



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 26, 2016







# EOD blows it up

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Explosives Ordnance Disposal technicians from the 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard finished their annual EOD cleanup week at the Warren Grove Range with a bang, exploding previously dropped practice bombs April 29, 2016.

The 177th EOD team were joined for the week by 177th civil engineers and EOD technicians from the 87th Civil Engineering Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. During that time, they performed range clean-up and target painting, as well as target set-up in the simulated village.

The C-4 explosives are attached to BDU-50s, 500 pound concrete-filled

practice bombs, connected by detonation cord and exploded, creating a rectangular shaped indentation, visually exposing the concrete filler inside.

"We have contractors that come in, take away the bombs and recycle them," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Coates, 177th EOD Technician. "They want to be able to look at a bomb and be absolutely sure there are no explosives in it."

Active duty EOD personnel from McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst benefit from EOD Week at Warren Grove Range because they don't have their own range that they're responsible for clearing.

"It's actually a requirement for a skill level certification for new guys to get

out and do a range clearing," said Master Sgt. Raymond Wayne, 177th Explosives Ordnance Disposal technician.

"The experience with the demolition work like we did today is unique to Range work. The particular things that we do with the explosives and how we...expose the filler for the BDU-50s so they can be turned over and scrapped...the Range is the only place you can do that."

EOD week at the Range is an annual event which requires a good deal of planning, which includes financing, lodging, special transportation requirements and notification of the event to the public in the surrounding area.

"I'd say that this week is probably my favorite time at work because it's great to get out here and clean everything up and these range guys appreciate it," said Wayne. "It's always a good experience. The Warren Grove crew is really cool, too... probably the best bunch of guys I've worked with."



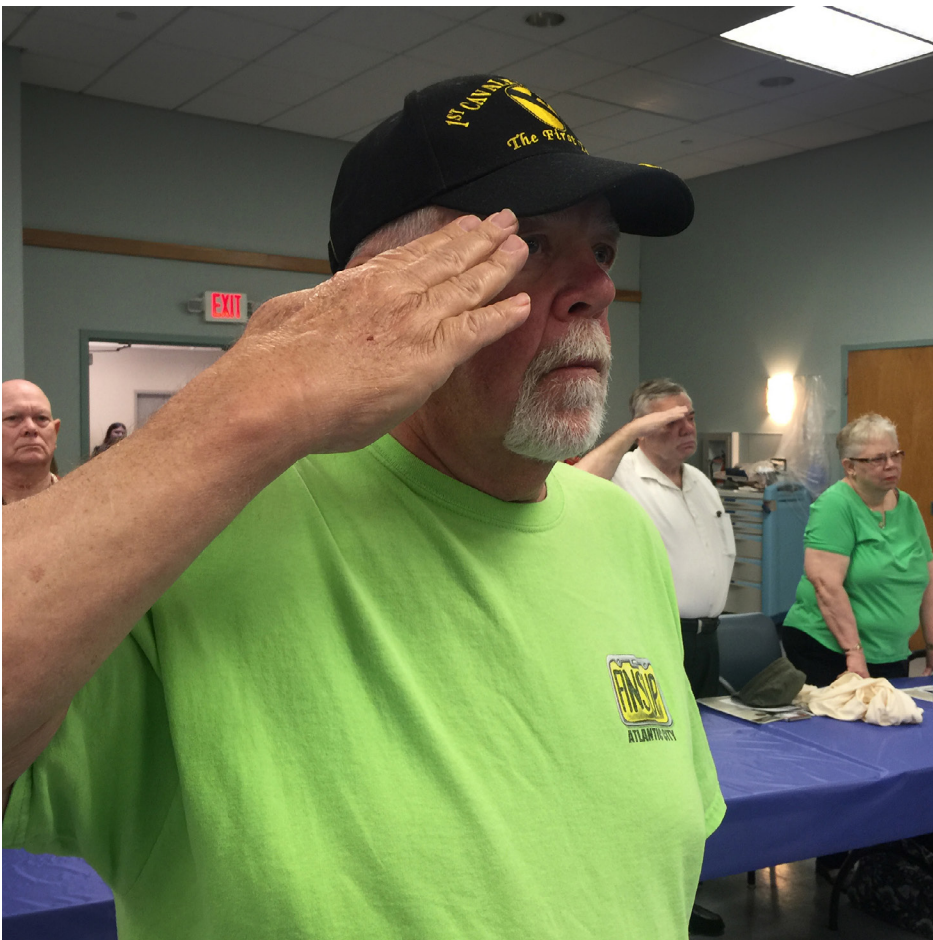
**Master Sgt. Raymond Wayne, right, 177th Fighter Wing Explosives Ordnance Disposal Technician, New Jersey Air National Guard and Airman 1st Class Michael Glisan, EOD Technician, 87th Civil Engineering Squadron, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, discuss procedures for triple stacking C-4 explosives to render practice bombs safe for recycling at Warren Grove Range, N.J., April 29, 2016.**

## Cover: Connected

A 108th Wing KC-135 Stratotanker with the New Jersey Air National Guard, assigned to Joint Base McGuire Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., refuels a B-52H Stratofortress assigned to the 343rd Bomb Squadron May 24, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by photo by Staff Sgt. Ross A. Whitley/Released)



# Vietnam Veterans honored



Above: Vietnam Veteran Russ Kershaw, podium, explains the significance of the symbols and colors incorporated in the Commemoration Flag during the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration ceremony at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, N.J., May 20, 2016. Left: Vietnam Veteran Frank Wallace, 1st Cavalry Division, salutes during the singing of the National Anthem. The event was part of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration program. The program's objectives include thanking and honoring Vietnam Veterans, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war, or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and to thank and honor the families of these veterans. The program also highlights the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal agencies and governmental and non-governmental organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. It also pays tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War; highlights the advances in technology, science, and medicine related to military research conducted during the Vietnam War. And finally recognizes the contributions and sacrifices made by the allies of the United States during the Vietnam War. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



# CST e v a l u a t e d



Above: Sgt. Nick Lam, from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 21st Civil Support Team, pulls detection gear through a "hot zone" during a training proficiency evaluation at the South Jersey Port Corporation on the Camden Waterfront in Camden, N.J., May 24, 2016. Right: Spc. Tricia Madrigal prepares detection gear during the evaluation. Below: Sgt. Joseph Bercovic uses detection gear on a warehouse door. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)





# Across the State



## Recognizing our veterans

Brig. Gen. Michael Cuniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, presents the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class John P. Vervoort Jr. for his service in the Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission. Vervoort was one of 26 veterans who received state service medals at the Paramus Park Mall May 24, 2016. The recipients include 14 Vietnam-era veterans, who will receive lapel pins for the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)

## Team building

Brig. Gen. Michael L. The New Jersey Army National Guard's 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion hosted the Notre Dame High School of Lawrenceville football team for a day of team building and leadership training at the Joint Training and Training Development Center on Joint Base-McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst May 20, 2016. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)





# Veterans Outreach Campaign

## ELKS CONVENTION

June 2-3, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., daily  
Wildwood Convention Center  
4501 Boardwalk  
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## AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION

June 8-10, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., daily  
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## CAREER AND COLLEGE RESOURCE FAIR

June 9  
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
Walter's Park  
7 Meyner Road  
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## ABILITIES SOLUTIONS

## -"VETABILITY" LUNCHEON

June 10  
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## VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS STATE CONVENTION

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Wildwood Convention Center  
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## SUSSEX COUNTY "BIKE NIGHT FOR VETERANS"

June 23, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Chatterbox Restaurant  
1 State Route 15  
Augusta, NJ 07822

## 63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE KOREAN WAR

## ARMISTICE

July 27, 11 a.m.  
New Jersey Korean War Memorial  
Brighton Park Amphitheatre and the Boardwalk  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

## "VETTE TO VET NIGHT"

Sept. 9, 5 – 8 p.m.  
Chatterbox Restaurant,  
1 State Route 15  
Augusta, NJ 07822)

## VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

Sept. 20-21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Daily  
DMAVA medal ceremony Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at Center Court  
Bridgewater Commons Mall  
400 Commons Way  
Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

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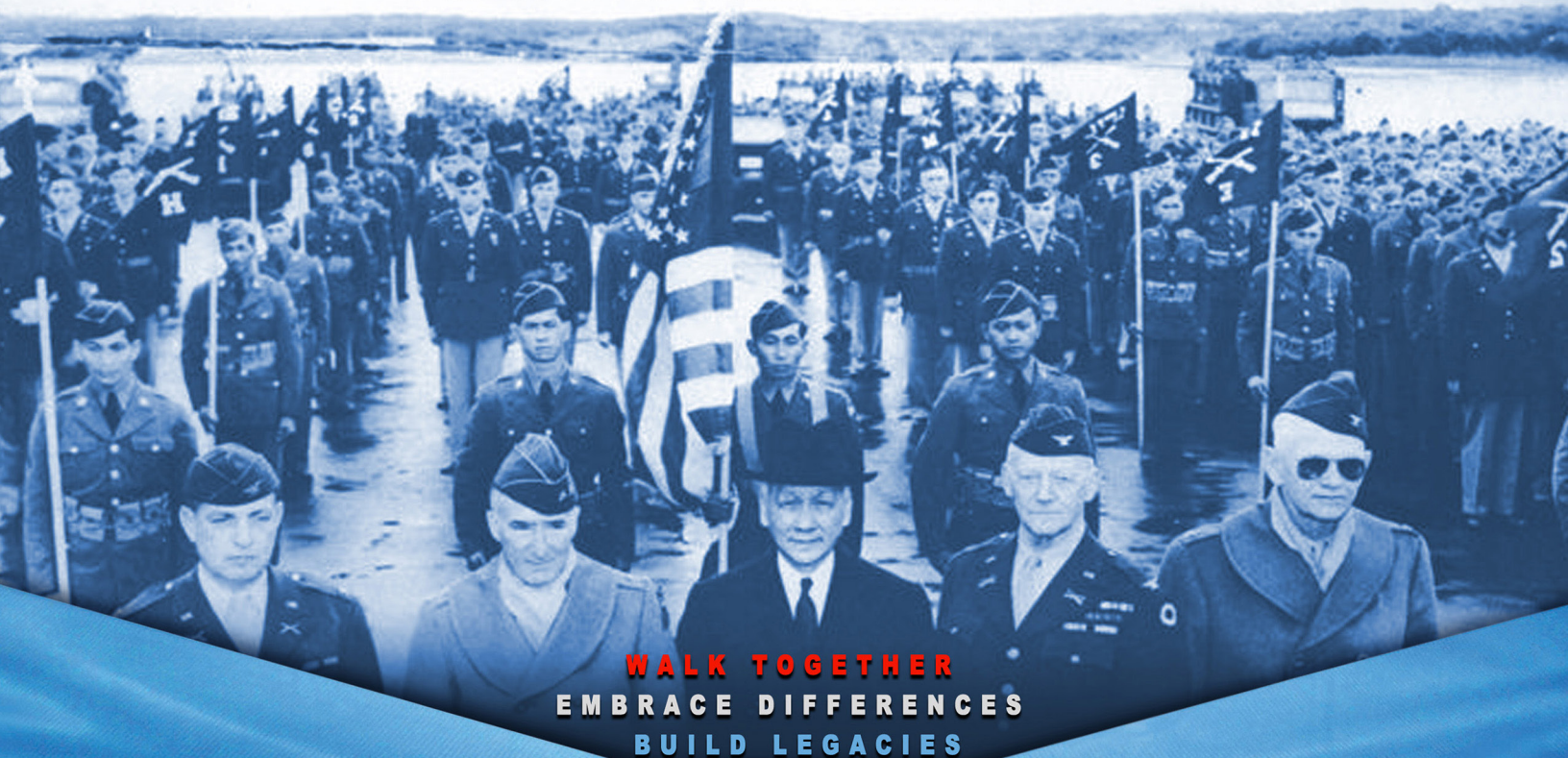
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The photo is of the 1st Filipino Infantry Regiment with dignitaries in forefront. From Left to Right: Colonel Robert S. Offley, Major General Alvan C. Gillem, Jr., Vice President Sergio Osmeña Sr., Colonel Roger S. Fitch, Colonel Clinton A. Pierce.  
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