



# GUARDING AT HOME AND ABROAD



## Qualifying round

*Sgt. Angela Espinoza, of the 508th Military Police, Company, Teaneck, qualifies on an M4 carbine rifle during Annual Training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., July 18, 2015. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Master Sgt. David Moore/Released)*



## Mixed formation

*Two U.S. Air Force F-16 Fighting Falcons, from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing, left, lead a mixed formation including a Bulgarian air force MiG-29 Fulcrum and MiG-21 Fishbed over Bulgaria during Thracian Star July 20, 2015. Thracian Star 2015 is a bilateral training exercise to enhance interoperability with the Bulgarian air force, hosted by Graf Ignatievo Air Base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley/Released)*

## Cover photo

*Retired Spc. 4 Robert Bliss, Korean War Veterans Association 148, gives the benediction during a ceremony commemorating the 62nd anniversary of the armistice signing at the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial in Atlantic City, N.J., July 27, 2015. The New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial was created to ensure that future generations remember and honor the pride and dedication of those who served and the freedom they preserved. (DMAVA photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)*

# Around the State

## New ride

Veterans Haven South resident Leroy Boxdale stands beside his new ride, a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria, donated by Maple Shade Township to the veterans' transitional housing program. For nearly six years the Burlington County community has donated excess municipal vehicles that allow veterans like Boxdale to drive to work, a vital part of the program. (Courtesy photo)



## Dad gets award from son

Staff Sgt. Brian Darling, left, has the New Jersey Distinguish Service Medal pinned on by his son, Jake, as New Jersey Army National Guard State Command Sgt. M. Edward Santiago lifts the two-year old up July 26, 2015. State medals were presented in Atlantic City to the more than 450 Citizen-Soldiers of the 1-114th Infantry Battalion for their nearly year-long Operation Enduring Freedom deployment to Southwest Asia. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



# Heart of a Hero Scholarships available

Trenton, NJ - Continuing to foster the Christie Administration's ongoing commitment to military members, veterans and their families, First Lady Mary Pat Christie announced on June 18, New Jersey Heroes' fourth annual Heart of a Hero Scholarship.

Mrs. Christie established the program as another resource to help New Jersey's military men and women make their higher education and career goals a reality. This year, New Jersey Heroes is funding ten \$5,000 scholarships to be awarded in time for the 2015-16 school year.

"New Jersey Heroes is again honored to have this opportunity to repay our military heroes in this small way for their service and sacrifice on behalf of our country," said Mrs. Christie. "Over the past three years, the Heart of a Hero Scholarship has helped 30 of our military service members advance their professional lives- from law enforcement and nursing to business management and environmental science. We're pleased to be able to play a part in the career preparation of these most deserving New Jerseyans."

For 2014 Heart of Hero recipient Katie Grogan an Air Force and NJ National Guard Reservist from Jackson, it was an honor to have received the 2014 Heart of a Hero scholarship. "The monetary amount helped cover the cost of my uniforms, books and part of the tuition for my nursing program," Grogan said. "I am so grateful to everyone involved in the committee that honors Veterans through this amazing scholarship."

For Navy Petty Officer 2nd Joseph Mack Mota, from Lacey Township, the Heart of a Hero scholarship helped him reach his educational goals. "With the support of the NJ Heart of a Hero Scholarship, I earned my Master's Degree in December and was able to secure employment working with student-veterans like me

who aspire to receive a college education," Mota said. "I want to thank Mary Pat Christie and the entire NJ Heroes Foundation staff for their dedication to all our New Jersey military veterans currently or formerly serving."

Applicants for the Heart of a Hero Scholarship must meet several program criteria: 1) be a United States citizen and New Jersey resident; 2) be a high school graduate or have a high school equivalency diploma (GED); 3) served in the military and submit documentation of military service; if discharged from the military, must show proof of honorable discharge; 4) enroll as a student at an accredited college/university or a vocational training school in pursuit of a degree for the 2015-16 school year; 5) demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and community contribution, in the spirit of New Jersey Heroes.

Service members interested in applying for the Heart of a Hero Scholarship must fully complete the application form either online at the New Jersey Heroes website: <http://newjerseyheroes.org/index/2015-heart-of-a-hero-scholarship-application-form/> by no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 31, 2015 or submit an application via US Mail postmarked no later than July 31, 2015 and mailed to NJ Heroes, P.O. Box 95, Mendham, NJ 07945-0095. Application deadline is July 31, 2015.

Recipients will be notified in late August.

New Jersey Heroes is an initiative of First Lady Mary Pat Christie that showcases the positive and unique ways people and organizations are impacting New Jersey and their communities. To nominate a hero, go to <http://newjerseyheroes.org/index/nominate-a-hero/> and follow the application instructions to submit the person you believe is a true New Jersey Hero.



## KWVA donates check to residents

Members of the Korean War Veterans Association 148, Monroe Township, N.J., present a check for \$2,000 to the residents New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo Park July 23, 2015. The Association also sponsored the Patriotic Brass Ensemble musical program at the Home. Pictured left to right, Edward Abrams, Harvey Weinberg,

KWVA #148 Commander Robert Bliss, New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo Park CEO Joseph Brandspiegel, Leon Kaczmarek, Herbert Picker, Edward Rappleyea and Department of New Jersey Commander Charles Koppelman. (Courtesy photo)

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Aug. 11 & 12  
DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Bridgewater Commons Mall  
400 Commons Way  
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Sept. 8 & 9  
DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign  
10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Brunswick Square Mall  
755 Highway 18  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Sept. 12  
"Rockin Fest" to support student veterans  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sussex County College  
For details:  
sussex.edu/rockinfest  
1 College Road  
Newton, NJ 07860

Sept. 12  
Veterans Health and Wellness Expo  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Centre State Hospital Auditorium #1 & 2  
901 W. Main Street  
Freehold, NJ 07728

## ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

### Vampire Energy

Sources of low-wattage energy usage, such as small appliances and gadgets, use energy even when turned off and can account for as much as 20 – 30 percent of energy consumption. Remember to unplug your household gadgets while not in use!

Vampire Energy, also known as Phantom Energy, is the energy wasted by leaving appliances (such as a cell phone chargers, DVD players, toaster ovens, etc.) plugged in while not in use.

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