

FEBRUARY 22, 2023



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COMMISSIONER'S CORNER



Black History Month Video Presentation

The New Jersey National Guard recognizes the bravery and exceptional service of Black military and civilian personnel. This month and throughout the year, we celebrate the richness and diversity of their achievements.

Annual Budget

At the end of the month Governor Murphy will deliver his annual Budget Address and provide details on successes, plans, and future goals for the state.

For the past several weeks my staff and I have been preparing for our annual Budget submissions to ensure we secure the funds to sustain and improve the Department. Our Veteran Homes and Havens continue to provide invaluable care and services to New Jersey Veterans who call them home. We are continually looking for new and better ways to provide service. We are working with the Governors office to ensure we have a Veteran Service Officer in every county in New Jersey providing information, outreach, and educating Veterans on benefits and services available to them from the State of New Jersey and the federal VA.

As the month comes to a close I would remind you that this month is the month that we celebrate the contributions of African American military and civilian alike who have contributed to this great state and nation. Understanding and embracing our diversity allows us to leverage the best to be the best.

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



FEATURED VIDEO



COL (Ret) Walter R. Nall

Leading up to Black History Month, retired Army Col. Walter Nall, previous acting Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Affairs in New Jersey's Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, shared experiences from his 30+ years in public service. This includes his time in both the Alabama and New Jersey National Guards.

ANNOUNCEMENT



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

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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

VETERAN INFORMATION SESSION

The Wilmington VA Medical Center and Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)

Outreach Specialist will be hosting a presentation on information regarding enrollment, eligibility, services, and programs offered by the Sessions offer general information and how to navigate VA. Q & A and one-on-one information will be provided for all Veterans, their families, and caregivers in attendance.

Please contact the VA Outreach Specialist a VA provider or staff member if you would like to attend. (Seating is limited and based on availability)

UPCOMING SESSIONS

4th Thursday of every month

11:00 AM

(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE

Atlantic County CBOC
 1909 New Road
 Northfield, NJ 08225



VA OUTREACH SPECIALIST
 Jacqueline Hinker
 302-304-5509

CLINIC STAFF
 PACT Team
 Nurse Manager
 Behavior Health
 AMSA Supervisor
 AMSA

VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER

CONTACTED BY PHONE

DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present



February 24, 2023
11:00am

**DMAVA MEDAL CEREMONY & VETERANS
OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**

**Clearbrook Community
Ballroom**

1 Clearbrook Drive
Monroe, NJ 08831

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.



February 26, 2023
8:30am – 12:00pm

**RESERVE COMPONENT TRANSITION
BENEFITS BRIEF**

Joint Military & Family Assistance Center

1048 US Rt 206 South
Bordentown, NJ 08505

[Learn More and Register](#)

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UPCOMING SESSIONS 4th Monday of every month

10:00 AM
(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE
Cape May County CBOC
3801 Route 9 South
Rio Grande, NJ 08242



**VA OUTREACH
SPECIALIST**
Jacqueline Hinker
302-304-5509

CLINIC STAFF
PACT Team
Nurse Manager
Behavior Health
AMSA Supervisor
AMSA
Physical Therapy

**DMAVA
VSO**
Alicia Kagan
609-441-3060
Or
CMC Veteran
Services Office
David Louderback
609-886-2762

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UPCOMING SESSIONS 4th Tuesday of each month

11:00 AM
(or scheduled by request with Outreach Specialist)

WHERE
Cumberland County CBOC
79 W. Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360



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SPECIALIST**
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VSO**

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FEATURED EVENTS

Are you a Veteran with questions or concerns about airborne hazards and burn pits? Get information and answers you need.

Airborne Hazards and Burn Pits: What You Need to Know A Class for Veterans

VIRTUALLY on Webex via a personal computer, smart phone or tablet.



REGISTER at: <https://veteransaffairs.webex.com/veteransaffairs/onsite/g.php?MTID=c3a9b751476829915f3d772e6fa20c4a7>

Thursday, February 23, 2023

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. EST

Presenters

- **Anays Sotolongo, MD**
Director, Airborne Hazards and Burn Pits Center of Excellence
- **Michelle Robertson, MD, MPH**
Clinical Director, Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Center of Excellence

Topics

- Defining Airborne Hazards
- Understanding Exposures to Burn Pits/ Other Airborne Hazards
- Clinical Effects of Airborne Hazards
- Burn Pit Registry
- Tips to Manage Common Symptoms

*This is NOT a Compensation and Pension class.

Veterans must register for the class through the above link. Logging into the class will begin 15 minutes before the start time. Email njwriscdellteam@va.gov with subject header "Air Haz Class" if you have difficulty with registration.



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Suicide Prevention - Lethal Weapon Safety & Protecting Your Rights

Saturday, February 25, 2023

1000—1400

0930 Registration



VFW Post 3525
77 Christine Ave.,
Hamilton TWP, NJ
08619



Lunch will be provided.



FEATURING Firearms
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&
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Register online at:



S.A.V.E
Signs of suicide to recognize
Ask "Are you thinking of killing yourself?"
Validate their intent
Encourage treatment and expedite help

Direct Program Questions to: Tanya Kero — tanya.kero@va.gov
General Questions to: Bob Looby — boblooby@pdt.net, 908-894-0746

UPCOMING EVENTS

DMAVA & Community Calendar

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

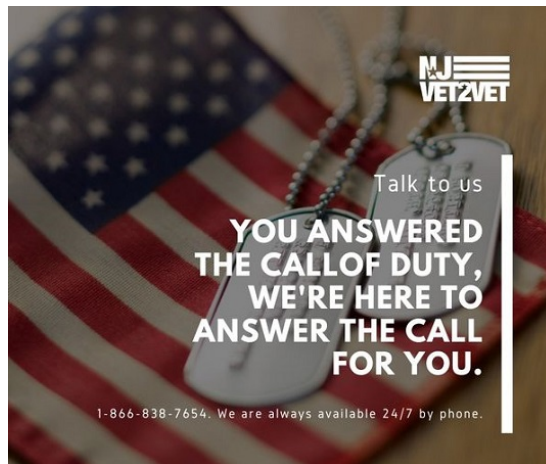
[View Full Calendar](#)

DMAVA VETERANS SERVICES



Valentine's Day

U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ 5) presented hand-made Valentine's Day cards to the residents at the New Jersey Veterans Home at Paramus. Before visiting the home, Gottheimer worked with the students at the Martha B Day School in Bloomingdale to make the cards for the Veterans.



NJ Veterans' Benefits Hotline

888-865-8387

vbb@dmava.nj.gov

[Veterans Outreach Schedule](#)

[Veterans Service Offices](#)

NJ NATIONAL GUARD



State Partnership Program

Soldiers of the New Jersey National Guard traveled to the Republic of Albania Feb. 5-9 to train with friends and counterparts of the Albanian Armed Forces on 120mm mortars, radio communications, physical fitness, and noncommissioned officer professional development.

[Read Full Story](#)



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. 10, 2023. This was on preparation for the unit's rotation to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, later this year.

[View Images](#)



177th Fighter Wing

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Megan Atkinson, crew chief with the 177th Fighter Wing of the New Jersey Air National Guard, marshals an F-16 Fighting Falcon before launch at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla., Jan. 25, 2023. F-16 pilots, maintainers and support staff from the 177th FW traveled to Tyndall for the Weapons System Evaluation

Program, also known as Combat Archer training.

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DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



Sustainability Award

In 2022, the New Jersey Army National Guard Environment Management Bureau submitted a nomination packet under the Sustainability: Non-Industrial Installation category for a food waste study conducted at the National Guard Training Center Dining Facility in Sea Girt, NJ. This category recognizes efforts to reduce or eliminate waste through increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources.

NJ took 2nd place in this category, and was presented with a trophy at the National Guard Bureau G9 Program Guidance Course in January 2023 at the National Guard Professional Education Center in Little Rock, AR.



Fiscal Law Course

The New Jersey National Guard hosted a two-day fiscal law course for nearly 150 U.S. Army and Air Force National Guard commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, state and federal employees at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on Jan. 18-19, 2023.

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 rpm@dmava.nj.gov
 njyca.org/admissions

STATE PARTNERS

Mercer County VETERANS SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

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

ATTENTION
VIETNAM VETERANS

SUBMIT PHOTOS BY
MARCH 13, 2023

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

Veterans Diversion Program Coordinator
Cape May County Prosecutors Office

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609-465-1135



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RAYMOND G. ROYSTER
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](#)
 - [Professional & Occupational Licenses for Veterans and Spouses](#)
 - [Military and Overseas Voting](#)
 - [Troops to Teachers](#)
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Suicide Prevention

WASHINGTON – Starting Jan. 17, Veterans in acute suicidal crisis will be able to go to any VA or non-VA health care facility for emergency health care at no cost – including inpatient or crisis residential care for up to 30 days and outpatient care for up to 90 days. Veterans do not need to be enrolled in the VA system to use this benefit.

This expansion of care will help prevent Veteran suicide by guaranteeing no cost, world-class care to Veterans in times of crisis. It will also increase access to acute suicide care for up to 9 million Veterans who are not currently enrolled in VA.

[Read Full News Release](#)

**IMPORTANT
NEWS**

**Survivor Benefit Plan
OPEN SEASON**



The National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2023 includes a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season. The SBP Open Season began on Dec. 23, 2022 and ends on Jan. 1, 2024.

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.

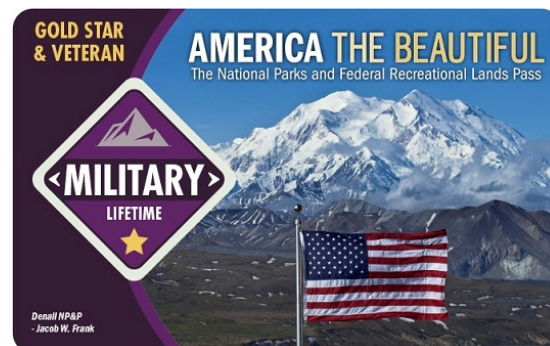
The SBP Open Season also allows eligible members and former members who are currently enrolled in either SBP or RCSBP to permanently discontinue their SBP coverage.

[Learn More](#)



Schedule Your PACT Act Event

If your Veterans Service Office, university/college or community organization would like to host the VA New Jersey Health Care System (VANJHCS), they will bring the information, screeners and staff to you and your Veterans. Contact them at VANJHCSCommsTeam@va.gov to schedule your PACT Act event.



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](#)
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- [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](#)
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- [Preserve Your Loved Ones Story with Veterans Legacy Memorial](#)
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Center is **your**
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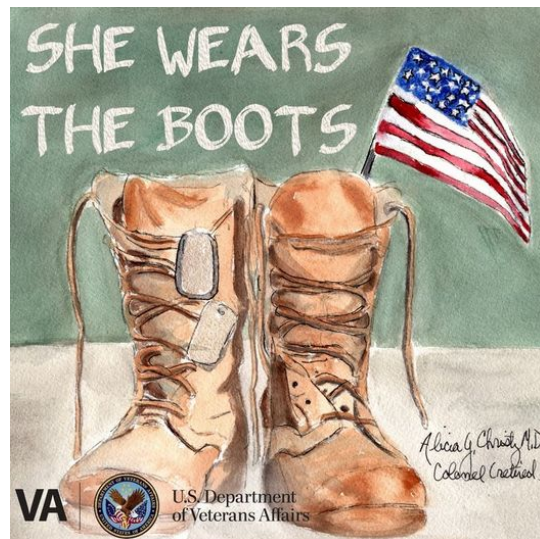
855-829-6636

WE ARE OPEN

Weekdays:
8:00 am–10:00 pm ET

Saturday:
8:00 am–6:30 pm ET

PODCAST



#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



Super Bowl

On Feb 12, 2023, members of the Little Ferry Police Department teamed up with Jersey Mike's Subs and delivered subs to our Veterans Home in Paramus just in time for the Superbowl. We can't thank our Veterans enough for what they sacrificed and its an honor for us to serve you. Special thanks to Officer Mike Hinchcliffe (P.A.L. coordinator) for organizing and to Jersey Mike's Subs!

Photo and caption courtesy Little Ferry Police Department Facebook



Donation

On Friday, Feb. 10, the [National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey](#) in Lawrenceville had the pleasure of hosting a check presentation going from [TPC Jasna Polana](#) to the [National Guard State Family Readiness Council](#) for their annual fundraiser, Birdies for the Brave.

The National Guard State Family Readiness Council's main goal is to assist and support our NJ National Guard families through challenging times by trying to alleviate any undue stress through a grant program funded by private and public contributions.



Local to Global

U.S. Air Force Colonel Derek B. Rouff, commander of the [177th Fighter Wing](#), was the February guest speaker for the Four Seasons Veterans Club, located at the Four Seasons Active Adult Retirement Community at Smithville, New Jersey. His presentation focused on the 177th's mission that he expressed as "Local to Global...Now and Always".

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.

February 26, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom
PFC Min Soo Choi
U.S. Army
River Vale, New Jersey

March 3, 2008
Operation Enduring Freedom
CPL Steven R. Koch
U.S. Army
Milltown, New Jersey

February 26, 2009
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SPC Brian M. Connelly
U.S. Army
Union Beach, New Jersey

March 4, 2005
Operation Iraqi Freedom
CPT Sean Grimes
U.S. Army
Dover, 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



Cambell Gonzalez
World War II



Angelo Colbourne
World War II

Veterans History Project

HISTORY



Essex Troop in Washington, D.C. in 1913

February 28, 1844

Princeton-born United States navy captain Robert Stockton took his ship, the USS Princeton, for a pleasure cruise on the Potomac River, with President John Tyler, his cabinet and 200 guests aboard. A cannon designed by Stockton was fired and exploded, killing six people, including Secretary of State Abel Upshur, Secretary of the Navy Thomas Gilmer and the president's soon to be father-in-law as well as his personal valet. A quickly held court of inquiry absolved the captain, a personal friend of Tyler.

February 28, 1942

A German submarine torpedoed the SS R.P. Resor eighteen miles east of Lavallette on a bright moonlit night. The explosion and "spectacular, towering fire" was so great that it could be seen from shore, and the Shark River Lifeboat Station was the first to report the incident. Only two men survived. The following morning, the World War I-era destroyer USS Jacob Jones was torpedoed while searching for more survivors. There were only twelve survivors of the sinking of the Jones.

February 29, 1824

Arabella Wharton Griffith was born in Somerville. In 1861, Griffith married Francis Channing Barlow, a New York attorney ten years her junior. Barlow rose to the rank of brigadier general in the Union army and when her husband was badly wounded at Antietam in 1862 and at Gettysburg in 1863, Arabella brought him back to Somerville, where she nursed him back to health. In July, 1864, she contacted typhus nursing sick Union soldiers at City Point, Virginia, and died of the disease in Washington on July 27. She was buried in Somerville.

February 29, 1780

Continental Army Quartermaster General Nathanael Greene wrote from Morristown: "Our provisions are in a manner, gone. We have not a ton of hay at command, nor magazine [supply point] to draw from. Money is extremely scarce, and worth little when we get it. We have been so poor in camp for a fortnight, (two weeks) that we could not forward the public dispatches, for want of cash to support the expresses."

March 2, 1902

Morris "Moe" Berg was born in New York City. Raised in Newark's Roseville section, Berg became the best baseball player the city ever produced, with a brilliant mind to boot, graduating from Princeton University and Columbia University Law School. He became a major league baseball player and coach, World War II OSS agent and legendary eccentric Roseville character. Berg died in Belleville on May 29, 1972. His last words were "how did the Mets do today?"

March 2, 1933

President Herbert Hoover signed legislation making George Washington's headquarters and his Army's winter camp at Morristown the first National Historical Park in the United States.

March 4, 1913

New Jersey Governor Woodrow Wilson was inaugurated as President of the United States. Wilson's inaugural parade was led by the Essex Troop, a New Jersey National Guard cavalry unit from Newark wearing British-influenced full dress uniforms custom tailored by Brooks Brothers in New York City.



RevolutionNJ

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RevolutionNJ's New Website

The RevolutionNJ website is now active! It launched on November 30th and will continue to add information and photos over time. The website will be the location for all things related to RevolutionNJ around the state. Check out the [new website!](#)

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New Jersey Studies

Interdisciplinary Journal

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[Journal Archives](#)

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IN THE NEWS



Unhoused Veterans Find A New Home In Lacey Township

Veronica Flesher | Patch.com | February 9, 2023

LACEY, NJ — Ocean County has the highest population of veterans in the state, with more than 30,000 residing here. Not all of them have a physical place to live - many veterans statewide and in the county face homelessness. But a new project aims to provide those who served with transitional housing and help them get back on their feet.

It's called Mount Zion, named for the sacred land in Jerusalem, and it's a collaboration between Lacey United Methodist Church and Forked River-based Vetwork.

And according to Vetwork, it's the only transitional housing offered to veterans in Ocean County.

[Read Full Story](#)



Morris County's veterans deserve a Vet Center — and this is how we'll do it | Opinion

Mikie Sherrill and Tom Kean Jr. | NorthJersey.com | February 10, 2023

If you are a civilian, you may have never heard of a Vet Center. But for many of our nation's veterans, access to the specialized mental health services provided at these centers is critical — it can mean the difference between obtaining the help you need or spending decades alone dealing with the scars of combat or military sexual trauma.

But despite the proven success of Vet Centers, there simply aren't nearly enough to meet the needs of the men and women who've sacrificed so much fighting for our country. That's why together we introduced the Vet Centers for Mental Health Act, a bipartisan bill to fix this and to ensure veterans have access to the services that we know work for them.

[Real Full Story](#)

[Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill Facebook Post](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



NJ Korean War Memorial

The [NJ Korean War Memorial](#) was created to ensure that future generations remember and honor the pride and dedication of those who served, the legacy they continued, and the freedom they preserved.

The Memorial was dedicated on November 13, 2000 and stands where Park Place meets the Boardwalk on land donated by Atlantic City. Governor Christine Todd Whitman attended the dedication ceremony and laid the wreath honoring the 191,000 New Jerseyans who served in the conflict.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Soldier Gives Gift of Life

We have an update to a story we ran one year ago in conjunction with Black History Month.

Sergeant First Class Contessa Nash, a Citizen-Soldier with the New Jersey Army National Guard, works full-time as a bureau chief with the Information Services Division at the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

[Read Initial Story](#)

DMAVA QUICK LINKS



Veterans Service Offices



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Veterans Memorial Homes



NJ State Medals



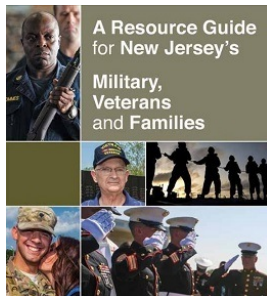
Military Funeral Honors

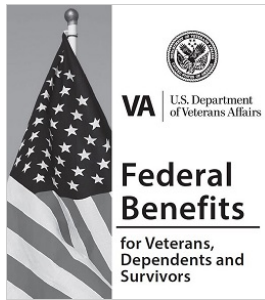
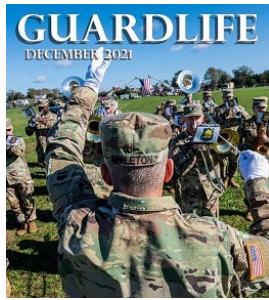


Doyle Veterans Cemetery

[DMAVA Homepage](#)

RESOURCES





DMAVA CAREERS



We Are Hiring!

At the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs we take our work in support of Veterans, Servicemembers and their families very seriously. Whether supporting our Veterans with nursing care, transitional housing, or assisting them in navigating access to their Veteran benefits, the Department provides valuable services and can offer rewarding career opportunities to members of the public.

We also have opportunities in facilities management and program management. In addition, we have job openings for members of our military to serve in AGR and Federal Technician roles.

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We hope you enjoy receiving our newsletter and find it both educational and engaging. If you have questions about our department, our programs or your benefits, please visit our website at nj.gov/military to get contact information.

Contact DMAVA

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