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State Family Readiness Office conducts a Summer Services Event.

The State Family Readiness Office, in conjunction with NJ Transit, conducted a Summer Services Event at Belmar, New Jersey on Thursday, 17 July 2003. Twenty-five families and 45 children of our deployed soldiers were transported from Teaneck and Cherry Hill Armories about NJ Transit's newest cartoon character busses to spend a day at the beach in Belmar. The day's activities began with a VIP Barbeque, followed by age-appropriate activities for the children, activity tents, transportation to the Belmar Beach, and gift baskets at the end of the day with tickets to Great Adventure, Liberty Science Center, and other recreational locations within New Jersey. The Recruiting Command showcased their HUMVEE and recruiting programs. WKTU 103.5 FM broadcast live coverage of the festivities.

Monmouth County Veterans Service Officer (VSO) obtains \$785,000 in benefits for clients.

During the month of June, Mr. Donald McNamara, Monmouth County VSO, helped the veterans in that county obtain \$785,000 in monetary awards. His outreach efforts are really working!

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

23 July 11 a.m.	Vietnam Service Medal	Athenia Veterans Post 147 Huron Avenue, Clifton, NJ
6 August 11 a.m.	Distinguished Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal	Flemington Elks 165 Rt. 31 South, Flemington, NJ
20 August 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.	Distinguished Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal	Middlesex Community College 2600 Woodbridge Ave, Edison, NJ
28 August 11 a.m.	Distinguished Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal	Orange Elks 475 Main Street, Orange, NJ

Congratulations to USAF Non-Commissioned Officer Academy Honor Graduate.

Congratulations to TSgt Dawn Valois of the 108th Medical Detachment Squadron for being named as an Honor Graduate at the USAF Non-Commissioned Officer Academy graduation ceremonies held 10 July 2003.

homes and in our work lives.

.David Niven, PhD

Veterans Honored at Recent Ceremonies.

On 9 July 2003, Brig Gen Eugene Chojnacki presented the Distinguished Service Medal and Meritorious Service Medal to 168 veterans in a ceremony held at the Millville Elks in Millville, NJ. Honored guests at the ceremony included Assemblymen Nicholas Asselta, Jeffrey VanDrew, and Douglas Fisher. BG Thomas Sullivan presented Vietnam Service Medals to 102 veterans at a ceremony hosted by the 3rd Battalion 112th Field Artillery at the National Guard Armory in Morristown on 15 July 2003. Representatives from the offices of Senator Anthony Bucco and Assemblyman Guy Gregg were in attendance. CW5 (Ret) Robert Wimberly acted as Master of Ceremonies at both medal presentations.

57th Troop Command Units Provide Overseas Mission Support to Active Duty Units.

Six members from the 305th Finance Detachment deployed to Vicenza, Italy on 12 July 2003 to conduct their Annual Training period with the 208th Finance Battalion. The following individuals will provide support to this active duty Finance Battalion through 26 July 2003: SSG Jose Colon, SPC David Michaels, SPC Hui Tian, PFC Eric Zinader, PFC Chan Suh, and PFC Jon Vasquez.

New Jersey Army National Guard federally recognizes two new Warrant Officer Aviation Candidates.

Aviation is on the move again with the selection of two new WOCs for Initial Entry Rotary Wing (IERW) school. CW5 Al Curving, Command Chief Warrant Officer (CCWO) of the NJARNG, and COL Paul Ciervo, State Army Aviation Officer (SAAO) jointly announce two WOC accessions resulting from a recent order of merit list (OML) board section process. The individuals are: from SPC/E4 to WOC Matthew N. Lanese, effective 26 June 2003, and from SGT/E5 to WOC Daryl J. Lynch, effective 26 June 2003. Both candidates were accessed into the 1/150th General Support Aviation Battalion (GSAB). Congratulations!

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

26 July	1 p.m.	Author Lecture/Book Signing Program by Patricia Farawell Enyedy, Author of <u>A Redcatcher's Letters from Nam: Reflections of Family and Friends.</u>
27 July	9 a.m.	5 th Annual Classic Car and Motorcycle Show Rain Date: Sunday, 10 August 2003
8 Sep	9 a.m.	Golf Outing Olde York Country Club
19 Sep	11 a.m.	POW/MIA GSM Recognition Day Ceremony
21 Sep	11 a.m.	Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Awareness Motorcycle Run

For more information about any of these events, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033.

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

18 July	Tool Show and Sale	Dover Armory
19 July	Tool Show and Sale	Riverdale Armory
31 July	Infantswear Clothing Sale	Westfield Armory
2 August	Job Fair/Business Expo	West Orange Armory

RCAS Authorized Computers.

Only computers that are certified by the G6 to meet the requirements for processing official government traffic are authorized for connection to the RCAS network. This means the computers have been configured to meet the security requirements for use on a Department of Defense network. Unauthorized computers that are identified by the Network Control Center will be disconnected from the network, and may result in an entire location being disconnected until the matter is corrected. Questions on this policy should be directed to the G6 Help Desk at 609-530-6899 or HELPDESKNJ@nj.ngb.army.mil.

G4 Food Service Section conducts Food Sanitation Class.

As NJ Army National Guard units conducted final preparations for Annual Training 2003 (AT-03), it is imperative that Food Service Supervisors do everything possible to protect our soldiers from food-borne illness and man-made contaminants. To reenergize the this important issue, the G4 Food Service Team, CW2 John Garrison, MSG James Moran, and the 50th BDE, Food Service Advisor, MSG Joseph Brady conducted a food sanitation class during the period 12-13 July 2003 at the National Guard Training Center.

Today in History -

Today is the 199th day of 2003. There are 166 days left in the year.

On this date:

- In 64 A.D., the Great Fire of Rome began.
- In 1927, Ty Cobb hit safely for the 4,000th time in his career.
- In 1932, the United States and Canada signed a treaty to develop the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- In 1936, The Spanish Civil War began.
- In 1940, the Democratic national convention in Chicago nominated President Roosevelt for an unprecedented third term in office.
- In 1969, a car driven by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass, plunged off a bridge on Chappaquiddick Island near Martha's Vineyard.
- In 2002, accused September 11th conspirator, Zacarias Moussaoui, tried to plead guilty to charges that could have brought the death penalty, but a federal judge in Alexandria, Virginia insisted he think about it.

Interesting but useless Facts.

- ☺ Antarctica is the driest, coldest, windiest, and highest continent on earth.
- ☺ There are 119 groves on the edge of a quarter.
- ☺ 18% of animal owners share their bed with their pets.
- ☺ Alaska has more caribou than people.
- ☺ Googol is a number (1 followed by 100 zeros).

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