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Mission



Ready To Serve ★ Proud To Have Served

The mission of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is to provide trained and ready forces prepared for rapid response to a wide range of civil and military operations, while providing exemplary services to citizens and Veterans of New Jersey.

Events



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Get Connected



Unite NJ Veterans - Get Connected to Resources

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has partnered with Unite Us to connect individuals and families to a wide variety of services and resources.

Unite Us can connect our New Jersey military/veteran community to resources to obtain benefits, food assistance, housing, education, transportation, behavioral health services, peer support and more.

[Learn More and Request Assistance](#)

Service Providers



Unite NJ Veterans for Service Providers

New Jersey's community-based non-profit providers serving Veterans and their family members can join the Unite NJ Veterans network for free and utilize the platform to coordinate social services for their clients.

DMAVA is currently helping to onboard partners within the platform so the providers can receive referrals from the community for Veterans in need of services.

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New Jersey National Guard

Always Ready, Always There



New Jersey National Guard Pioneered the End of Segregation

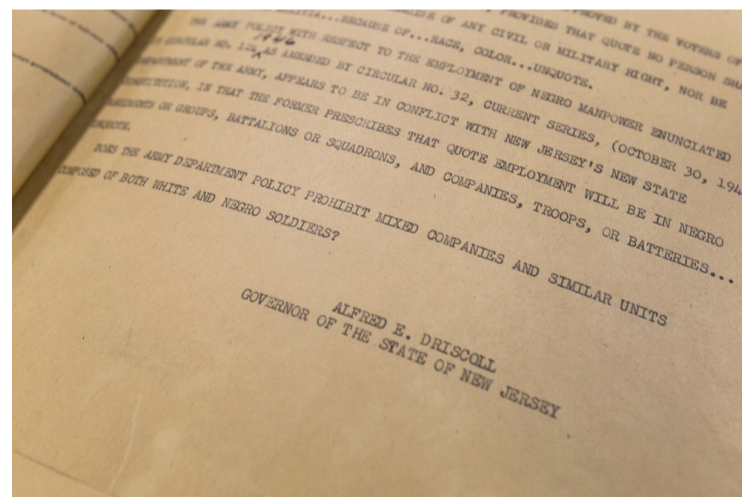
Although history credits President Harry Truman with desegregating America's military, the truth is that racial integration had already arrived in New Jersey, thanks to a governor and National Guard leaders who had stubbornly insisted on equality in their forces.

In the space of four months, from November 1947 to February 1948, the New Jersey National Guard changed history.

The story begins at a time when the New Jersey National Guard was growing.

World War II had been over for more than a year and the New Jersey National Guard was recruiting new members to fill the recently created 50th Armored Division. The National Guard Bureau, which fell under the War Department, had authorized New Jersey to organize the 372nd Anti-Aircraft Artillery group. Because integration did not yet exist in the military, the 372nd would reflect the United States Army's policy toward Blacks – the unit was to be composed entirely of Black Soldiers.

And this is where the story would have ended except for one event. [Read the rest of the story.](#)



Dates in History



July 1917

The NJ National Guard assembled at Sea Girt for World War I duty, and then traveled to Camp McClellan, Alabama. Most NJ National Guard units were assigned to the 29th Division, which was organized at McClellan. The old NJ state identified units were reorganized and given new federal numerical designations, including the 113th and 114th Infantry Regiments, which still exist in the state's National Guard.



January 1957

The New Jersey National Guard ceased to be an all-male organization when the first women soldiers in its history, two nurses, Captain Frances R. Comstock and 1st Lieutenant Lucille Valentino of Paterson, were sworn in as members of the 114th Mobile Surgical Hospital.



June 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, NJ.



The Adjutant General

Colonel Yvonne L. Mays

Colonel Yvonne L. Mays is the Adjutant General of New Jersey and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Colonel Mays commands the more than 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey National Guard. She leads, directs, and manages the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in the execution of federal and state missions. In addition, she manages all state veterans' programs, commissions, and facilities in New Jersey.

Prior to being selected by Governor Philip Murphy on June 27, 2024, Colonel Mays served as the Deputy Adjutant General (DAG) for New Jersey.

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Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs Vincent Solomeno continues his 21 county veterans tour today in Union County. Together with our dedicated Veterans Services team, he spoke with residents at the Union Township Senior Center about benefits, programs, and services. Want to learn more? Visit www.nj.gov/military for your copy of our resource guide and benefits handbook.



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 **National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey**
on Monday

Just in time for Veteran's Day, our old friend Johnny Santillo, who was honored with a trip back to France for the 75th D-Day Commemoration, had a movie made with him by his companions. Special thanks to Rich Platt our webmaster for finding this treasure of a piece having to do with our memorable veterans!

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Join us for a night of non-stop laughter on Thursday, Nov 21 as US Air Force Pilot and DryBar Comedy Star Jose Sarduy headlines the Broadway Theatre of Pitman, NJ!

Thursday, November 21 @ 7:00 PM
The Broadway Theatre of Pitman



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