

MARCH 9, 2023



READY TO SERVE ★ PROUD TO HAVE SERVED

COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Women, Peace and Security

Brigadier General Lisa Hou was the keynote speaker at the "Together Towards Sustainable Peace" forum in Tirana, Albania, which brought together local and international partners for a discussion about Women, Peace, and Security (WPS). The forum took place on International Women's Day and highlighted the achievements made by Albania in WPS issues.

Women's History Month

Team,

As you know, March is Women's History Month. It is a time to commemorate and encourage the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

March 8th specifically is International Women's Day. International Women's Day emerged from women's rights movements in the U.S. and other industrializing countries during the early 1900's, born from the actions of women workers who were fighting not only for their rights but also for their safety in the workplace. Since 1914, March 8th has been the fixed date for International Women's Day. This day is observed annually to celebrate the global historical, social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. It is celebrated around the world as a way to remember the past achievements of women and look toward the next step towards gender equality.

This year's theme is "Embrace Equity," which draws a distinction between equity and equality. The campaign asks that people show their support for this year's theme by striking the embracing pose with their arms hugging their shoulders. Through this motion, one can show solidarity with women across the world.

Women have been serving in the military in one form or another for more than 200 years. During the American Revolution and Civil Wars they served in combat, disguised as men. They have had to overcome decades of obstacles to get to where they are today: serving in greater numbers, in combat roles and in leadership positions all around the world.

In 2023, the VA celebrates the 100th Anniversary of providing health care for women Veterans. Today, more than 1.9 million women Veterans live in America, and more than 600,000 women Veterans receive health care at VA each year. At VA, women Veterans now have access to a full spectrum of comprehensive health and gender-specific care, including fertility services, mental health care, and maternity care and more.

The NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs honors the contributions of women serving in the military and celebrates the richness and diversity of their achievements not only in March but throughout the entire year.

Thanks to each of you for all you do to make the Department and the State a better place.

We encourage you to share ideas, events and feedback. Please email our team at outreach@dmava.nj.gov.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A blue and red graphic for a volunteer recruitment campaign. It features three circular images: a soldier with a baby, a woman hugging a soldier, and a group of soldiers. The text is white and yellow on a blue background.

JOIN US AT THE WESTFIELD ARMORY

We invite you to join our team of passionate volunteers who are committed to serving those serving our nation. Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization and help us provide meaningful support and experiences to our Soldiers and their families.

Join our vibrant team of dedicated volunteers and make an impact.

VOLUNTEER TODAY!



We are expecting a very busy 2023 and 2024 for our 1-102d New Jersey Cavalry Army National Guard and the Family Readiness Group (FRG). With an upcoming deployment, we need your support more than ever.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR:

- Soldier and Family Events - Family Day, Holiday Party, Bagel Mornings
- Support Our Troops 12th Annual Casino Night - (Planning Committee or Night of Event Volunteer)
- Care Packages for Annual Training (2023) and Deployment (2024)
- Company sponsorship or volunteer opportunities

MORE CONTACT INFO: info@bondsofcourage.org | www.bondsofcourage.org




NJNG YOUTH CAMP 2023

UNLOCK THE MYSTERY

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!!

8-15 July 2023 for Counselors & Volunteers
9-15 July 2023 for Campers



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NJNG YOUTH AGES 9 & UP

SCAN TO REGISTER OR VISIT
[HTTPS://APP.CAMPDOC.COM/REGISTER/NJNATIONALGUARD](https://app.campdoc.com/register/njnationalguard)

If you have any questions, please contact your Child & Youth Coordinators

Kimberly Jordan- 609-496-9260- kimberly.n.jordan2.ctr@army.mil
 Melissa Nicolato-609-496-9261 - melissa.k.nicolatto.ctr@army.mil

DMAVA EVENTS

Thursday
March 16,
2023

COMMUNITY
EVENT

11 a.m. -
3 p.m.








COMMUNITY & VETERAN WELLNESS AND RESOURCE FAIR

The Wilmington VA Medical Center in partnership with Stockton University's Military and Family Success Center, welcome ALL to attend this day of resources. The event will be held on the Galloway Campus of Stockton University

Thursday March 16, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Main Campus of Stockton University 101 Vera King Drive
 Galloway, NJ 08205

Department of Veterans Affairs – PACT Act
 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
 Department of Labor
 Atlantic County Human Services
 Atlantic County Veteran Services
 Hope One Atlantic County
 Hope Exists Foundation

Multiple community and Veteran non-profit organizations will be in attendance for this one-day event.

For questions or concerns please contact VA Outreach Specialist
 Jacqueline Hinker 302-304-5509

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present



**March 19, 2023
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Woodcliff Lake CommunityDay

Tice Senior Center
411 Chestnut Ridge Road
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present to help and assist any Veteran or family member.

For more information contact the Veterans Benefits Bureau at vbb@dmava.nj.gov.

A promotional poster for "Community Hope's Veteran Job Fair". The background features a stylized American flag with stars and stripes. On the right side, there is a blue silhouette of a soldier in uniform saluting. The text is arranged as follows: "Community Hope's Veteran Job Fair" in large blue letters at the top; "3.22.23" and "10AM - 3PM" in bold blue letters below; "Bridgewater Mall Community Hub, 400 Commons Way, Bridgewater NJ 08807" in smaller blue text; "Fostering Independence & Resiliency In Our Veterans" in a script font; the "COMMUNITY hope" logo with "STARTS HERE" underneath; a QR code; and "SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER" next to the soldier silhouette. At the bottom, it says "For more information, please email djennings@communityhope-nj.org".

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present



**March 29, 2023
9:00am - 1:00pm**

RETIREMENT / TRANSITION SEMINAR

Joint Military & Family Assistance Center

1048 US Rt 206 South
Bordentown, NJ 08505

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present to help and assist any Veteran or family member.

[Learn More and Register](#)



Morris County Veterans

Join us to learn about many benefits available to you!

When: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 from
10am - 2 pm

Where: Morris County One-Stop Career Center
13 Emery Avenue, Randolph, NJ 07869

Who: Representatives from local
organizations to answer questions
about:



- VA healthcare Benefits
- Entitlements
- Claims
- Job Search
- More!



Spaces are limited, please RSVP by Mar 24:

Larry Walsh - 862-397-5600 ext. 397-5741



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DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

FEATURED EVENTS



Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA)
Outreach, Transition and Economic Development (OTED)

will host a

Virtual Women Veterans Symposium: Here for H.E.R.
Supporting Women Veterans: Hope - Education - Resources

Wednesday, March 9, 2023
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (EST)

The symposium will educate women Veterans, their family members, caregivers, survivors, and advocates about the VA benefits and services available to them. Speakers will provide information on current and future VA benefits, to include filing a VA disability claim online, fraud prevention and awareness and the Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

Join on Your Computer or Mobile App via Web-Ex

[Click Here to Join the Symposium](#)

Or Call-In (Audio Only)

Phone: 1-404-397-1596

Access Code: 2763 919 1060



VA



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

**NEW JERSEY SOS VETERANS
STAKEHOLDERS GROUP**

**New Jersey SOS Veterans Stakeholder's Group
Women's Committee**

&

VA New Jersey Health Care System

Presents

**First Ever
Women Veterans Quarterly Symposium**

A virtual event.

Thursday, March 9, 2023
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

To participate in this event use the Zoom link provided below.

Zoom link:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89754502934?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89754502934?pwd=Unp0TkJWNGxhUTRCTlR5NXM2bDRDUT09)

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For additional information contact *Joyce Gonzalez* or *Yahaira Padilla* at
njsosvetswomenscommittee@gmail.com.

Department of Veterans Affairs 
Newark Regional Office
in collaboration with



4th Annual Virtual Women Veterans Symposium
“Building On A Culture of Respect and Service”
Connecting Women Veterans to their Benefits

WHEN: Saturday, March 11, 2023/10AM – 3PM

WHERE: Zoom – Register In Advance

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZwud-ygrTME9xILcf53yqWYmZ_de27JYd5

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

or contact Jennifer Myers at 973-297-3384 or jennifer.myers6@va.gov

WHY: VA representatives and Community Partners will share vital information on benefits, services and resources available to women Veterans, from a national and local level.

THE CAMDEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & MICHAEL J. CRESCENZ VA MEDICAL CENTER
INVITE YOU TO THE

VETERANS SUICIDE AWARENESS PANEL DISCUSSION




COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023 • 1-4PM
CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE - BLACKWOOD CAMPUS
Civic Hall, 200 College Dr., Blackwood, NJ 08012

Discussion starts at 1:30PM and includes:
VETERANS SHARING THEIR STORY
LETHAL ARMS AND STORAGE SAFETY
LEARN MORE ABOUT THE 988-VETERANS CRISIS LINE

The panel discussion will be livestreamed on
Camden County Facebook and [CamdenCounty.com/Live](https://www.camdencounty.com/live)

To learn more about the panelists and community resources, visit:
[CamdenCounty.com/VetSuicideAwareness](https://www.camdencounty.com/VetSuicideAwareness)
or scan the QR code:



VA



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

PACT ACT ENROLLMENT EVENT

Eligibility & Enrollment
Toxic Exposure Screenings
VBA Claims Clinic

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2023

CHOOSE YOUR TIME
ONLY 30 AVAILABLE SLOTS PER HOUR:
9:00-10:00AM 10:00AM-11:00AM
11:00AM-12:00PM 12:00PM-1:00PM

COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF MORRIS
214 CENTER GROVE RD.
RANDOLPH, NJ 07869

Not enrolled in VA health care?
Bring your DD214 and a completed 10-10EZ and enroll on the spot...get screened and start a claim!
Applying for PACT Act benefits will not automatically impact your current benefits. Veterans who currently receive compensation for a service-connected condition will not have their previously awarded claims re-adjudicated simply because they file for new benefits under the PACT Act.



Register Here!
Choose your time & email
VANJHSCCommsTeam@va.gov



Coming Soon!
PACT Act "On the Road" Events
April TBD
We want to ensure the chosen location for this event meets the needs of the Veteran community in that area.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DMAVA & Community Calendar

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

[View Full Calendar](#)

NJ NATIONAL GUARD



Operation Winged Devil

More than 350 U.S. Army Soldiers with the 1st Battalion, 114th Infantry Regiment, 44th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, New Jersey Army National Guard, participated in an air assault and a field training exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, Feb. 9-12, 2023. This was on preparation for the unit's rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, later this year.

[Read Full Story](#)

[View Video](#)



177th Fighter Wing Opens Mental Health and Wellness Center

U.S. Air Force Airmen of the 177th Medical Group Mental Health and Wellness Center (MHAWC) pose for a group photo Mar. 5, 2023, at the 177th Fighter Wing, Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The MHAWC opened Mar. 4, 2023, and provides pre-deployment preparation, coping skills and stress management unit members.

[Read Full Story](#)

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Student Loan Repayment



DMAVA VETERANS SERVICES



VSO Edward Puzio

Edward Puzio is a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) based out of the Newark Regional Office. He finds working at DMAVA very rewarding and enjoys assisting New Jersey Veterans.

Edward grew up in Northern New Jersey and attended Richard Stockton College and Fairleigh Dickinson University. Prior to

becoming a VSO, Edward worked in higher education.

Outside of work, Edward likes spending time with family and friends, bicycling and working in the garden. He resides with his wife in Northern New Jersey.

Veterans and family members can contact Edward or any of his colleagues around the state by visiting the DMAVA website at [Veterans Service Offices](#).



Medal Ceremony

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Clearbrook Community Association, Monroe, New Jersey, Feb. 24, 2023.

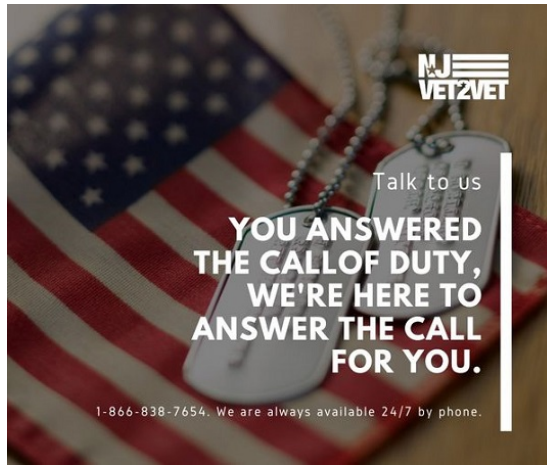
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Medal Awarded

Acting Director of Veterans Services Esther Chucaralao presented the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to 105 year-old World War II Veteran Navy Yeoman 1st Class Leo Eisenhoff at his residence in Monroe Township on March 6, 2023.

Navy Yeoman 1st Class Eisenhoff served on the *U.S.S. Curtiss* when it survived the June 21, 1945 Kamikakaze attack off of Okinawa, Japan.



NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline
888-865-8387
vbb@dmava.nj.gov

Veterans Outreach Schedule

Veterans Service Offices

DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



Interfaith Suicide Awareness Seminar

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs participated in the Interfaith Suicide Awareness Seminar at the Good Neighbor Baptist Church in Newark, N.J. Feb. 22, 2023.

New Jersey Army National Guard Chaplain 1st Lt. Marquis Strickland spoke in a panel and discussed his experiences and what resources are available to Veterans in emotional distress.

The seminar was hosted by [Assemblywoman Cleopatra Tucker](#), Newark Councilwoman at Large, Reverend Louise Scott-Rountree with the [NJ SOS Veteran Stakeholders group](#) and [Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson](#).

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rpm@dmava.nj.gov

njyca.org/admissions

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NJ State Police Graduation

Governor Phil Murphy, Attorney General Matthew Platkin, and New Jersey State Police Superintendent Colonel Patrick Callahan attended the New Jersey State Police Training Academy 164th State Police Class Graduation at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023.

The NJ State Police are one of the tenants at the [National Guard Training Center](#) in Sea Girt, NJ.

View more images on [NJSP Flickr](#).

Mercer County VETERANS SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

ATTENTION
VIETNAM VETERANS

To honor National Vietnam War Veterans Day, we would like to display your photos on a continuous slide show on the Mercer County Veteran Services web page.

Photographs may be submitted by Veterans or their family members. Include the Veteran's name, unit, and service dates, if known. All photos will become the property of Mercer County and will not be returned.

Submit photos to:
MCVeteranServices@mercercounty.org

You can also drop off images to:
Mercer County Veteran Services
1440 Parkside Ave. Ewing
Mercer County Connections
957 Highway 33, Hamilton

SUBMIT PHOTOS BY
MARCH 13, 2023




VETERAN MENTORS NEEDED

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
VETERANS DIVERSION PROGRAM**

Looking for a way to get involved and help your fellow Veterans? The Veterans Diversion Program might be the perfect fit!

Contact the Veterans Diversion Program Coordinator to find out more information:

**Megan Carduner: 732-745-4491 or
Megan.Carduner@co.middlesex.nj.us**

NEEDED: Volunteer Veteran Mentors!

Help a Fellow Veteran Undergoing Life-Changing Rehabilitation, Counseling and Treatment!

The Cape May County Prosecutors Office operates a Veterans Diversion Program (VDP) which offers Veterans charged with crimes an alternative to trial and sentencing. The program offers Veterans treatment and assistance for mental health, substance abuse and other issues which may have contributed to their arrest and criminal charges.

Instead of Incarceration, the program helps Veterans with:

- Treatment and Rehabilitation
- Community services and assistance
- Veterans Affairs counseling and benefits
- Mentoring support & coaching

VETERAN MENTORS are a vital part of the program, offering a frontline source of guidance and support for the participants...and MORE are needed in our community!



ARE YOU READY TO LEND A FELLOW VET A HELPING HAND?


PLEASE CONTACT:

David L. Shutter
SPC-4, US ARMY – LCDR, USNR
VFW-386, Cape May, NJ

Veteran Diversion Program Coordinator
Cape May County Prosecutors Office

dshutter@cmcpros.net
609-465-1135




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County of Atlantic

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Atlantic County Prosecutor

4997 Usama Boulevard, Suite 2
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Director of Community Outreach


**ATTENTION VETERANS,
FAMILY MEMBERS and SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS**

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office Veterans Diversion Program is available to certain veterans of the armed services who have pending non-violent criminal charges in Superior Court.

ACPO is seeking veterans willing to serve as VOLUNTEER MENTORS to become trained by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs in working with fellow veterans through the diversion process.

For more information, please contact Detective Chris Southard at southard_c@acpo.org / (609) 909-7965, Detective Hannah Piatt at piatt_h@acpo.org / 609-909-7859, or Executive Assistant Prosecutor Rick McKelvey at mckelvey_r@acpo.org / (609) 909-7722.

Defendants who have served and are currently pending criminal charges in Superior Court should consult with their attorney or visit <https://www.acpo.org/resource-page/55>.





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](#)
- [Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fishing Licenses](#)
- [Veteran and Disabled Veteran-Owned Business](#)
- [Division of Consumer Affairs Military Outreach & Support](#)
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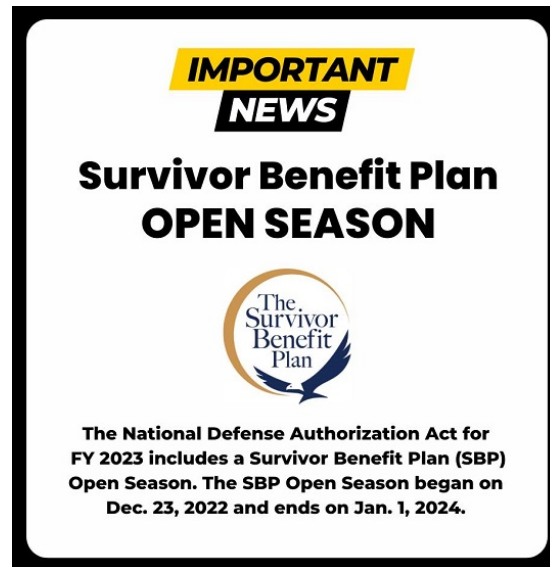


VA increases maximum life insurance coverage for Veterans and service members by \$100,000

WASHINGTON - Beginning March 1, VA is increasing the maximum amount of life insurance coverage available to Veterans and service members from \$400,000 to \$500,000 for [Veterans' Group Life Insurance \(VGLI\)](#) and [Servicemembers Group Life Insurance \(SGLI\)](#). This increase in coverage reflects the current cost of living and helps ensure that the families of Veterans and service members will have the financial support they deserve after their loved ones pass away.

Veterans who are under age 60 and currently enrolled in VGLI will be able to purchase additional coverage in \$25,000 increments up to \$500,000. All active duty, guard, and reserve service members eligible for SGLI will automatically receive the increased coverage on March 1.

[Read Full News Release](#)



Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Proposed Open Season

Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The SBP Open Season began on December 23, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2024.

The SBP Open Season allows for retirees receiving retired pay, eligible members, or former members awaiting retired pay who are currently NOT enrolled in SBP or RCSBP (Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan) to enroll.

The SBP Open Season also allows eligible members and former members who are currently enrolled in either SBP or RCSBP to permanently discontinue their SBP coverage.

[Learn More](#)



New National Parks Pass

A new lifetime pass for National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands, called America the Beautiful.

This new lifetime pass for Gold Star Families & Veterans is being offered to demonstrate the country's immense gratitude and respect for those who have served and defended our country.

The Interagency Military Pass has been part of the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass Series since 2012. On December 27, 2021, President Biden

signed into law S. 1605 "The National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022" (NDAA). Section 641 of the NDAA makes Gold Star families and Veterans eligible for lifetime passes to federal recreational lands.

[Learn More at VA News](#)



VA Life

Veterans Affairs Life Insurance (VALife) provides guaranteed acceptance whole life coverage of up to \$40,000 to Veterans with service-connected disabilities. Lesser amounts are available in increments of \$10,000. Under this plan, the elected coverage takes effect two years after enrollment as long as premiums are paid during the two-year period.

All Veterans age 80 or under with a VA disability rating of 0 to 100% are eligible for the VALife program and have no time limit to apply.

[Learn More](#)



Featured Links

- [Download VA Benefit Letters](#)
- [Podcasts on Veterans' Issues](#)
- [VA Women's Health Reengagement Training](#)
- [VA and FCC make it easier for Veterans to get internet access](#)
- [13 places that offer free wills or trusts for Veterans](#)
- [Fast facts about new toxic exposure screening for Veterans](#)
- [Simplifying the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill application process](#)
- [Free legal services for Veterans, service members](#)
- [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](#)



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Veterans Call
Center is **your**
guide to VA.

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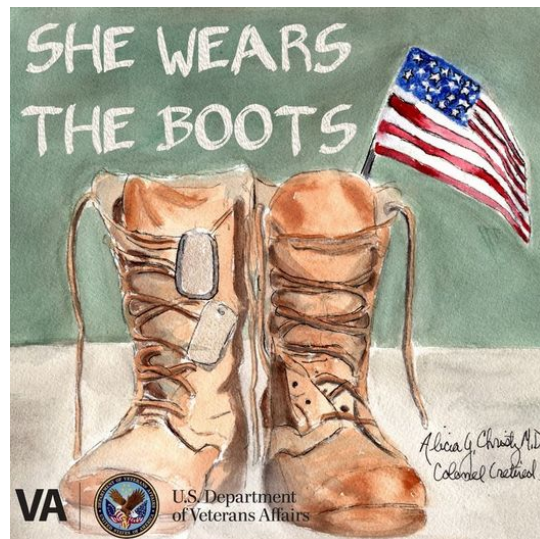
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WE ARE OPEN

Weekdays:
8:00 am–10:00 pm ET

Saturday:
8:00 am–6:30 pm ET

PODCAST



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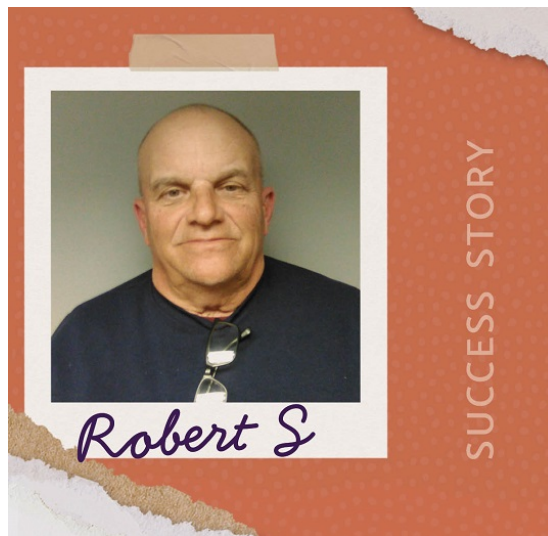
U.S. Department
of Veterans Affairs

#VetResources

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

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT



Goodwill Connects Vets

Robert Sauerwein, a US army veteran, unfortunately found himself homeless and living in a shelter before working with Goodwill and the services of our Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program.

Thanks to the intervention of our HVRP team, Robert was admitted to the Alfred J. Thomas Veteran's Home in Garfield, NJ while he finds permanent housing. Goodwill helped Robert apply to receive his Housing Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing certificate that will provide him a Section 8 rental voucher for permanent housing, case management, and supportive services from the VA starting this April.

Robert is now a full-time employee at Stew Leonard's, where Goodwill helped to provide him with his required uniform.

Hear from Robert directly how our HVRP is improving the lives of veterans in the 10 Northern counties of NJ. [Watch Video](#)

To request information on how homeless Veterans can join Goodwill's HVRP, please call 973-474-2021 x3221 or email services@goodwillny.org.

Story and image courtesy Goodwill of NY/NJ



Seton Hall Army ROTC

Cadets from the Seton Hall University Army ROTC teamed up with Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard to conduct weapons training during the February 25th weekend.

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.

March 16, 2006
Operation Iraqi Freedom
CPL Carlos Gonzalez
U.S. Army
Passaic, New Jersey

March 22, 2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PFC Bruce Miller Jr.
U.S. Army
Orange, New Jersey

March 17, 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SFC Benjamin Sebban
U.S. Army
South Amboy, New Jersey

March 22, 2008
Operation Enduring Freedom
SSG William R. Neil Jr.
U.S. Army
Holmdel, New Jersey

March 21, 2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SSG Jeremy R. Horton
U.S. Army
Carneys Point, 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

NJ Fallen Heroes Memorial

VETERANS' ORAL HISTORIES



Christine Goetz
Desert Storm



Helene Cattani
World War II

HISTORY



March 6, 1962

On this day in New Jersey National Guard history...New Jersey and much of the Mid-Atlantic was hit with the "Ash Wednesday" storm of 1962. According to the annual New Jersey Dept. of Defense report of 1962,

"...agencies of the Department became very deeply involved in rescue and relief operations in our shore and other tidal areas during the storm which commenced on 6 March and dealt such tremendous havoc to our coastal areas.

Our State, County, and Local Civil Defense Agencies conducted rescue and relief operations to the extent of their capability and they were immediately reinforced as required by elements of the New Jersey Army National Guard, the Active Coast Guard, Navy, and the 119th Tactical Fighter Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard.

In all, 351 National Guard personnel using 174 vehicles evacuated approximately 3000 citizens from the shore area on Long Beach Island, Atlantic City and Cape May County. Approximately 200 others were evacuated from the Port Norris - Fortescue area and Keansburg."



March 7, 1843

Alfred Bellard was born in Hull, England. Bellard emigrated to Hudson City (now part of Jersey City), New Jersey with his family in the 1850s and enlisted in the Fifth New Jersey regiment in 1861. Wounded at Chancellorsville in 1863, Bellard served in the Veteran Reserve Corps until discharged in 1864. He died on September 20, 1891 and was buried in Newark's Fairmount Cemetery. Bellard is remembered today for his 1880s unpublished illustrated memoir, purchased in an antique shop in 1962 and published in 1975 as *Gone for a Soldier: The Civil War Memoirs of Alfred Bellard*. It is a classic of the genre.

March 12, 1822

Timothy Webster was born in Newhaven, England. Webster emigrated with his family to Princeton, New Jersey, at the age of eight and lived there until he became a Pinkerton agency detective in 1853. With the outbreak of the Civil War, he served as a Union spy but was discovered, tried, convicted and hanged in Richmond in 1862, the first American executed as a spy since Nathan Hale.

March 20, 1874

The Washington Association of New Jersey was formed to oversee the preservation and maintenance of the Ford Mansion, George Washington's Morristown headquarters, recently purchased at auction by a group of prominent local citizens.

March 21, 1778

Loyalist raiders under Colonel John Simcoe massacred New Jersey militiamen, inadvertently killing a Loyalist judge in the process, in a night bayonet attack at Hancock's Bridge.

March 21, 1967

Ramsey-born U.S. Army Master Sergeant Charles Ernest Hosking Jr. of the Fifth Special Forces Group was mortally wounded attempting to capture a Viet Cong sniper. The enemy soldier pulled the pin on a hand grenade, and Hosking grabbed him, taking the full force of the blast and saving his comrades. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism. Hosking is buried in Ridgewood.

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IN THE NEWS



New Jersey man walks across US to raise nearly \$100K for homeless veterans

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A patriotic New Jersey man just completed what he's calling the journey of a lifetime.

Tommy Pasquale of Randolph, New Jersey, successfully walked from the Atlantic to the Pacific – nearly 3,000 miles – in 143 days. Pasquale gave himself the goal of trekking from Manasquan, New Jersey, to Venice Beach, California, to raise money and awareness for America's homeless veterans.

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The Veteran Career & Coffee Connection

Joseph Grisanzio | NJ Business Magazine | January 25, 2023

Bridging the Gap for Veterans, a 501(c)(3) that helps veterans establish careers, was created by retired USAF – Command Chief Master Sergeant, Mike Ferraro. During his 32 years of service, Ferraro was able to identify the challenges facing transitioning military personnel.

"Veterans rejoining civilian culture, and particularly seeking work in it, was an open wound that I wished to dress," Ferraro said.

Nearly 200 companies and 1,000 honorably discharged soldiers have "Bridged the Gap" through the organization's efforts.

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THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ©

'Moving Wall' Replica Of Vietnam Memorial Coming To Long Valley

Vianella Burns | Patch Staff | February 21, 2023

LONG VALLEY, NJ — Residents from Washington Township will have the opportunity to remember those who were lost in the Vietnam War at a special traveling memorial wall this fall.

The Traveling Wall is "a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC," according to the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall's [website](#).

A veteran of the Vietnam War, John Devitt felt the power of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial when he saw it dedicated in Washington, D.C., in 1982, and he vowed to share that feeling with people who might not be able to visit it.

The Moving Wall was built by Devitt, Norris Shears, Gerry Haver and other Vietnam veteran volunteers. It has now been traveling across the United States for more than 30 years.

According to township officials, Washington Township will host the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1, 2023. The ceremony will take place in Palmer Park on Sept. 29, 2023, at 10 a.m.

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COL Christine Haycock

In 1952, COL Christine Haycock became the first woman officer to serve as a physician in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Following the Korean War, she became the first woman to hold a major command in New Jersey, with responsibility for the Army's 322nd General Hospital.

The image above is from her display case at the [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) in Lawrenceville.

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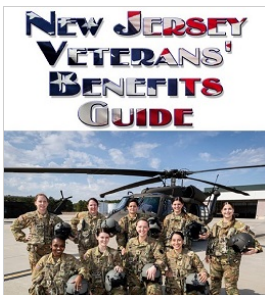
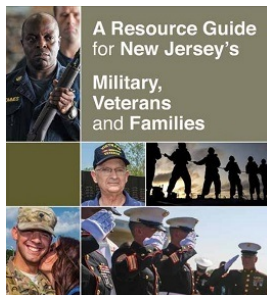
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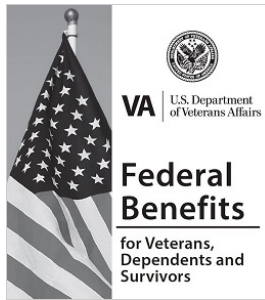
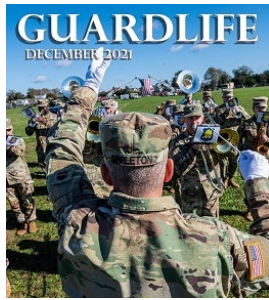


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