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Thought for the day.....

"To laugh often and much;

to win the respect of  
intelligent people and the  
affection of children;

to earn the appreciation of  
honest critics and endure the  
betrayal of false friends;

to appreciate beauty,

to find the best in others;

to leave the world a little  
better;

### Governor McGreevey Signs Statement of Support for the National Guard and Reserve

On Wednesday, 14 May 2003, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Statement of Support to encourage New Jersey's employers to support their Guard and Reserve employees. U.S. Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, Thomas Hall, Brigadier General Glenn K. Rieth, and State Chairman of the ESGR, Brigadier General (Retired) Robert S. Dutko, Sr. joined Governor McGreevey for the signing ceremony. By signing this statement, Governor McGreevey strengthens the commitment between employers and employees who are in the National Guard and Reserves and helps assure service men and women that their jobs are secure while on active duty.

### National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ) Announces its Annual Scholarship Winners.

This year the National Guard Association of New Jersey's Scholarship Committee received twenty-eight scholarship applications. After carefully reviewing these applications on the basis of Scholarship, Leadership, and Citizenship, the Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the names of nine Annual Scholarship Winners. Each of these individuals will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

SSGT Keith D. Atwell	Attending Camden County College
Member of the 108 <sup>th</sup> ARW, NJANG	
Corey E. Bliss	Graduating from Red Bank Catholic High School
Daughter of COL (Ret) Dennis Bliss	
Colin W. Cahill	Graduating from Palisades High School
Son of MAJ (Ret) William Cahill	
Casey Marie Chojnacki	Graduating from Ocean City High School
Daughter of Brig Gen Gene Chojnacki	
Stephen David Cutts	Graduating from Haddon Heights High School
Grandson of LTC (Ret) David Dennison	
Kelly Anne Grant	Graduating from Holy Cross High School
Daughter of LTC James Grant	

whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.

This is the meaning of success."

...Ralph Waldo Emerson,

American poet

DMVA Picnic

Friday, 27 Jun 03

John F. Mann

Recreational Park Building  
6045

Fort Dix, NJ

12:30-5 p.m

Cost:

\$10 adults

\$5 children

Reservations must be made by

20 June 2003

Contact your office rep or call

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A Salute to the National Guard

National Guard Week

11-17 May 2003

Christopher E. Manella	Graduating from The Pennington School
Grandson of BG (Ret) Kenneth Rieth	
Priscilla H. Monico	Graduating from Lodi High School
Daughter of SSgt Robert Monico	
Jolanta E. Yeasky	Attending Warren County School of Practical Nursing
Spouse of CPT Kenneth Yeasky	

#### Hello from Kuwait.

As part of the coalition forces led by the United States in the war against terrorism, the NJ Army National Guard's 253<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company, commanded by CPT Michael Ciarrocca, a Full Time Manning Federal Technician assigned to the G4, Plans, Operations, and Readiness Office, deployed to Southwest Asia on 17 April 2003. CPT Ciarrocca recently sent a brief message via e-mail from Kuwait (exact location undisclosed) stating that regardless of the nightly incoming small arms fire, all NJARNG soldiers are safe and accounted for, and are performing their duty in a proud and professional manner. We wish him and all of his soldiers victory in their mission and a safe and speedy return home.

#### DMVA's dedicated Veterans Service Officers counsel almost 1000 individuals in April.

Six of DMVA's Veterans Service Officers provided in-office counseling to a combined total of 948 veterans and their families during the month of April. They were Dave Martin (374), Joe Salzano (127), Guy Wiener (127), Bill Burrows (114), Bruce Stanley (111), and Monica Banca (95). Keep up the good work!

#### Overview of TRICARE Policies for the Guard and Reserve.

Beginning March 10, 2003, Guard and Reserve family members, if their sponsor is on active duty for more than 30 days, will be eligible to enroll in TRICARE Prime (to include TRICARE Prime Remote (TPR) if eligible). Previously, the sponsor had to be activated for 179 days or more. In the New York/New Jersey area this would also include the Uniformed Service Family Health Plan (USFHP). For additional information on these policies, please visit the TRICARE website at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil). USFHP information can be obtained at <http://www.usfhp.org/portal/default.asp>.

#### New Software for the Army National Guard.

The National Guard Bureau (NGB) and the Project Management Office - Reserve Component Automation System (PMO-RCAS) have procured an enterprise license agreement for Microsoft software to modernize the operating system of the Army National Guard's computers. This agreement will allow the Army National Guard to go from Microsoft Windows NT and Office 97 to Windows XP with Office XP Professional. The upgrade will take place over the next several months. The agreement will provide free upgrades to the software for the next three years. Upgrading our software is required because Microsoft will soon stop supporting software security patches for the NT operating system.

#### Congratulations to newly promoted Lieutenant Colonel Walter Alvarado.

LTC Alvarado's promotion was effective on 16 April 2003. He is currently assigned as the Chief of the G3 Mobilization and Readiness Section. His hard work and dedication over the past several months has been instrumental in assuring the successful deployment of over 500 soldiers. His promotion is well deserved. Congratulations!

**Military Handbooks are available at no cost.**

The U. S. Military Handbook, which provides the most accurate information available anywhere on pay, allowances, taxes, health care and TRICARE benefits, Veterans and Social Security benefits, travel, transportation, SBP, retirement, Space-a, installations listings and much more, is available free of charge to members of the military. Also available are the U.S. Military Retired Handbook and the U.S. Military Divorce Handbook. You can request your free copy of these publications by visiting the website: <http://www.militaryhandbooks.com>.

**Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery.**

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the BG Doyle Cemetery in Arnetown, NJ, will be held on Saturday, 24 May 2003. Color Guard units representing various veterans' organizations will lead a march at 10:30 a.m. The Memorial Service will begin at 11 a.m.

**Warrant Officer Project Officers Designated.**

CW5 Al Curving, Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) of the New Jersey Army National announced the creation of the Warrant Officer Project Officer (WOPO) additional duty assignments in support of warrant officer recruiting and accession in the NJARNG. The concept of the WOPO mirrors that of the Officer Project Officer (OPO) assignments that are having a positive impact on Officer Candidate School enrollments this year. The WOPO will be the unit "go-to" person for warrant officer information. Mr. Curving is assembling WOPO information and administration kits, and developing a training seminar to equip the WOPOs.

**Walt Disney Parks and Resorts offer members of the U.S. Military complimentary 5-day Disney's Armed Forces Salute Ticket.**

To honor America's service men and women, Walt Disney Parks and Resorts is offering active members of the U.S. military a complimentary 5-day *Disney's Armed Forces Salute* Ticket. This ticket is valid for admission to Disney's theme parks, water parks, and more at the Walt Disney World Resort, through December 19, 2003. Active members of the U.S. military may also purchase 5-day *Disney's Armed Forces Salute* Companion Tickets for \$99 each (plus tax) for up to five family members or friends. For additional details, please call (407) 939-7424 or visit the Disney World website at <http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/waltdisneyworld/reservations/reservationsindex?id=MilitaryOfferRoot>.

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

26 May	11:00 a.m.	Memorial Day Ceremony
14 Jun	1:00 p.m.	<i>Unknown Soldier</i> – Author lecture and film presentation
27 Jul	9:00 a.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show
Rain Date: Sunday, 10 August 2003		

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

21 May 11 a.m.	Distinguished & Meritorious Service Medals	National Guard Armory Port Murray, NJ
26 May 10 a.m.	Distinguished Service Medal	Township Hall – 66 Main Street West Orange, NJ
29 May 11:00 a.m.	Distinguished & Meritorious Service Medals	Midtown Community School 23 <sup>rd</sup> St. & Avenue A, Bayonne, NJ

### 2003 Version of "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" now available.

This pamphlet describes the variety of federal benefits available to veterans and their dependents as of January 1, 2003. Benefit topics covered in the pamphlet include: Health Care, Burial, Survivor, Disability and Pension, Education and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, as well as Workplace Benefits. This informative booklet can be accessed at the Veterans' Administration website: <http://www.va.gov/pubaff/fedben/fedben.pdf>.

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

17 May	Computer Show	Teaneck Armory
18 May	Emcee's Sports Card & Comics Show	Bordentown Armory
24 May	Martial Arts Tournament	Toms River Armory
28 May	Snap-On Tool Show	Bordentown Armory
31 May	Table Tennis Tournament	Westfield Armory
22 June	Emcee's Sports Card & Comics Show	Bordentown Armory

### Getting to Know New Jersey – The State Dinosaur

The Hadrosaurus Foulkii was designated the state dinosaur by Chapter 161 of the Laws of 1991. Governor James J. Florio signed the law June 12, 1991, in a ceremony attended by pupils and teachers of Strawbridge Elementary School, Westmont, who had campaigned for the designation for more than 10 years. Fossil remains of the 25-foot long, duck-billed creature were unearthed in a Haddonfield marl pit in October, 1858, by William Parke Foulke.

### Interesting, but Useless Facts –

Alaska has the highest percentage of people who walk to work.  
The Hawaiian alphabet has only 12 letters  
Fish have eyelids.  
Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.  
The average human being spends 2 weeks kissing in a lifetime.

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