

# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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## Civilian bosses watch their Guard employees train

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Boy Scout Troop 50 in Toms River will be without one of its five scout leaders for the next year and Moranti Mechanical of Toms River will lose one of its four employees.

New Jersey Army National Guard Sgt Timothy Gallagher will be the one absent in both places. The 31-year-old Toms River native is deploying to Afghanistan with the 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

On Wednesday, Marc Moranti, the person who will most miss Gallagher on the job-- and at the scout troop meetings -- was among 19 New Jersey employers who traveled to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. on New Jersey Army National Guard helicopters for a trip sponsored by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

The federally-funded organization works to strengthen the bonds between employ-



Sgt Timothy Gallagher enjoys a meal with his boss Marc Moranti as part of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve 'Boss Lift to see the New Jersey Army National Guard's 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion training at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. Photo By Master Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PAO

ers and military reservists and organizes trips known as "Boss Lifts" to get employers to training sites where National Guard and other reserve units are making final preparations for combat deployments.

Moranti had a chance to meet up with Gallagher as his unit does some final training before deploying in February. Not only is Gallagher his best employee, he's a fellow leader of Troop 50.

"I'm going to miss him on a lot of levels. He's my best employee and a good friend," Moranti said. "I'm proud of him. I wish I could do what he's doing. He's going off to defend America."

Lt. Gov. Christine Guadagno and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General, were on the trip along with state Sens. Diane Allen and David Norcross and Assemblyman Gilbert Wilson.

Rieth, the commander of

the 8,300-member New Jersey National Guard, told the bosses and lawmakers that Boss Lifts are a critical part of the effort to raise awareness among community leaders about the sacrifices made by guard members.

"In order to be able to serve, our Soldiers and Airmen need the support of their employers. It's critical" Rieth said.

Gallagher, an 11-year-veteran of the Army National Guard, said he knows he has Moranti's support.

"He's been so understanding about everything I've had to do to get ready to deploy," Gallagher said.

Moranti and the other employers watched on Wednesday as their Soldiers sprinted into an urban warfare training structure to practice clearing suspected insurgents from a building. Later, the employers got a chance to test out a training device Soldiers use to escape from an overturned vehicle.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kryn P. Westhoven, JFHQ-PA

## Wreaths Across America

The Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery was one of 13 sites in New Jersey for the 5th annual Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday. Cadet 1st Sgt. Daniel Zackowski, left to right, Cadet Bryan Park and Cadet Brian Camp all of the Jimmy Stewart Composite Squadron stand at ease after placing wreaths three of the nearly 100 veterans in the 'D' section of the cemetery to receive the holiday wreaths. Other Civil Air Patrol squadrons represented were Twin Pines Composite Pineland Composite and the Allentown Composite. The Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland was another site for the nationwide event that saw more than 100,000 volunteers place 161,000 wreaths last year.

### Retirement Workshops Available in 2011

The Division of Pensions and Benefits has scheduled Retirement Workshop dates in 2011 for members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF), or Police and Firemen's Retirement System (PFRS) who will be retiring before the end of 2011.

- All workshops are being held at the New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center in Hamilton Township (Mercer County), New Jersey.
- PERS/TPAF workshop times are at either 9:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. and are currently scheduled for February 2, March 23, April 13, 20 or 26, and June 22.
- PFRS workshops are currently scheduled for March 2, and May 25.
- Seating is limited\*. Members interested in attending must register online using the link on the Division's Web site. Go to: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions) and click the link for "Retirement Workshops".

During the workshops, our representatives will take a step-by-step approach to explain topics that include retirement benefits, beneficiary options, group life insurance, the taxability of your pension, and health benefits in retirement.

### APPLY FOR RETIREMENT USING MBOS

Due to the recent increase in retirement applications, members must use the online Retirement Application available in MBOS. Submitting the application through MBOS reduces the chance of any delays in receipt of your application and provides for the fastest processing. \*Please also note that paper retirement applications will not be available and will not be accepted at the workshops.

### PREPARE IN ADVANCE USING MBOS

If attending, members must print an Estimate of Retirement Benefits using the Member Benefits Online System (MBOS) and bring it to the workshop (retirement estimates will not be provided at the workshop). To register for MBOS go to:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosregister.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosregister.shtml) and follow the registration instructions. Estimates obtained from MBOS are the same estimates obtained when visiting the Division's offices and use identical salary and service information.

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### East Hanover establishment offers fun for family at a discount

Winter weather is here. What do you do with the kids when they can't play outdoors, their video games are boring and they simply need to blow off some steam?

The Funplex in East Hanover, N.J. is offering a 10 percent discount on any purchase when you present your military or government ID at the door. The Funplex is located at 182 Route 10 West.

The indoor attractions include: go-karts, bumper cars, junior bumper cars, Lazer Runner, 4D theater and arcade games. For more information on their games and pricing, visit the Web site - [www.thefunplex.com](http://www.thefunplex.com).

### Sell your vehicle without an ad

Do you have an RV, Truck, Automobile, Motorcycle or Boat that you want to sell? Well you are in luck...announcing the brand new Picatinny Arsenal FMWR Resale Lot. This is better than a classified advertisement -you can see what you are about to buy!

Located near the gas pumps, corner of Farley Ave. and Reilly Road, we offer six lanes for our active duty military and three for civilians, retired, on-post contractors. You can place your insured and inspected vehicle in this lot for up to 30 days. The cost is \$10 for civilians and free for all active duty military.

Contact Leisure Travel Services at 973-724-4014 to sign up.

### Historic military vehicle owners offering scholarships

The Central Jersey Military Motor Pool is offering scholarships as part of the organizations goals to encourage military service and promote the ownership of historic military vehicles.

The scholarships are open to members of active duty, National Guard, or Reserves who have been deployed in support of Operation Iraq Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom; veterans who have been awarded either the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, or the Afghanistan Campaign Medal. Also eligible are deserving sons and daughters of Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and Guardsman who have been killed or permanently disabled (100% VA disability rating) in the line of duty, or who are currently classified as a Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA).

For further information and application form contact Stan Lapidow at [lap1944@aol.com](mailto:lap1944@aol.com) or 908-526-2630.

#### **Added Joint Base Security Coming**

Security measures at Joint Base-McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst are about to be stepped up. To access the base after Dec. 31, register as soon as possible for the Defense Biometrics Identification System. Bring your driver's license and ID. Registration locations, days and times. McGuire Welcome Center, every day, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dix Welcome Center, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lakehurst Welcome Center, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.