wilmington VA Medical Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

Outreach Specialist will be hosting a presentation on information regarding enrollment, eligibility, services, and programs offered by the Sessions offer general information and how to navigate VA. Q & A and one-on-one information will be provided for all Veterans, their families, and caregivers in attendance.

Please contact the VA Outreach Specialist a VA provider or staff member if you would like to attend. (Seating is limited and based on availability)

UPCOMING SESSIONS

4th Thursday of every month

11:00 am

(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE

Atlantic County CBOC
1909 New Road
Northfield, NJ 08225



**VA OUTREACH
SPECIALIST**
Jacqueline Hinker
302-304-5509

CLINIC STAFF
PACT Team
Nurse Manager
Behavior Health
AMSA Supervisor
AMSA

**VETERAN SERVICE
OFFICER**

CONTACTED BY PHONE

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

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UPCOMING SESSIONS

4th Monday of every month

10:00 am

(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE

Cape May County CBOC
3801 Route 9 South
Rio Grande, NJ 08242



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Physical Therapy

**DMAVA
VSO**
Alicia Kagan
609-441-3060
Or
CMC Veteran
Services Office
David Louderback
609-886-2762

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UPCOMING SESSIONS

4th Tuesday of each month

11:00 AM

(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE

Cumberland County CBOC
79 W. Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360



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**March 29, 2023
9:00am – 1:00pm**

RETIREMENT / TRANSITION SEMINAR

Joint Military & Family Assistance Center

1048 US Rt 206 South
Bordentown, NJ 08505

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present to help and assist any Veteran or family member.

[Learn More and Register](#)



Morris County Veterans

Join us to learn about many benefits available to you!

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from 10am - 2 pm

Where: Morris County One-Stop Career Center
13 Emery Avenue, Randolph, NJ 07869

Who: Representatives from local organizations to answer questions about:



- VA healthcare Benefits
- Entitlements
- Claims
- Job Search
- More!



Spaces are limited, please RSVP by Mar 24:

Larry Walsh - 862-397-5600 ext. 397-5741



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training, and jobs

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present



BARNEGAT'S NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY



Wednesday, March 29, 2023
3pm

Barnegat High School Main Gym



WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS
IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN THE VIETNAM WAR
PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP BY THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT
DEDICATED BY THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT
MAY 2012

2pm - 5pm VA, DAV, DMVA, & Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau Officers on site

4pm - 5pm DoD Commemorative Pins, car bumper magnets, food, & refreshments




Barnegat High School cafeteria




DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

Vietnam War Veterans Day Pancake Breakfast



Hosted by

Atlantic County 4-H Mechanized Bacon STEM Club & 4-H Youth Council

Saturday, April 1, 2023 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

at Atlantic County 4-H Center,
3210 Rt 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

All Veterans are FREE,
\$10 donation is requested for all non-veterans.

Menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee & tea.

All proceeds to benefit Last Salute.
Last Salute is a dedicated group of all volunteer military veterans committed to providing our fallen brothers and sisters with dignified and appropriate final honors.

Cooperating Agencies: Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Boards of County Commissioners, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, a unit of the Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, is an equal opportunity program provider and employer.

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

FEATURED EVENTS

VIETNAM VETERANS PACT ACT EVENT

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY
Eligibility & Enrollment
Toxic Exposure Screens
Resource Fair

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023
1:00PM-3:30PM

EAST ORANGE VA MEDICAL CENTER
3RD FLOOR AUDITORIUM
385 TREMONT AVENUE
EAST ORANGE, NJ 07018

LYONS VA MEDICAL CENTER
BUILDING 143, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
151 KNOLLCROFT ROAD
LYONS, NJ 07939

TOXIC EXPOSURE SCREENS & CLINIC OPEN HOUSE
ALL VIETNAM VETERANS WILL RECEIVE A COMMEMORATIVE PIN

1:00PM-3:30PM
BRICK | HACKENSACK | HAMILTON | JERSEY CITY | MORRISTOWN |
PATERSON | PISCATAWAY | SUSSEX | TINTON FALLS

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
New Jersey Health Care System

29 MARCH 2023

Not enrolled in VA health care?
Bring your ID204 and a completed VA-10EZ and enroll on the spot...
get screened and discuss starting a claim!
Applying for PACT Act benefits will not automatically impact your current
benefits. Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-
connected condition will not have their previously awarded claims re-
adjudicated simply because they file for new benefits under the PACT Act.

PACT Act

Information Seminar

in collaboration with
**Mercer County Veteran
Services**

WHEN: Thursday, March 30, 2023/6PM – 8PM

WHERE: Mercer County Veteran Services
1440 Parkside Avenue/Ewing, NJ

WHO: Veteran, service members and dependents
eligible to receive VA benefits

WHY: To get information about VA benefits, submit
a claims for compensation benefits or get
information on the status of your claim

For more information call: 609-989-6120

Wilmington VA Women Veteran Program
presents...

Third Annual Women's Health Summit



Learn more about stress management,
VA health care, nutrition and more!

April 6 from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Virtual - Microsoft Teams
RSVP at Courtney.Elwood@va.gov



**NEW JERSEY SOS VETERANS
STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

Please Join Us for the NJ SOS Bergen County Stakeholders Meeting

Thursday, April 6th, 2023, 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m
at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center (Auditorium)

230 East Ridgewood Avenue, Paramus, New Jersey 07652

RSVP DPEARSON@CATHOLICCHARITIES.ORG (973) 818-3601

CScarpa@newbridgehealth.org (201)961-9256

Bring information and business cards!

Light refreshments and Snacks will be available!

UPCOMING EVENTS

DMAVA & Community Calendar

We add new events to our calendar on a daily basis so please bookmark and check back often.

[View Full Calendar](#)

NJ NATIONAL GUARD



Honoring Albanian WWII Heroes

On March 7, 2023, a delegation from the New Jersey Air and Army National Guard State Partnership Program, U.S. Embassy-Tirana, and the U.S. Air Force Office of the Command Surgeon, Ramstein Air Base, Germany traveled to Belsh, Elbasan, Albania to meet and honor the members of the Zena family, whose relatives helped rescue and house the members of the 807th Medical Air Evacuation Transport Squadron in November of 1943, after their C-47 transport plane was shot down behind enemy lines in Nazi-occupied Albania during World War II.

All 26 members of the squadron, made up of flight nurses, medics, technicians, and pilots, survived the crash and endured harsh winter conditions as they trekked through the mountains of Albania for over two years, hiding from enemy forces, until they could safely

reach the Adriatic Coast and were rescued by OSS Agent Lloyd Smith and British operatives on January 9, 1945.

[View Images](#)



State Partnership Program

Service members with the New Jersey Air and Army National Guards trained alongside the Albanian Armed Forces at Land Forces Headquarters, Zall-Herr, Tirana, Albania, March 5-10, 2023, as part of the State Partnership Program. The N.J. Guard sent more than 40 service members to collaborate with their subject-matter counterparts in the AAF.

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177th Fighter Wing

The 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard participated in the Red Flag training exercise, hosted by the 414th Combat Training Squadron (CTS) at Nellis Air Force Base on the Nevada Test and Training Range (NTTR) March 12-24, 2023.

Red Flag is a two-week advanced aerial combat exercise designed to provide realistic experience for military pilots, flight crew members and maintainers from various disciplines.

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DMAVA VETERANS SERVICES



NJ Catastrophic Entitlement Program

Effective January 1, 2023 the NJ Catastrophic Entitlement Program has increased its yearly benefit from \$750 to \$1800 a year. This equates to 12 monthly payments of \$150.

To be eligible for the NJ Catastrophic Entitlement Program, a Veteran must be a New Jersey resident in receipt of a permanent and total, 100% service-connected disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs that resulted from wartime service resulting in one of the following catastrophic disabilities: loss of sight; amputation of both hands, both feet or one hand and one foot; hemiplegia and permanent paralysis of one leg and one arm on either side of the body; paraplegia and permanent paralysis of both legs and lower parts of the body; osteochondritis and permanent loss of use of both legs; multiple sclerosis and the loss of use of both feet or both legs; quadriplegia.

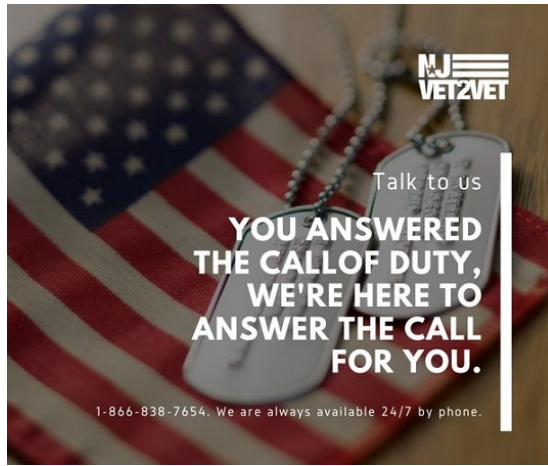
For more information contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at 888-865-8387 or vbb@dmava.nj.gov.



Governor's Challenge

On March 19, 2023, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno and the New Jersey leadership of the [Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.](#) visited JWV Post 39 in Margate City.

Solomeno spoke about the mental health services available as part of the Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.



NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline
888-865-8387
vbb@dmava.nj.gov

Veterans Outreach Schedule

Veterans Service Offices

DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



Iraq Veterans

As part of a recognition of those who served in Iraq since March of 2003, Iraq Veterans who work at the DMAVA headquarters in Lawrenceville stood for a group photo on March 15, 2023.

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njyca.org/admissions

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STATE PARTNERS



Governor Murphy Signs Two Bills Supporting Veterans

TRENTON *March 10, 2023* - As part of the Murphy Administration's ongoing efforts to support veterans and their families throughout New Jersey, Governor Phil Murphy today signed two bills into law to ease the path for veterans with certain medical training to become licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and to expand eligibility for veterans with limited incomes to have their funerals covered by the government.

[Full Press Release](#)



NJ State Agencies

- [Vote For Valor](#)
- [Career Connections for Veterans](#)
- [Tax Resources for Military/Veterans](#)
- [Educator Certification for Military Spouses and Veterans](#)
- [NJ National Guard Hunting / Fishing Licenses](#)

- [NJ Special Hawker and Peddlers License](#)
- [Veterans Designation for Drivers License](#)
- [Military CDL Skills Waiver Program](#)
- [Disabled Veteran / Purple Heart Recipient Placards](#)
- [Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing Licenses](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)
- [Professional & Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses](#)
- [Military and Overseas Voting](#)
- [Troops to Teachers](#)



FEDERAL PARTNERS



VA increases maximum life insurance coverage for Veterans and service members by \$100,000

WASHINGTON - Beginning March 1, VA is increasing the maximum amount of life insurance coverage available to Veterans and service members from \$400,000 to \$500,000 for [Veterans' Group Life Insurance \(VGLI\)](#) and [Servicemembers Group Life Insurance \(SGLI\)](#). This increase in coverage reflects the current cost of living and helps ensure that the families of Veterans and service members will have the financial support they deserve after their loved ones pass away.

Veterans who are under age 60 and currently enrolled in VGLI will be able to purchase additional coverage in \$25,000 increments up to \$500,000. All active duty, guard, and reserve service members eligible for SGLI will automatically receive the increased coverage on March 1.

[Read Full News Release](#)

**IMPORTANT
NEWS**

**Survivor Benefit Plan
OPEN SEASON**



The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023 includes a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season. The SBP Open Season began on Dec. 23, 2022 and ends on Jan. 1, 2024.

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Proposed Open Season

Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The SBP Open Season began on December 23, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2024.

The SBP Open Season allows for retirees receiving retired pay, eligible members, or former members awaiting retired pay who are currently NOT enrolled in SBP or RCSBP (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) to enroll.

The SBP Open Season also allows eligible members and former members who are currently enrolled in either SBP or RCSBP to permanently discontinue their SBP coverage.

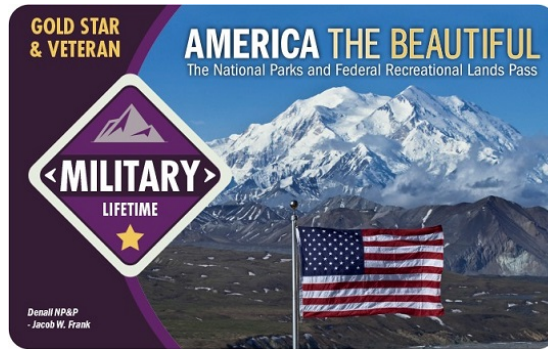
[Learn More](#)



Caregiver Support Program

In this episode of *theSITREP*, the hosts chat with Colleen Richardson about the Department of Veterans Affairs' [Caregiver Support Program](#) and how Caregivers are supported with a multitude of programs and services, to include a monetary stipend for qualified Caregivers.

To learn more call 1-855-260-3274 for the Caregiver Support Line.
[Watch Video](#)



New National Parks Pass

A new lifetime pass for National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands, called America the Beautiful.

This new lifetime pass for Gold Star Families & Veterans is being offered to demonstrate the country's immense gratitude and respect for those who have served and defended our country.

The Interagency Military Pass has been part of the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series since 2012. On December 27, 2021, President Biden signed into law S. 1605 “The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022” (NDAA). Section 641 of the NDAA makes Gold Star families and Veterans eligible for lifetime passes to federal recreational lands.

[Learn More at VA News](#)



VA Life

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) provides guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage of up to \$40,000 to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Lesser amounts are available in increments of \$10,000. Under this plan, the elected coverage takes effect two years after enrollment as long as premiums are paid during the two-year period.

All Veterans age 80 or under with a VA disability rating of 0 to 100% are eligible for the VALife program and have no time limit to apply.

[Learn More](#)



Featured Links

- [Download VA Benefit Letters](#)
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- [13 places that offer free wills or trusts for Veterans](#)
- [Fast facts about new toxic exposure screening for Veterans](#)
- [Simplifying the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill application process](#)

- [Free legal services for Veterans, service members](#)
- [VA Health and Benefits Mobile App - six essential facts](#)
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- [Preserve Your Loved Ones Story with Veterans Legacy Memorial](#)
- [Million Veteran Program](#)



The Women Veterans Call Center is your guide to VA.

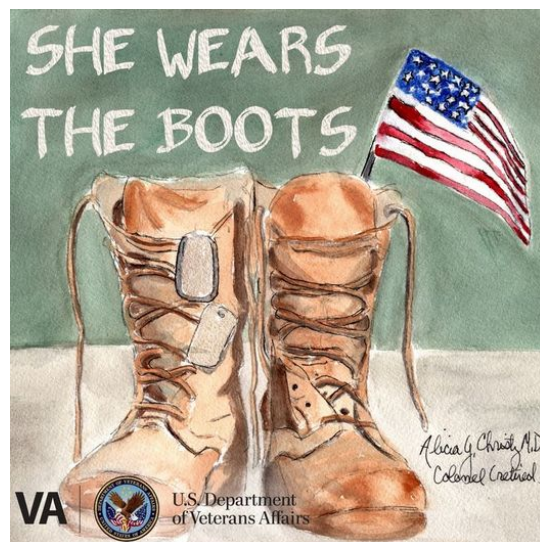
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PODCAST



#VetResources

Subscribe to #VetResources to receive a weekly newsletter from the VA for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Happy 104th Birthday

On Saturday, March 11, 2023, the American Legion Department of New Jersey celebrated The Legion's 104th birthday at Milltown Post 25.

Guest speakers included National Vice Commander Paul M. Kennedy and Dept. Commander Steven Fisher and DMAVA Acting Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno (pictured at podium).



Operation Suit Up

On March 16, 2023, the terrific folks at Bridging The Gap provided a free business wardrobe for a local Veteran. Erich S. recently transitioned from military service and is in the first two weeks of his new career in the banking industry. Good luck, Erich!

To learn more about Bridging The Gap and Operation Suit Up please visit their website at bridgingthegap.vet or contact them at 848-895-3500 or info@bridgingthegap.vet.



Generous Donation

On March 10, 2023, members of American Legion Auxiliary Unit# 28 Absecon NJ and American Legion Post #28 Absecon, NJ presented four geriatric recliners to the Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland.

Photo and caption courtesy American Legion Department of New Jersey Facebook.



Rutgers Army ROTC

Our Queen's Guard made history yet again with the first all-female color guard!

In honor of Women's History Month, the Red Bulls Soccer Team requested the Rutgers Queen's Guard to present the colors on 18 March 2023.

Photo and caption courtesy Rutgers Army ROTC Facebook.

NEVER FORGET



In Honor of all those from New Jersey who gave their lives in the fight against terrorism during Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In humble gratitude, we remember their sacrifice.

March 25, 2004

Operation Iraqi Freedom

SPC Adam D. Froehlich

U.S. Army

Pine Hill, New Jersey

March 29, 2010

Operation Enduring Freedom

SGT Scott Brunkhorst

U.S. Army

Bridgewater, New Jersey

March 27, 2012

Operation Enduring Freedom

Sgt Joseph D'Augustine

U.S. Marine Corps

Waldwick, New Jersey

March 30, 2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom

Sgt Brian Daniel McGinnis

U.S. Marine Corps

Pitman, New Jersey

March 29, 2003

Operation Iraqi Freedom

CPL Michael Edward Curtin

U.S. Army

Howell, New Jersey

April 1, 2007

Operation Iraqi Freedom

PFC Miguel A. Marcial III

U.S. Marine Corps

Secaucus, New Jersey

"But on the battlefield their feet stood fast, and in an instant at the height of their fortune, they passed away from the scene, not of their fear, but of their glory."

~ Pericles

NJ Fallen Heroes Memorial

VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES



Grace Taylor
World War II



Bonalyn Selb
World War II

Veterans History Project

HISTORY



US Air Force Major Beverly Huber of Pedricktown, NJ after leaving the last airplane full of troops from Vietnam in 1973. Major Huber told the press that she was "very pleased to be the last American lady out of Vietnam."

April 1, 1924

Brendan Byrne was born in West Orange. Byrne graduated from West Orange High School and attended Seton Hall University before enlisting in the US Army Air

April 3, 1782

Loyalist raider and "Pine Robber" John Bacon was discovered by local militia in a tavern near

Force in World War II, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals during his service. He subsequently graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School, entered politics and served as a New Jersey deputy attorney general and judge before running successfully for governor. Byrne was inaugurated as the state's forty-seventh governor in 1974, served two terms and then went into private law practice in a Roseland firm.

April 2, 1777

New Jersey militiamen gathered up horses, cattle and sheep near Secaucus to keep them out of British hands. Due to a lack of boats, they had to swim the livestock across the Hackensack River.

April 2, 1865

New Jersey soldiers of the First and Second New Jersey Brigades fought in the Army of the Potomac's breakthrough of the Confederate Lines at Petersburg, forcing General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia to retreat west to Appomattox, where Lee surrendered to General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9, effectively ending the Civil War.

Tuckerton and was killed in the subsequent fight.

April 3, 1865

The Twenty-second United States Colored Infantry, an African-American unit mostly composed of men from New Jersey, was one of the first Union army regiments to enter Richmond, as the Civil War began to draw to a close.

April 3, 1782

Loyalist raider and "Pine Robber" John Bacon was discovered by local militia in a tavern near Tuckerton and was killed in the subsequent fight.

April 6, 1917

The United States declared war on Germany. In the ensuing weeks New Jersey National Guardsmen were mobilized at Sea Girt and sent to Camp McClellan, Alabama, where they became part of the Twenty-ninth Division before shipping out to France.

April 6, 1944

On the evening of April 6, 1944, 22-year-old Mrs. Mary V. Duby, who had been honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of pharmacist mate third class, joined American Legion Post #128 in Teaneck, NJ. Duby thus became the first female American Legionnaire in the state.

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IN THE NEWS



Popular STEM outreach event for young women resumes at Picatinny Arsenal

Ed Lopez | Picatinny Arsenal Public Affairs | March 15, 2023

PICATINNY ARSENAL, N.J. – After a two-year pause, a popular event to encourage young women to enter technical careers was held here on Feb. 23 with renewed vigor, attracting students from 28 high schools.

The "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" event was last held in 2020 before restrictions related to the COVID pandemic caused a two-year delay. This year, 112 girls attended the event, which is designed to encourage, educate, and inspire young girls to pursue a degree in the various fields of engineering.

Picatinny Arsenal is particularly well suited to provide information on the practical applications of engineering skills, since several of its tenant organizations are engaged in projects and programs that require leading edge technologies.

Displays at the event covered a broad range of topics, including software engineering, chemical engineering, energetics and warheads, human stress and performance, precision targeting sensors and networks, as well as naval systems integration ashore and afloat.

[Read Full Story](#)



Veterans Services Now Available At Ocean County College

OCEAN COUNTY – Veterans attending classes at Ocean County College (OCC) are now able to access the programs and services of the Ocean County Veterans Services Bureau without leaving the college campus.

Ocean County Board of Commissioners Deputy Director Gary Quinn, liaison to the Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau said, “often veterans that are attending college are also working, giving them little time to access the services that are available to them.”

“By having a veterans’ service officer right on campus, our veterans can tap into programs that may be available to them in a more convenient way. This on-campus satellite office is all part of the ongoing outreach of our veterans’ service bureau,” he added. The Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau established a partnership with the Ocean County Veteran and Military Resource Center, which provides services to students attending OCC and also Kean University, located on the same campus off of Hooper Avenue, Toms River.

A veterans’ service officer will be onsite at the college from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays, starting March 20 at the Veteran and Military Resource Center, Room 221 in the Jon and Judith Larson Center on the campus.

[Read Full Story](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



CPT Eleanor Grace Alexander

Eleanor Grace Alexander joined the Army Nurse Corps in May 1967, and attained the rank of Captain. After finishing her basic training at the Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, she was placed at the 85th Evacuation Hospital in Qui Nhon, Vietnam in June 1967.

Alexander was killed on November 30, 1967. She was with twenty-six other people in a transport plane that crashed three miles south of their duty station.

She is the only woman from New Jersey killed in action. The town of River Vale has dedicated a park in her honor.

[NJVVMF Biography](#)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Connor Frascati

Connor joined DMAVA in January 2023 as the State Executive Officer to The Adjutant General.

Previously, Connor served as the Director of Operations for former Congressman Max Rose's congressional campaign. He has experience working on additional campaigns at the Gubernatorial and Presidential levels, as well as experience working in congressional offices.

Connor serves in the New Jersey National Guard as a Military Intelligence Officer; he is the S2 at the 250th Brigade Support Battalion. Connor received an undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond.

DMAVA QUICK LINKS



Veterans Service Offices



Request Military Records



Family Programs Office



Veterans Memorial Homes



NJ State Medals



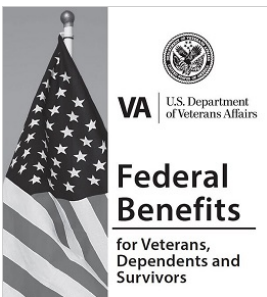
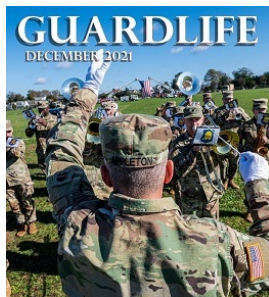
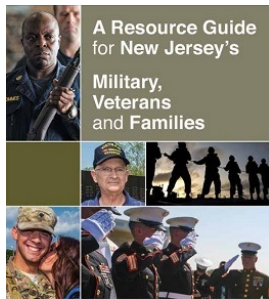
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