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OCTOBER 6, 2022



READY TO SERVE ★ PROUD TO HAVE SERVED

## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

### Greetings

Hopefully this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying this change of weather as we move into Fall. These past few weeks have been busy for the Department.

BG Hou recently returned from the A-5 Chiefs of Defense (CHOD) Conference in Montenegro. This provided a collective forum for discussing defense and security challenges in the region, progress in Euro-Atlantic integration of member states, and furthering United States European Command (U.S. EUCOM) Campaign Plan objectives. It was an opportunity to discuss shared challenges, solutions, synchronize efforts, and offer opportunities for EUCOM to enable unified and synchronized efforts between partner nations.

The Department welcomed First Lady Kim Keon Hee, spouse of Republic of Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol; and New Jersey First Lady Tammy S. Murphy to our Veterans Home at Paramus. During the visit, Kim and Murphy expressed appreciation to resident Korean War era veterans, whose sacrifices contributed to more than 70 years of friendship between the two countries. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Republic of Korea generously donated essential medical supplies to the United States and the Paramus Home received many of these critical supplies.

On Wednesday 28 September, BG Hou, along with many of her fellow Commissioners, had a fantastic tour at the 177th Fighter Wing. Did you know that since September 11th, the 177th Fighter wing has been assigned to a dual mission both through the US Air Force and the New Jersey Air National Guard? The Federal mission is to provide combat-ready citizen airmen, aircraft and equipment for worldwide deployment and homeland defense in support of US Air Force objectives. Their State Mission is to support the citizens

of New Jersey by protecting life and property, preserving the peace, order, and public safety when called upon by the Governor. It was a great day of team building between colleagues and a wonderful opportunity to give them a small glimpse into what our NJ Air National Guard does.

Sadly, this past week we lost former Governor Florio. Our former Commander in Chief was the 49th Governor of NJ and served in the U.S. Navy from 1955-1958 and was a Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1958-1975. Our condolences to his family during this extremely difficult time.

Finally, we would like to express sympathy and concern for friends and family who have been affected by Hurricane Ian. Our hearts are with everyone as they slowly begin to rebuild what this catastrophic storm has destroyed.

Thanks for reading. We look forward to continuing the conversation.

We encourage you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at [outreach@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:outreach@dmava.nj.gov).



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

## ANNOUNCEMENT



### Call for Veterans Day Events

If you are hosting a Veterans Day event, or know of a scheduled event, please email us at [outreach@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:outreach@dmava.nj.gov) with as much detail as possible, including any flyers/artwork.

DMAVA will publish a listing of all Veterans Day events

across the state on our website, social media pages, events calendar and to all of our mailing list subscribers.

**Thank you for your support.**

## FEATURED EVENTS



**Burlington County Sheriff's Office**  
 Sheriff Anthony Basantis  
 Undersheriff James Kostoplis  
 in conjunction with the  
**Division of Military & Veterans Services**  
 & Office on Aging present the

**FREE!**

# VETERAN'S EXPO

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022 | 5:00pm - 8:00pm**

Rowan College at Burlington County  
 Student Success Center | 1500 College Circle, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

**Veteran ID Cards | Raffles and Door Prizes**  
**Light Refreshments will be served | Medical Screening**  
**Tote bags to first 300 Veterans**  
**Vendors for Veteran Services & Programs**

*Previous Participants:*

- Burlington County Animal Shelter
- Burlington County Board of Commissioners
- Burlington County Central Communications
- Burlington County Clerk's Office
- Burlington County C.E.R.T. Program
- Burlington County Fire Marshal's Office
- Burlington County Health Department
- Burlington County Human Services Dept.
- Burlington County Library
- Burlington County Parks & Recreation
- Burlington County Prosecutor's Office
- Burlington County Surrogate's Office
- Capital Health Care
- Cooper University Healthcare
- Deborah Heart & Lung Center
- NJ Department of Labor  
 Helmets to Hardhats Program
- Soldier On  
 Supportive Services for Veteran's Families
- The Griffin Gives Foundation
- Virtua Memorial Hospital

*and many more...*

**For more information call the Burlington County Sheriff's Office at (609)265-3788**

THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES, PRESENTS THE 7TH ANNUAL

# Suicide Prevention Conference: Connecting Communities to Save Lives



We welcome anyone interested in learning about suicide prevention to join us for this full-day virtual event. Get inspired by our keynote speakers, hear state department commissioners discuss upcoming projects, and find two breakout sessions that interest you most.



OCTOBER 12, 2022



9:00am - 2:30pm EST



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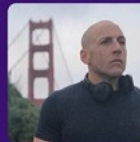


**REGISTER HERE**

## Keynote Speakers



**Amy Kennedy**  
The Kennedy Forum



**Kevin Hines**  
Survivor - Storyteller -  
Film Maker



<https://njsuicidepreventionconference.vfairs.com/>

# Stand Down of North Jersey

*NY Metro Area's Largest Event To Assist Homeless Veterans*



**Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

JFK Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street, Newark, NJ 07102

**Federal, State, and Nonprofit organizations offering services and assistance**

- Clothing
- Food
- VA Benefits
- PTSD and Mental Health Information
- Public Benefits
- Social Security
- Medical Checkups and Addiction Information
- Housing
- Unemployment Services
- Women's Clothing and Services

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Mayor Ras J. Baraka

**GI/GO FUND**

**VANJ** Assemblywoman  
Cleopatra G. Tucker

1 Gateway Center, Suite 120, Newark, NJ 07102    [www.gigo.org](http://www.gigo.org)    Contact: (973) 802-1479 or [ruth@gigo.org](mailto:ruth@gigo.org)



*Brigadier General Lisa J. Hou, D.O.  
The Adjutant General of New Jersey  
and the New Jersey National Guard*

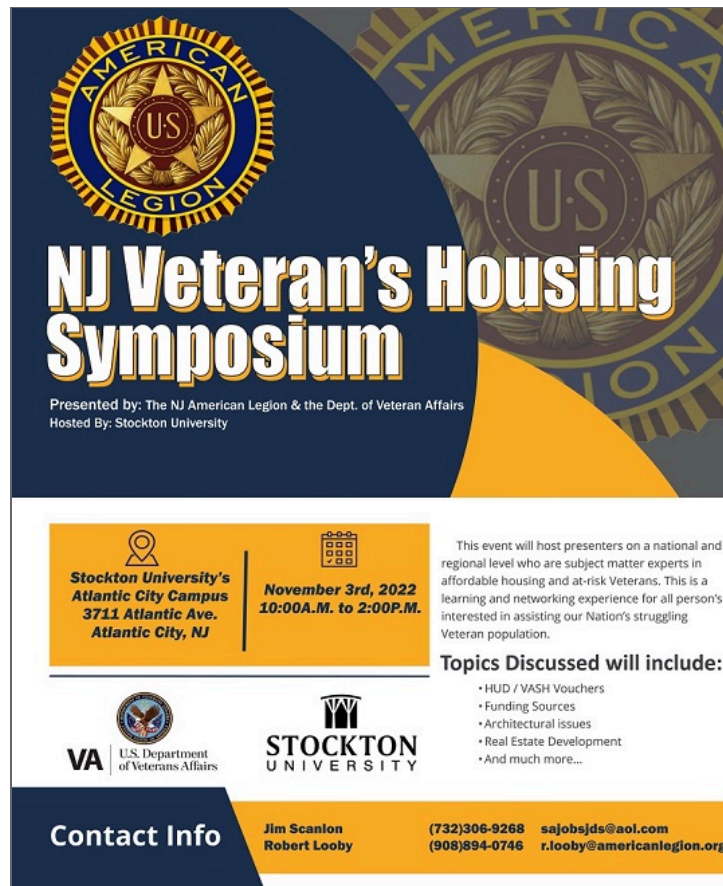
*cordially invite you to attend the  
Annual Governor's Military Review*

*Sunday, 16 October 2022, at 11:00 am*

*at the*

*National Guard Training Center  
Camp Drive and Sea Girt Avenue  
Parade Field  
Sea Girt, New Jersey 08750-0277*

*Dress: Business Casual  
Military: Duty Uniform*



**NJ Veteran's Housing Symposium**

Presented by: The NJ American Legion & the Dept. of Veteran Affairs  
Hosted By: Stockton University

**Stockton University's Atlantic City Campus**  
3711 Atlantic Ave.  
Atlantic City, NJ

**November 3rd, 2022**  
10:00A.M. to 2:00P.M.

This event will host presenters on a national and regional level who are subject matter experts in affordable housing and at-risk Veterans. This is a learning and networking experience for all persons interested in assisting our Nation's struggling Veteran population.

**Topics Discussed will include:**

- HUD / VASH Vouchers
- Funding Sources
- Architectural issues
- Real Estate Development
- And much more...

**VA** U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**STOCKTON UNIVERSITY**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### DMAVA Calendar

- October 11, 2022 11:00AM - 3:00PM | Elmwood Park, NJ  
[Interfaith Suicide Awareness Seminar](#)  
*DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present*
- October 11, 2022 5:00PM - 8:00PM | Mount Laurel, NJ  
[Burlington County Veteran's Expo](#)  
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- October 13, 2022 9:00AM - 2:00PM | Columbus, NJ  
[DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)  
*DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present*
- October 14, 2022 12:00PM | Little Egg Harbor, NJ  
[DMAVA Medal Ceremony](#)  
*DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present*
- October 15, 2022 8:30AM - 4:30PM | Newark, NJ  
[Stand Down of North Jersey](#)  
*DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present*

## Governor's Military Review

- October 16, 2022 8:00AM - 10:30AM | Sea Girt, NJ  
[Veterans and Military Update](#)
- October 16, 2022 11:00AM | Sea Girt, NJ  
[Annual Governor's Military Review](#)
- October 16, 2022 12:15PM | Sea Girt, NJ  
[Employer Reception and Briefing](#)

## State Calendar

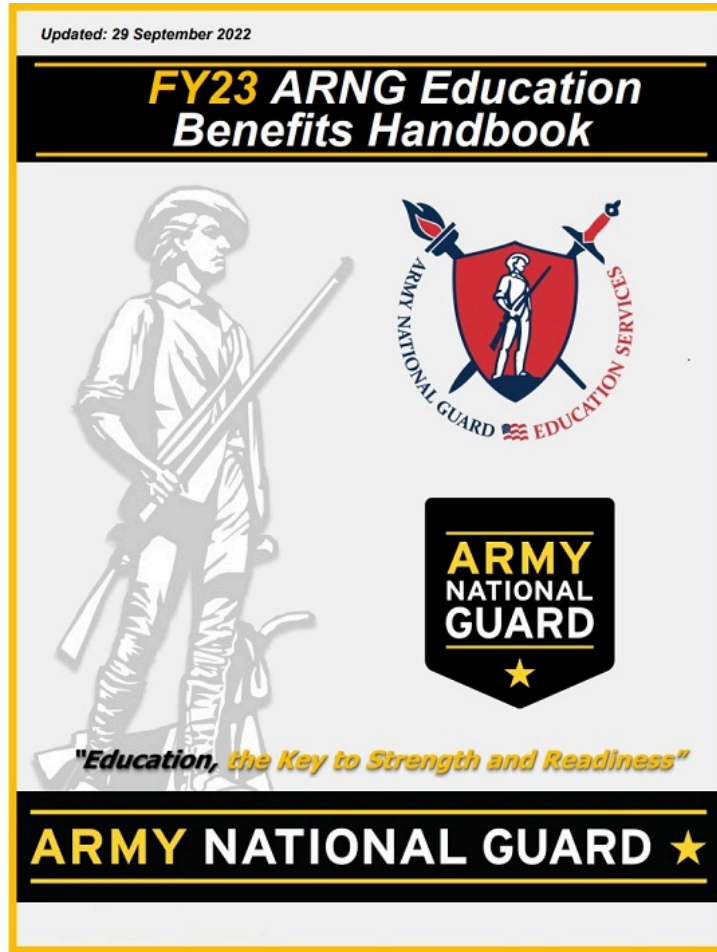
- October 12, 2022 9:00AM - 2:30PM | Virtual  
[7th Annual NJ Suicide Prevention Conference](#)

## Community Calendar

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

## SPOTLIGHT



### FY23 ARNG Education Benefits Guide

29 September 2022



## VETERANS SERVICES



**VHS Donor Appreciation Luncheon**

Veterans Haven South hosted a “Donor Appreciation Luncheon” on October 2, 2022 in Winslow, New Jersey. Donors received certificates of appreciation and Veteran/residents of [Veterans Haven South](#) received awards for their hard work during their time at the Haven.

“We can survive and operate with our budget, but the Vets thrive with the support of our donors, volunteers, and all the service organizations that assist,” remarked Brig. Gen. Patrick Kennedy.

A BBQ with live music followed as some of the Veteran/residents put together a band and played for those who attended. Thank you to all of the donors, partners, and Veterans for a fun celebration!

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### **Veterans Honored**

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Deptford Mall in Deptford, New Jersey, September 29, 2022.

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## Stand Down of South Jersey

Volunteers, healthcare providers, and social service personnel assisted homeless Veterans at the Sgt. 1st Class Robert H. Yancey Sr. Stand Down at the National Guard Armory in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, September 23, 2022. At the Stand Down, co-hosted by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Stand Down of South Jersey, Veterans were provided access to healthcare, mental health screening, substance abuse counseling, social services, legal services, religious counseling, and winter clothing.

Since 1996, the South Jersey Stand Down has served as a catalyst that enables homeless and at-risk Veterans to re-enter mainstream society. Stand Downs are a nationwide, grass roots, community-based intervention programs to help Veterans' battle life on the streets.

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## First Ladies Visit Paramus Home

First Lady Kim Keon Hee, spouse of Republic of Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol; and New Jersey First Lady Tammy S. Murphy, spouse of New Jersey Gov. Philip D. Murphy, visited the New Jersey Veterans Home at Paramus, New Jersey, September 21, 2022.

During the visit, Kim and Murphy expressed appreciation to resident Korean War era veterans, whose sacrifices contributed to more than 70 years of friendship between the two countries.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Republic of Korea generously donated essential medical supplies to the United States, including 2.5 million protective masks, and facilitated the purchase of 750,000 COVID-19 tests. The Paramus Home was a recipient of some of these critical supplies.

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### **Memorial Home at Menlo Park**

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) resumed their Monthly Golf Tournament at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park. Various local chapters of the DAR brought smiles, laughter, and plenty of prizes for the residents to win during the tournament.



### **Generous Car Donation**

On September 29, 2022, Veteran's Haven North (VHN) Veteran Resident Samuel R. received a donation of a used car from Nancy C., whose brother was a past resident of VHN. With this wonderful and thoughtful donation, Sam can continue to achieve the goals

that he has set for himself while a resident of [Veteran's Haven North](#).



**NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline**  
**888-865-8387**  
**[vbb@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:vbb@dmava.nj.gov)**

*ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE*

**NJ National Guard**



**Protocol Training**

Key personnel from both the Army and Air National Guard completed protocol training at the Joint Training and Training Development Center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, September 22, 2022. The protocol seminar covered events such as military ceremonies, retirements, promotions, changes of command, and community events.

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## NJ Army National Guard



### **NATO Validation Exercise**

*Story by SGT Bruce Daddis, 444th MPAD, 9/19/2022*

Bize-Tirane, Albania - As the Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard arrived in Albania on September 12, 2022 to support the Albanian Armed Forces during their critical NATO Combat Readiness Evaluation Exercise (CREVAL), they weren't the only U.S. force on the ground as they joined their counterparts from the U.S. Army's 4th Security Force Assistance Brigade (SFAB) out of Fort Carson, Colorado.

The two Army components have both served in key advising and support roles with the Albanian Armed Forces in preparation for the CREVAL, as the New Jersey National Guard continues an over 20-year state partnership with Albania, while the SFAB Soldiers have been in country for the last six months embedded with the Albanian Light Infantry Battalion Group.

[Read Full Story](#)

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## NJ Air National Guard



### Change of Command

Congratulations to Col. Lola Washington for assuming command of the 108th Mission Support Group. Col. Washington assumed command from Col. Bernadette Maldonado during a change of command ceremony on September 24, 2022.

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### Join Our Team

100% Free College Tuition

Bonuses up to \$20,000

Student Loan Repayment



### DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



### **Family Day**

September 26, 2022 was Family Day at the NJ Youth Challenge Academy (NJYCA) in Sea Girt, NJ. The Cadets of Charlie Platoon were able to reunite with their families for some hugs and other activities.

The mission of the NJYCA is to train and mentor disengaged teenage youth so they become responsible and productive citizens of their community, state and country. Learn more at [NJYCA.org](https://www.njyca.org).



### **Strong Bonds**

On August 12-14, 2022, participants attended an overnight Strong Bonds event for individual or married Servicemembers. The event took place at the Ocean Place Resort & Spa in Long Branch, NJ.

The photo was taken on the last day to commemorate the success of the event. Several Servicemembers expressed the positive impact this event had on their mental and spiritual health.

Strong Bonds is purposed to foster healthy relationships personally as well as professionally, increase well-being and resiliency.

## STATE PARTNERS



### **Governor's Cabinet Visit**

Adjutant General and Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Lisa J. Hou, D.O., welcomed members of the New Jersey Governor's cabinet at the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey, September 28, 2022.

The cabinet members, members of the New Jersey Economic Development Alliance, and leaders from DMAVA received a briefing from the Wing commander and then toured the 177th Fighter Wing, viewing several operational demonstrations and trying out one of the unit's F-16 Fighting Falcon flight simulators.

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### **Governor Murphy Signs Bill to Increase Annual Payments from State to Certain New Jersey Veterans with Disabilities**

**Trenton, NJ 9/15/2022** - In recognition of increases to the cost of living over the past few decades and in honor of New Jersey's Veterans, Governor Phil Murphy today signed bill [A-1477](#) to increase annual payments from the State to Veterans with certain disabilities resulting from their wartime service.

[Full Press Release](#)

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### **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](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)
- [Professional and Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses](#)
- [Military and Overseas Voting](#)



## FEDERAL PARTNERS

**Calling all Post-9/11 combat Veterans!**

If you are not currently enrolled in VA health care, The PACT Act provides a 1-year window for enrollment

This enrollment window applies to certain Veterans of combat service who did not previously enroll.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT: OCTOBER 1, 2022 – OCTOBER 1, 2023**

Learn more at [VA.gov](#)  
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**The PACT Act adds health care eligibility if you served in:**



The PACT Act adds health care eligibility if you served in:  
Republic of Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia  
Guam or American Samoa (or their territorial waters)  
Johnston Atoll (or a ship called there)

**VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS: ENROLL NOW IN VA HEALTH CARE.**

Learn more at [VA.gov](#)  
1-800-MyVA411 (800-698-2411)

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

**PACT ACT SPECIAL HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD**

**October 1, 2022 – October 1, 2023**


Did you serve in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War?


Or, did you serve in combat against hostile forces after November 11, 1998?



–AND–

Were you discharged or released between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013?

It's free, no annual costs, and your health care may be free as well!





## VA opens health care eligibility for Vietnam, Gulf War, post-9/11 Veterans under PACT Act

**Washington** — On October 1, The Department of Veterans Affairs will expand and extend eligibility for VA health care for certain Veterans of the Gulf Wars and post-9/11 era.

This expansion will increase health care eligibility for hundreds of thousands of toxic-exposed Veterans. Additionally, VA has already expanded health care eligibility for certain Veterans of the Vietnam War. More detailed information about this expansion can be found on [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT).

President Biden signed the bipartisan PACT Act into law August 10, authorizing one of the largest expansions of VA health care and benefits in U.S. history. Veterans can go to [VA.gov/PACT](https://www.va.gov/PACT) to apply for health care or learn more about what this bill means for them and their families. [Read the full press release.](#)

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## Eligibility Extension on VA Family Caregivers Program

**Washington** — 10/1/2022

VA's [Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers](#) is expanding to include eligible Veterans and family caregivers of all eras.

Previously, PCAFC was only available to eligible Veterans who served on or after Sept. 11, 2001. This expansion opens the program to eligible Veterans who served after May 7, 1975, and before Sept. 11, 2001.

PCAFC provides caregivers of eligible Veterans with resources, education, financial assistance, health insurance, beneficiary travel, peer support and more. The program is a cornerstone of VA health care, ensuring that Veterans get the world-class care they deserve and that caregivers get the comprehensive support they need. [Read the full press release.](#)

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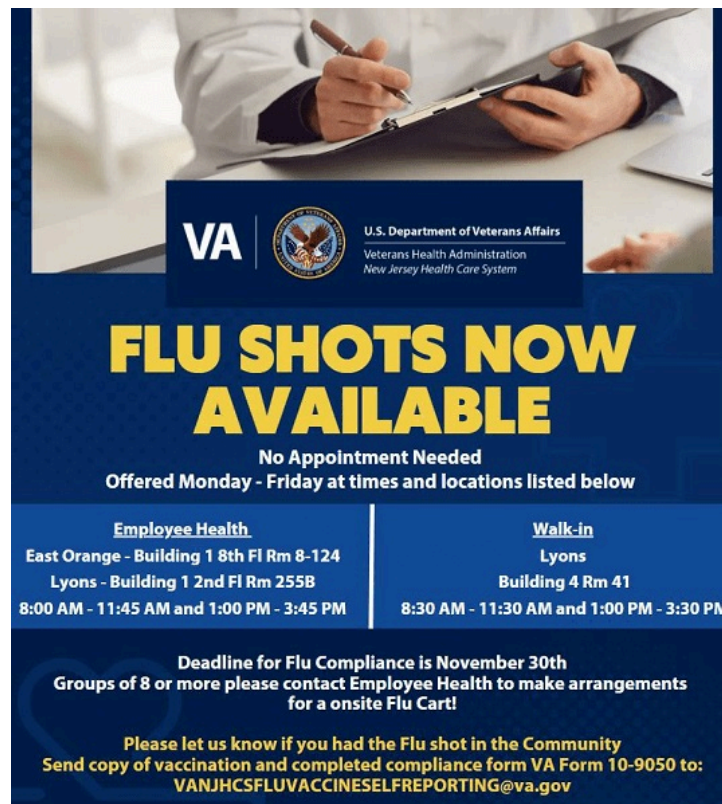
## Veterans Benefits at 30% Disability

In this episode of *theSITREP*, the host discusses Veterans benefits available to those receiving 30% disability, a.k.a. Service-Connected Compensation. To watch the short video please go to [#theSITREP](#).

## VRRAP

If you're a Veteran who lost your job due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the VA may have a solution for you. The [Veteran Rapid Retraining Assistance Program \(VRRAP\)](#) offers education and training for a variety of high-demand jobs so you can get back to work.

If you qualify, apply soon! The VA will stop accepting new VRRAP enrollments on December 11, 2022 - or when they reach either the funding or participant limit, whichever comes first.



The poster features a background image of a person in a white lab coat writing on a clipboard. The VA logo and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs seal are prominently displayed. The text is in bold, yellow and white colors on a dark blue background.

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

# FLU SHOTS NOW AVAILABLE

**No Appointment Needed**  
Offered Monday - Friday at times and locations listed below

Employee Health	Walk-in
East Orange - Building 1 8th Fl Rm 8-124 Lyons - Building 1 2nd Fl Rm 255B 8:00 AM - 11:45 AM and 1:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Lyons Building 4 Rm 41 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**Deadline for Flu Compliance is November 30th**  
Groups of 8 or more please contact Employee Health to make arrangements for a onsite Flu Cart!

**Please let us know if you had the Flu shot in the Community**  
Send copy of vaccination and completed compliance form VA Form 10-9050 to:  
[VANJHCSFLUVACCINESELFREPORTING@va.gov](mailto:VANJHCSFLUVACCINESELFREPORTING@va.gov)

## No-Cost VA Flu Shots

Getting a flu shot protects you, your family and your community. And if needed, you can safely get vaccinated for COVID at the same time you get a flu shot—one visit, two vaccines. (Call ahead so your community provider has COVID vaccine available.)

Eligible veterans can get a no-cost flu shot from a nearby VA clinic or within their community. To find a flu shot near you, visit the [VA locator](#). You can choose a nearby VA facility or one of 70,000 in-network pharmacy or urgent care locations nationwide. Simply type in your ZIP code.

No-cost flu vaccines are available at retail pharmacies and urgent care locations from September 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023. Find an in-network community care provider by choosing a location in the drop down menu of the [VA locator](#). Read more on the [VA website](#).

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### VA New Jersey Health Care System

Did you miss the Town Hall for Women Veterans on September 22nd? No worries! Watch it right here. [Women Veteran's Town Hall](#).

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### Featured Links

- [VA Health and Benefits Mobile App - six essential facts](#)
- [Women Veterans Call Center](#)
- [Preserve Your Loved Ones Story with Veterans Legacy Memorial](#)
- [Million Veteran Program](#)
- [Women Veterans: Information for your non-VA care providers](#)

### #VetResources

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



## COMMUNITY PARTNERS



### 38th Mission of Honor

The 38th New Jersey Mission of Honor ceremony was held at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Wrightstown, New Jersey, September 15, 2022. The cremains of World War I U.S. Army Veterans Verna W. Hanway and Hans Lauritson; World War II U.S. Army Veterans John Countryman, Robert L. Mabee, Albert T Whiteside, Jr., Elmer A. Willis and World War II U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Peter Truskowski, were honored during the ceremony. Some of these cremains had gone unclaimed for as long as 59 years. [View images.](#)

Since 2007, 694 veterans have been located and 362 cremains have been reunited with their families. For more information, visit [njsmissionofhonor.org](http://njsmissionofhonor.org).



### Rutgers Army ROTC

Rutgers University Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps cadets trained at the New Jersey Army National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC) on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, September 22, 2022.

The JT2DC provides live, virtual, constructive and gaming environments to enhance the overall readiness of the National Guard and its mission partners.

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### Headstone Cleaning

On October 2, 2022, in the pouring rain, several volunteers came to the Three Bridges Reformed Church in Hunterdon County to clean Veteran headstones. Thank you from all of us at DMAVA!

*Courtesy Hunterdon County Facebook*

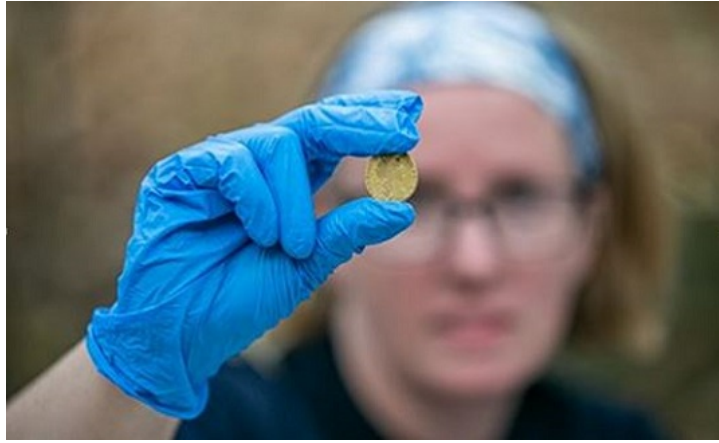


### Museum Donation

Peter Vinch and members of his Antique Car and Truck club present a generous donation to Lawrenceville Museum Curator Lt. Col (Retired) William Kale. Thank you so much!

All are welcome to visit the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey at our Sea Girt and Lawrenceville locations. [Plan your visit.](#)

**IN THE NEWS**



### Historic Finds at Red Bank Battlefield Park

*The following is an excerpt from the NJ Historical Commission Newsletter 9/21/2022. Photo credit: Kevin Monko, Jennifer Janofsky, Red Bank Battlefield Archaeology Project team, and Rowan University.*

After 245 years, Rowan's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and the local community, have unearthed tremendous archaeological finds this summer with the help of a New Jersey Historical Commission grant.

A team of more than 100 archaeologists and community members found about 13 skeletal remains, a gold guinea, musket balls, uniform knee caps, and more at the Red Bank Battlefield Park - "...the site of what [Jennifer] Janofsky says was the greatest upset victory of the American Revolution...a key defense for Americans to delay the British from advancing supplies up the Delaware River to Philadelphia." In this area, American defenders, both Black and white, victoriously fought against the British Hessian soldiers who were defending the British Crown.

Read more about the archeologists' and participants' experience and historic information: [Read More](#)

## 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.

September 28, 2011  
Operation Enduring Freedom  
**Capt Ryan K. Iannelli**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Clarksboro, New Jersey

October 3, 2009  
Operation Enduring Freedom  
**SGT Michael P. Scusa**  
U.S. Army  
Villas, New Jersey

October 1, 2003  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**SPC Simeon Nathaniel Hunte**  
U.S. Army  
Essex, New Jersey

October 6, 2003  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**2LT Richard Torres**  
U.S. Army  
Passaic, New Jersey

October 1, 2006  
Operation Iraqi Freedom  
**LCpl Christopher B. Cosgrove III**  
U.S. Marine Corps  
Cedar Knolls, 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



## VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES



**Irving Bauman**  
World War II



**Dean Baratta**  
Operation Enduring Freedom

Veterans History Project

## HISTORY



Chestnut Neck Monument

**October 2, 1779**

General George Washington ordered that the uniform coats of the New Jersey Continental Line regiments be dark blue, with buff colored facings.

**October 6, 1778**

A British force under Colonel Patrick Ferguson entered the Mullica River and attacked the

**October 15, 1845**

Ellis Hamilton was born in Philadelphia. Hamilton moved to Camden, New Jersey, with his family at the age of four. Commissioned a second lieutenant in Company E, Fifteenth New Jersey regiment, in 1862, at the age of sixteen, he was the youngest New Jersey officer and perhaps the youngest officer in the Union army.

"nest of Rebel Pirates" at Chestnut Neck. The local militia retreated in face of the 800-man British force and Ferguson burned thirty ships, many of them privateer prizes, looted the town and set the fort afire before withdrawing.

### October 6, 1911

The General Lafayette Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution erected a fifty-foot monument topped by a figure of a Minute Man to commemorate the "battle" of Chestnut Neck.

### October 8, 1778

The Pulaski Legion, a Continental Army outfit, arrived at Little Egg Harbor to counter Colonel Patrick Ferguson's expedition. The Legion, a combined arms infantry/cavalry unit, camped on a farm near the Quaker settlement of Middle of the Shore (today's Tuckerton). Lieutenant Juliat (who had previously deserted from the British) deserted from the Legion and informed Ferguson, who was still in the area, of the unit's location and the British commander launched a surprise night bayonet attack on October 15, killing between thirty and fifty men.

Hamilton was promoted to first lieutenant and captain before being mortally wounded at the Battle of the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. He died at a Washington hospital on May 16 and was buried in Trenton. His letters survive in Rutgers University's Alexander Library in New Brunswick.

### October 15, 2001

The battleship USS New Jersey officially began its career as a "museum ship" docked in Camden. Originally launched on December 7, 1942 across the river in Philadelphia, the New Jersey was commissioned and decommissioned several times, serving a total of twenty-one years in the active fleet before finally retiring in 1991. Over its career, the ship earned a Navy Unit Commendation for service in Vietnam and nineteen battle and campaign stars for combat operations during World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Lebanese Civil War, and Persian Gulf service.



DID YOU KNOW?



### **NJ Service Medals**

Since 2005, more than 59,260 state awards, to include 37,564 New Jersey Distinguished Service Medals, 4,815 New Jersey Meritorious Service Medals, 965 New Jersey Korean Service Medals, 12,421 New Jersey Vietnam Service Medals and 90 New Jersey POW-MIA Service Medals, 355 New Jersey Global War on Terrorism Medals, 22 New Jersey Desert Storm Medals and 14 New Jersey Commendation Medals have been awarded. The awards have been presented at more than 658 ceremonies statewide. *(Data current as of 28 February 2022).*

The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal – New Jersey’s highest service award – was originally issued in 1858 for those who had distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia, but was used infrequently until it was re-authorized in 1988.



## **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**



**Vipula Sunda**  
*Guest Services at Lawrenceville Museum*

Ms. Vipula Sunda recently joined DMAVA and is assisting in the administration of the [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) in Lawrenceville.

Born and raised in India, Ms. Sunda came to the United States in 2002. Although she served as an officer in State High Court in India and in the hospitality industry here, she has always held a special respect and gratitude for the men and women who serve their nation in uniform.

In her free time, Ms. Sunda loves cooking, shopping, watching movies, volunteering at temple and of course loves exploring about military history. Her short-term goal is to become familiar with all of the features of Lawrenceville's beautifully organized 6,000-square-foot museum and her long-term goal is to do whatever it takes to be one of the best curators.

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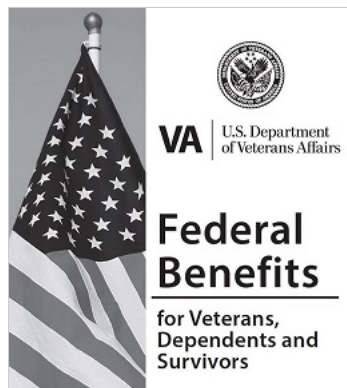
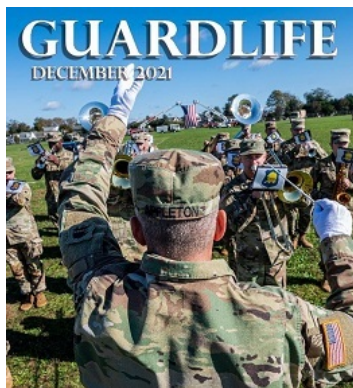
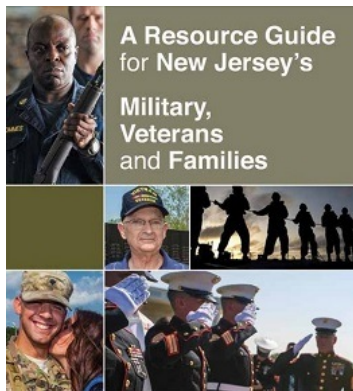
Military Funeral Honors



Doyle Veterans Cemetery

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### Peer Support Specialist III Per Diem (Military/Veteran) Multiple Vacancies

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey is seeking a Per Diem Military/Veteran Peer Support Specialist III for the Vet2Vet Call Center at Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care.

Under supervision, the Peer Support Specialist III provides person centered, culturally competent, and “consumer friendly” services to individuals who contact the Call Center. Receives telephone, chat, and text requests for service, undertakes review of the service need of the caller or consumer, and responds by offering peer support and appropriate referrals and disposition.

This position is fully remote besides going into office for required training.

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