

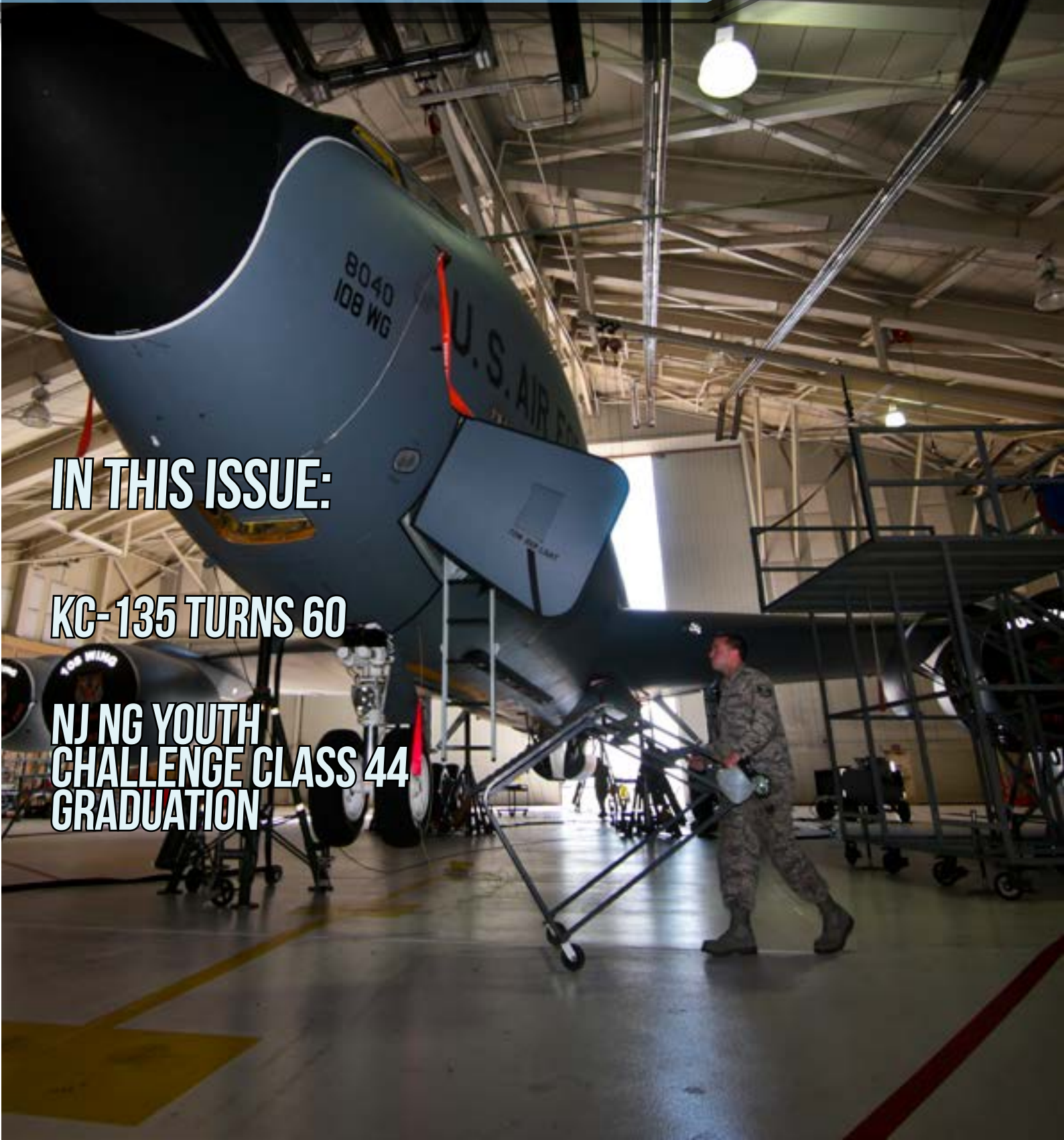
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60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KC-135

Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht

The 108th Wing is celebrating the 60th anniversary of the KC-135 Stratotanker today. The air refueling aircraft, which has been a steadfast part of the Air Force fleet, was first flown on Aug. 31, 1956.

"It's a great airplane," said Lt. Col. Pete Desautelle, the 141st Air Refueling Squadron Commander. "It was designed a long time ago, but it's a fantastic performer, it's a very strong airplane, and it continues to perform well for us."

The 108th Wing has been flying the KC-135 for 25 years. Some Airmen equate it to owning a classic car.

"The airplane sitting on the ramp looks fast, and when you take that airplane, and you get it airborne, and you pitch up, eight to ten degrees, put it into a thirty degree bank, it's just a majestic looking aircraft. There's no other aircraft that has that profile,

it's just dynamic," said Chief Master Sgt. Brian Kilpatrick, 141st Air Refueling Squadron Chief Boom Operator

"We do notice the age of these airplanes, but we don't let it deter us from going and accomplishing our mission," Kilpatrick continued.

"From the crews to the maintenance folks, we all do our best to get the mission done, so 'age is just a number' as those of us that are fifty-year-olds or better like to think of it as, and the plane is very capable of doing it's mission," said Kilpatrick.

The KC-135 has the ability to carry passengers and cargo, while also being able to refuel aircraft. It can also transport patients for aeromedical evacuations.

"Refueling fighters in a combat zone is cool, but transporting patients from Bagram Air

Field, Afghanistan, back to Germany and then home is one of the most rewarding things I've ever done," said Kilpatrick. "The KC-135 is a very versatile aircraft."

Even though the KC-135 Stratotanker is celebrating it's 60th birthday, and is predicted to fly until it reaches 80, it has become a much-loved refueling workhorse for Air Mobility Command.

"The 135 for me, my favorite thing about this airplane is its ability to fly long distances or loiter for a long time," said Desautelle. "The airplane was designed in the early 50's, so that's just after World War II. I think the plans for this aircraft are that it's going to fly for another twenty years, and I think that demonstrates its capabilities."

"To me it demonstrates how strong and how wonderfully designed this airplane **was**."



New Jersey Air National Guard Chief Master Sgt. Brian Kilpatrick, 141st Air Refueling Squadron Chief Boom Operator, poses for a portrait outside of the 108th Operations Group facility at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 30, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Wing sits on the flight line at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 31, 2016. The KC-135 is celebrating its 60th Anniversary today, having made its first flight on Aug. 31, 1956.



New Jersey Air National Guard Staff Sgt. David Spaeth moves a ladder during a landing gear test on a 108th Wing KC-135 Stratotanker at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 31, 2016. The KC-135 is celebrating its 60th Anniversary today, having made its first flight on Aug. 31, 1956.



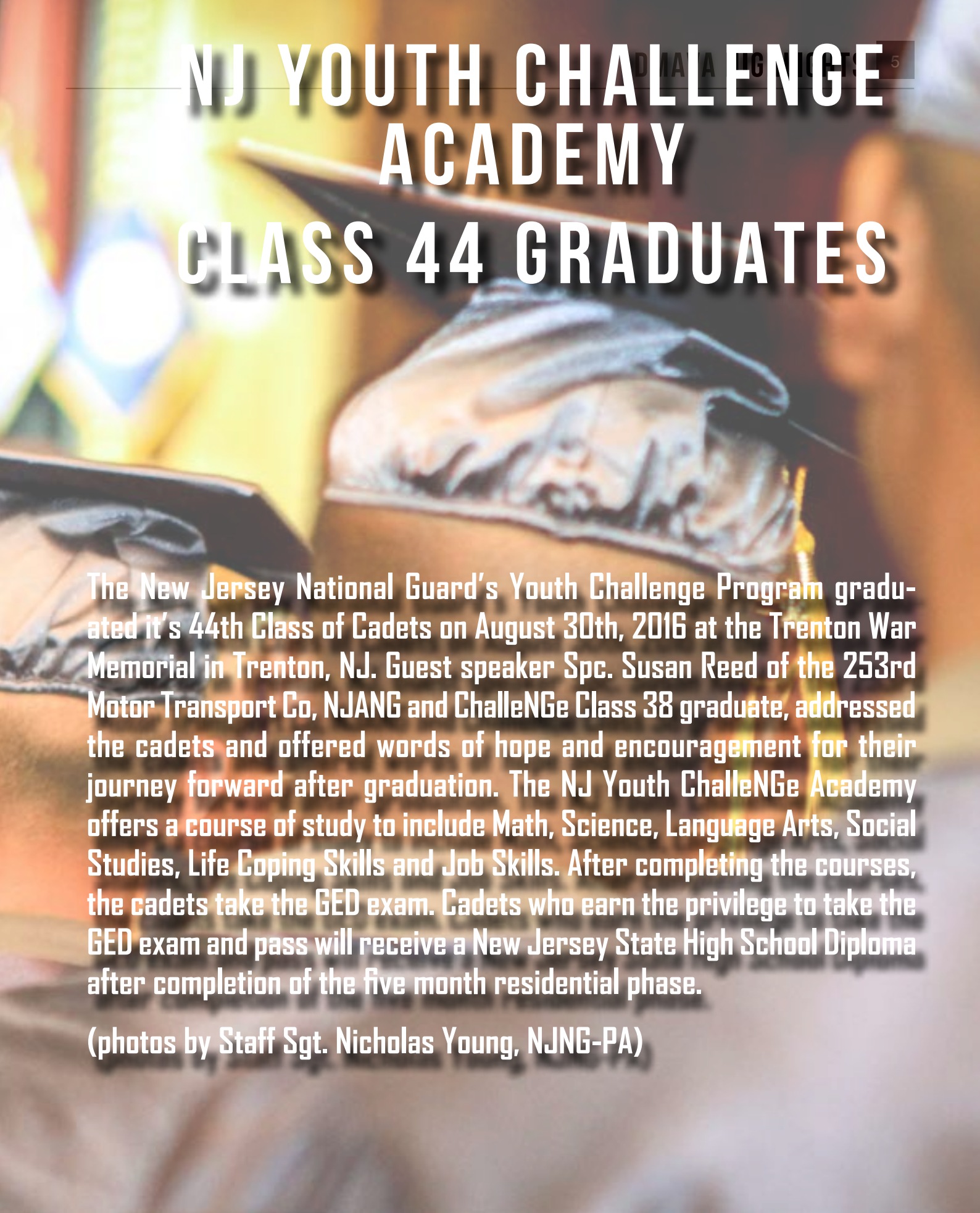
A U.S. Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 108th Wing flies over Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Aug. 31, 2016. The KC-135 is celebrating its 60th Anniversary today, having made its first flight on Aug. 31, 1956.



SPEC. SUSAN REED OF THE NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD'S 253RD TRANSPORTATION CO. ADDRESSES THE GRADUATES OF CLASS 44 OF THE NEW JERSEY YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY AT THE TRENTON WAR MEMORIAL IN TRENTON, NJ



GRADUATES OF THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD'S YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY TURN THEIR TASSLES TO SIGNIFY THE END OF THEIR ACADEMY EXPERIENCE.



NJ YOUTH CHALLENGE ACADEMY CLASS 44 GRADUATES

The New Jersey National Guard's Youth Challenge Program graduated its 44th Class of Cadets on August 30th, 2016 at the Trenton War Memorial in Trenton, NJ. Guest speaker Spc. Susan Reed of the 253rd Motor Transport Co, NJANG and Challenge Class 38 graduate, addressed the cadets and offered words of hope and encouragement for their journey forward after graduation. The NJ Youth Challenge Academy offers a course of study to include Math, Science, Language Arts, Social Studies, Life Coping Skills and Job Skills. After completing the courses, the cadets take the GED exam. Cadets who earn the privilege to take the GED exam and pass will receive a New Jersey State High School Diploma after completion of the five month residential phase.

(photos by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young, NJNG-PA)

VETERANS AFFAIRS



PHOTOS BY KRYN WESTHOVEN, NJDMAVA-PA

The New Jersey Lottery commission made a stop at the town square of the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home on August 30, 2016. The visit is part of the lottery's "Where the Money Goes" tour that explains how the lottery proceeds benefits education and institutions, like the three veterans homes. Residents received a scratch-off ticket and; door prizes like a New Jersey Lottery themed Monopoly game, t-shirts and hats were given out at the Residents Council meeting.



JOE BRANDSPIEGEL, CEO, MENLO PARK VETERANS MEMORIAL HOME AT MENLO PARK, LEFT HELPS MARY ANN RIVELL, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, NEW JERSEY LOTTERY, TO CALL OUT DOOR PRIZES DURING THE LOTTERY'S VISIT AT THE RESIDENT'S COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 30, 2016. PHOTO BY KRYN P. WESTHOVEN, NJDMAVA-PA



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Dear National Guard member,

Dover International Speedway is excited to share some news with you!

Our upcoming NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016 will be named the "Citizen Soldier 400." This will be an important race to help determine the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series championship.

The feature film "Citizen Soldier" is the 21st century story of the National Guard – fighting America's wars when called to do so, building global partnerships when asked, and protecting our homeland at all costs. It is a modern-day Band of Brothers which, using real footage, provides an unprecedented and intimate look into the chaos and horrors of combat and, in the process, demonstrates our soldiers' bravery and valor under the most hellish of conditions, embodying one of the fundamental pillars of the warrior ethos – to never leave a fallen comrade behind.



As a THANK YOU for your service, Waste Masters, the Official Waste Solutions Provider of Dover International Speedway, is inviting each current member of the National Guard to attend the race free of charge. You have the opportunity to receive up to four complimentary tickets per household to the "Citizen Soldier 400."

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and quantities are limited. This opportunity expires on Sept. 28.

It's easy to reserve your tickets: Just [CLICK HERE](#) or call the Speedway's ticket office at 800-441-RACE for more details.

It's worth noting that raceday is far more than just a race, if you've never been to an event before. The entire Sept. 30-Oct. 2 NASCAR tripleheader weekend at Dover International Speedway includes fun activities for the whole family, including free live concerts; tons of free activities and experiences within our FanZone and Monster Mile Youth Nation areas; an interactive, 25,000 square foot USO Military Village display; military flyovers; NASCAR driver autograph sessions and meet and greets; awesome food selections; a free outdoor movie; fireworks and so much more! And you certainly won't want to miss seeing Miles the Monster, the world's tallest and fiercest 46-foot-tall icon, holding a full-size racecar in his hand, too. It's a can't-miss event!

We thank you for your service, and hope to see you and your family members in person at the track on Sunday, Oct. 2 for the "Citizen Soldier 400."

Sincerely,

Mike Tatroian
President & CEO
Dover International Speedway

Steve Masterson
President & CEO
Waste Masters





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These stories will be produced as online video then will later air for television and radio.

Participating veterans and their families will receive a free admission to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, the proposed location of the interviews on Saturday, Sept. 17.

If interested please contact Trenae Nuri by email (tnuri@whyy.org) with your contact information and how many tickets are needed.

SAVE THE DATE or sign up now

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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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Sept. 23, 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Cherry Hill National Guard Armory
2001 Park Blvd.
Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

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DMAVA medal ceremony Oct. 25 at 11 a.m. at Center Court
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