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August 23, 2023



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Commissioner's Corner



Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans and their Families (SMVF)

Mental Health First Aid Training Program

Today, I had the honor to collaborate and meet with our Governor's Challenge partners, as we launched our Mental Health First Aid training program this morning.

This group more than most, knows how critical the work of suicide prevention is. One Veteran lost to suicide is too many, and every minute, every second, counts. That's why the concept of Mental Health First Aid training makes so much sense. Having a medical and military background myself, I can tell you that so much of the battle is recognizing symptoms and connecting people to the right resources. Through years of national and international study, collaborative research, we know that mental health treatment makes a difference, and we know that programs that help connect people in need, those in distress, with treatment, also make a difference.

They are uniquely focused on suicide prevention for Service Members, Veterans and their families. The investment of their time and energy to protecting lives in our military community is invaluable and much appreciated.

As I have come to know, Service Members, Veterans, and their family members, make up a special group of people. Service members sign up for some of our nation's most physically and psychologically stressful jobs. They do it for our communities, our country, our constitution, and our future generations.

But the burden they shoulder, during and after service, and the burden shouldered by their family members, is often heavy and unique. From my view, that is why Mental Health First Aid training is so important. Just like on the battlefield, we do not want to leave a Soldier, Sailor, Airman, Marine, or Guardian, behind.

Fortunately, today, in 2023, Service Members, Veterans and their family members have a great number of State and Federal mental health resources available to them, including free-of-charge PTSD counseling services through DMAVA. Mental health service providers have special skills and credentials, and a number of them have unique training or direct experience in care of Veterans and their families.

Today's announcement is possible largely because of the sacred commitment of Governor Murphy and the legislature to ensuring the health and well-being of our Veterans. This Mental Health First Aid training is designed for community organizations that interact with Service Members, Veterans, and their families at the local level, directly.

The goal of this training is that someone in the community can better recognize the signs that a Veteran is in distress, for example, and better guide that Service Member, Veteran or family member much closer to the right kind of help, when those minutes, seconds, count.

Thank you to the entire community for your support.

We invite 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 Events

NJ SOS Veterans Women's Committee Presents

**North New Jersey
Women Veterans Stand Down / Resource Fair 2023**

**Saturday, August 26, 2023
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**American Legion Post 170
33 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ**

Come join us and our partner organizations to learn and gain access to community resources.
Drop by and take part in the brief yoga sessions that are being offered.

Services Include:
Medical / Mental Health / Benefits / Claims / Housing / Employment / Clothing & more

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.
For more information, contact 1-855-289-8527
njsosvetswomenscommittee@gmail.com
or njsosvets@gmail.com



Edison VFW 3117
53 National Road · Edison, New Jersey

2nd Annual 5k

SUNDAY
Sept. 17th

Race Starts @ 10am
Start and Finish at Edison VFW

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SATURDAY SEPT. 16, 4PM TO 8PM and
SUNDAY SEPT. 17, 8AM-09:30AM
PICKUP LOCATION: Edison VFW



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FILIPE at 973.634.3801



Events



DMAVA Calendar

DMAVA is sponsoring or will participate in the events below. A DMAVA Veterans Service Officer will be present at many of these events. Please check details to confirm.

- August 24, 2023 | Columbus
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)

- August 25, 2023 | Seaside Heights
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- August 26, 2023 | Rochelle Park
[Women Veterans Stand Down / Resource Fair](#)
- August 27, 2023 | Bayville
[Veterans Picnic & Resource Fair](#)
- August 31, 2023 | Columbus
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- August 31, 2023 | Ocean City
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- August 31, 2023 | Point Pleasant Beach
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- August 31, 2023 | Seaside Heights
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- September 7, 2023 | Bordentown
[Transition/Retirement Seminar](#)
- September 11, 2023 | Lawrenceville
[NJ Motor Vehicle Commission Mobile Unit at DMAVA](#)

Community Calendar

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

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NJ National Guard



1-254th RTI

US Army Soldiers from Active Duty, National Guard, and Reserve forces conduct live-fire battle drills during the Infantry Advanced

Leaders Course conducted by the New Jersey National Guard's [1-254th Regional Training Institute](#) on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ, July 27, 2023.

The Advanced Leaders Course is a branch-specific course that provides selected Soldiers for promotion to Staff Sergeant an opportunity to enhance leadership, technical skill, tactical expertise and experience needed to lead squad-size units.

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Atlantic City Airshow

We want to extend a huge thank you to all of those who came out to see the [Visit Atlantic City Airshow "A Salute to Those Who Serve"](#) on August 16, 2023.

The show included performances by the NJ Air National Guard's [177th Fighter Wing](#) and [108th Wing](#), the [US Army Golden Knights](#) and the [Air Force Thunderbirds](#).

Organizers of the Airshow announced August 21st that the annual event drew 485,000 people to Atlantic City as it celebrated its 20th anniversary in the resort town.

We had a blast showing the Atlantic City beachgoers what air power can do!

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DMAVA Veterans Services



State Medals Ceremony

U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Lisa J. Hou, D.O., The Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard, addresses the audience during the New Jersey State Medals Ceremony at the Woodbridge Center Mall in Woodbridge Township, NJ on August 17, 2023.

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Are you or a loved one eligible for a medal? Refer to our website for detailed information at [NJ Service Medals](#).



DMAVA at the NJ State Fair

DMAVA Veterans Service Officer Yahaira Padilla provided information on Veterans Benefits to Mr. Thomas Brown at the NJ State Fair on August 9, 2023. Mr. Brown is a Veteran of the US Army and currently lives in Hopatcong.

Contact Yahaira and her VSO colleagues around the state by visiting our website at [Veterans Service Offices](#).



DMAVA at the Atlantic City Airshow

Tom McNamara, Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran from Atlantic City, discusses Veterans Benefits with DMAVA Veterans Service Officer Alicia Kagan at our Outreach Table on the Atlantic City Boardwalk at the Atlantic City Airshow on August 16, 2023.

Our statewide network of VSOs appear at community events around the state. Refer to our [Outreach Schedule](#) for dates and locations.

Contact Alicia and her VSO colleagues by visiting our website at [Veterans Service Offices](#).

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IS PEER TO PEER**

Call Us 24/7
7 days a week
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**NJ
VETZVET**

The graphic features a dark blue banner at the top with the text 'SUPPORT IS PEER TO PEER' in white, distressed font. Below the banner is a white background with a purple speech bubble icon on the left. To the right of the speech bubble is an illustration of a man with a beard and a headset, representing a peer support volunteer. Below the illustration is the 'NJ VETZVET' logo, which includes the letters 'NJ' in blue and 'VETZVET' in red with a stylized American flag motif.

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

Veterans Outreach Schedule

Veterans Service Offices

DMAVA Departments



"Mark & Mike's Coffee Shop" Opens at Paramus

Recreation Assistants Mark and Michael opened their very own coffee shop, Mark & Mike's Coffee Shop at the [New Jersey Veterans Home at Paramus](#), August 2, 2023.

From caramel drizzles and extra pumps of foam to muffins and pastries, it looks like a popular brand-named coffeehouse has some competition coming! Even the CEO stopped by for a coffee break with the Home!

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A graphic with a blue background and white text. The word "COMMUNITY" is written in large, bold, white letters in the center. Surrounding it are various terms related to community, such as "BELONGING", "SOCIAL", "PEOPLE", "RELATIONSHIP", "TOGETHER", "DIVERSITY", "SOCIETY", "GROUP", "TEAM", "PUBLIC", "COMPANIONSHIP", "SUPPORT", "ORGANIZATION", "TOGETHER", "DIVERSITY", "RELATIONSHIP", "TOGETHER", "DIVERSITY", "COMPANIONSHIP". There are also small icons of people and a heart. Below the graphic, the text "Office of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging" is centered, followed by "DEIB Newsletter" below it.

State Partners



Congressman Kim Reintroduces Military Family Protection from Debt Act

August 11, 2023

Washington D.C. – Today, [Congressman Andy Kim \(NJ-03\)](#) reintroduced his Military Family Protection from Debt Act that would ease financial burdens for servicemembers and their families.

“When someone volunteers to serve our nation in uniform, they shouldn’t have to shoulder unnecessary financial burdens – especially when they are deployed,” said Congressman Kim. “This bill would give military families some peace of mind while their loved one is on active duty by capping interest rates on their loans. Our servicemembers and military families sacrifice so much for us, and I hope we can get them this necessary relief and helpful benefit as soon as possible.”

[Full Press Release](#)



Base Tour

U.S. Air Force leadership of the [177th Fighter Wing](#), members of the New Jersey State Legislature, and members of the Greater Atlantic City Chamber, pose for a group photo in front of an F-16C

Fighting Falcon August 10, 2023, during a tour at the 177th Fighter Wing, Egg Harbor Township, NJ.

The base tour provided the distinguished visitors with the opportunity to meet the airmen and view the resources that enable the wing to accomplish its federal and state missions.

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CAREER RESOURCE EVENT & JOB FAIR

August 24, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

William Paterson University
1600 Valley Road, Wayne, NJ
Free parking
NJ Transit Bus #744 stops on site



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Our highly anticipated Career Fair is here to connect you with leading employers and open doors to exciting opportunities.

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- Government
- Manufacturing
- Trade Unions

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Veterans Assistance


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Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr.
in conjunction with **Essex County Veterans Subcommittee**
invites you to his annual

Veterans Job Fair

10:00am to 3:00pm
Thursday, August 24, 2023
Lt. Governor Sheila Y. Oliver Conference Room
60 Nelson Place 14th FL Newark, NJ 07102
(GPS Purpose: 50 West Market Street Newark, NJ 07102)

RSVP: samantha.washington@mail.house.gov | Call for more information: 973-645-3213

The event is designed to connect our veterans and their spouses with organizations that need them. We are proud to welcome some of the area's largest employers, such as **Federal Air Marshal Service, University Hospital, United States Postal Service, Seafarers International Union, Ports America, ShopRite, PSE&G, Farmland Fresh, New Jersey Civil Service Commission, GoodwillINNJ, Port Authority of NYNJ** and many more.

Our Job Fair is open to ALL veterans and their spouses who are seeking employment or looking to change careers. Please note that **YOU MUST REGISTER** to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Washington at samantha.washington@mail.house.gov. Once you register, please have multiple copies of your resume ready and wear professional attire to attend the event.

back to school sales tax holiday

August 26 - September 4, 2023






**SALEM COUNTY
VETERANS' APPRECIATION PICNIC**

September 23, 2023

Music
Food

NOON- 4:00 P.M.
(Food will be served between 1PM – 2PM)
Rain or Shine

Penns Grove VFW Post 8840
100 Margaret Street
Penns Grove, NJ 08069

- Wilmington VA Hospital
- TOYS FOR TOTS
- Informational Booths

Marine Corps League will collect for "TOYS FOR TOTS" Christmas Gift Program. You may donate a new, unwrapped toy, gift card or monetary gift.

**JOIN US FOR A DAY OF
FRIENDS ★ MUSIC ★ FOOD ★ FELLOWSHIP**

Sponsored by:
Salem County Dept. of Veterans Affairs and the Salem County Board of Chosen Commissioners
Donations always appreciated for our Salem County Veterans Trust Fund

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND! RSVP BY: AUGUST 30, 2023
Salem County Veterans' Appreciation Picnic

Name of Veteran: _____ Total #Family Attending _____ (including Veteran)
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Pre-Registered Veterans will receive a **FREE T-Shirt** Check Size: S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL

Register by Mail, Email or Phone by: August 30, 2023

Mail completed form to:
Salem County Department of Veterans Affairs
90 Market Street
Salem, NJ 08079

By Email or Phone:
Email: Brenda.Banks@salemcountynj.gov
Phone: 856-339-8603 (Leave a voicemail)
(Include your Name, address, phone #, and # attending, Veteran Shirt Size)



NJ State Agencies

- [Vote For Valor](#)
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- [Educator Certification for Military Spouses and Veterans](#)
- [NJ National Guard Hunting / Fishing Licenses](#)
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- [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](#)
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PACT ACT SPECIAL HEALTH CARE ENROLLMENT PERIOD

Visit VA.gov/PACT to learn more!

Did you serve in a theater of combat operations during a period of war after the Persian Gulf War?
 —OR—
 Did you serve in combat against hostile forces after November 11, 1998?

—AND—
 Were you discharged or released between 09/11/2001 and 10/01/2013?

It's free, no annual costs, and your health care may be free as well!

ENDS SEPTEMBER 30

VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Next PACT Act Deadline

Until 11:59pm local time on September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care.

This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

Learn more about how you can sign up for VA health care and apply for PACT Act benefits at VA.gov/PACT.

Travel Discounts for Veterans from AFT

American Forces Travel (AFT) is the Department of Defense's online leisure travel website managed by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and supported by Priceline. Veteran eligibility includes all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces with a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions

[Learn More at VA News](#)

Veterans Can Now File Supplemental Claims Online

Veterans can now file supplemental claims online at VA.gov. Filing a supplemental claim is an option for Veterans who disagree with a previously denied claim decision regarding disability compensation or pension benefits.

[Learn More at VA News](#)

Survivor Benefit Plan Open Season

Congress provided for a Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) Open Season in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act. 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](#)

National Parks Pass

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

This 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.

[Learn More at VA News](#)

VALife Insurance

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](#)



VA Disability - with Mike Figlioli, VFW Director of National Veterans Services

In this episode, theSITREP asks Mike Figlioli, VFW Director of National Veterans Services, about VA disability: what is it, how to apply, and more.

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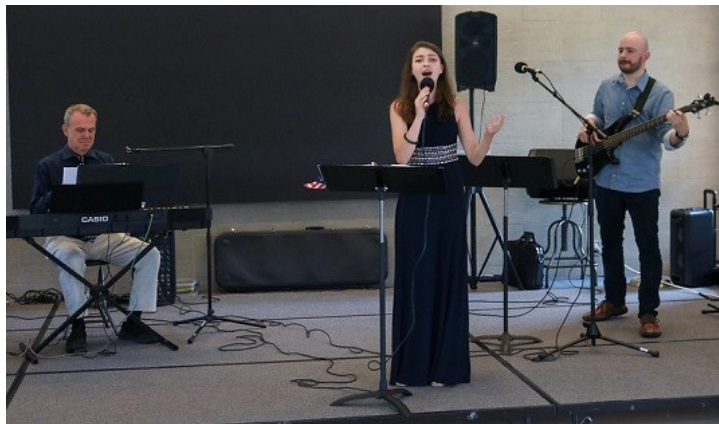
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Subscribe to #VetResources to receive a weekly newsletter from the VA for Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors.

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Community Spotlight



Voices of Vets

The residents and staff at the New Jersey Veterans Home at Paramus welcomed [Voices of Vets](#) on July 31, 2023.

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Woods n Water

[Woods n Water](#) held a boat fishing event for our Nation's Heroes at Lake Carnegie in Princeton, NJ on August 13, 2023.

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.

August 28, 2008
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SPC Michael L. Gonzalez
U.S. Army
Spotswood, New Jersey

August 30, 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom
SSG Jason M. Butkus
U.S. Army
West Milford, 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

History



General Donald McGowan

August 27, 1932

Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York arrived at the National Guard Camp in Sea Girt, where a crowd of over 100,000 enthusiastic people greeted the Democratic candidate. Following a speech in which he promised to end Prohibition, FDR and New Jersey Governor A. Harry Moore reviewed the New Jersey National Guard soldiers at the Camp.

August 29, 1839

Josiah Johnson Brown was born in Newark. Brown graduated from Rutgers College in 1860, and, in 1861, enlisted in the Second New Jersey Infantry. He served in that unit through August 17, 1864, when he was captured by Confederates at Winchester, Virginia after being assigned to the Fifteenth New Jersey Infantry after reenlisting. After spending time as a POW at Lynchburg and Danville, Virginia, Brown was exchanged and rejoined his regiment in February 1865. In the postwar era he became a minister, and then an attorney, practicing in Newark. Brown's 1885 reminiscences of his army service, preserved in the New Jersey Historical Society collections, are a valuable primary source on New Jersey soldier life during the Civil War. When he died on January 20, 1936, Brown was one of the last

August 30, 1899

Donald McGowan was born in Orange. McGowan, one of New Jersey's most notable soldiers, joined the National Guard on graduating from high school, served in the Mexican Border campaign of 1916 and rose from private to sergeant major of the 114th Infantry in World War I at the unheard of age of nineteen. In the postwar era, he attended West Point but left the military academy to be commissioned a lieutenant in the New Jersey National Guard. McGowan rose to the rank of lieutenant colonel and was assistant adjutant general of New Jersey in 1940, when he was promoted to colonel and appointed to command the Guard's 102nd Cavalry, and led the 102nd ashore at Omaha Beach, Normandy, on June 8, 1944.

Following World War II, McGowan served again as New Jersey's assistant adjutant general and was promoted to brigadier general in 1947. He commanded the New Jersey National Guard's 50th Armored Division as a major general from 1948 to 1955, when he was appointed chief of the Army National Guard Bureau and then chief of the entire National Guard Bureau in Washington, a position from which he retired in 1963. General McGowan died on September 24, 1967 in Lawrence

survivors of his regiment and the oldest living Rutgers graduate.

Township and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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In The News



Morgan Freeman on rescuing a Black WWII tank battalion from obscurity

CBS New Sunday Morning | August 13, 2023

Oscar-winning actor Morgan Freeman talks about his History Channel documentary, "761st Tank Battalion: The Original Black Panthers," about one of only a few African American tank battalions that saw combat in World War II.

[Watch CBS Video](#)

Editors Note: The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey's interview with the late [Johnnie Stevens](#), 761st Tank Battalion, is now a part of CBS News Sunday Morning ([video minute marker 6:11 - 6:34](#))



Vetnetwork, Based in Forked River, Aids Ocean County's Vets

Rick Mellerup | Sandpaper.net | August 16, 2023

Excerpt:

The other option may be the best of all such local programs. Vets from all over Ocean County can call a Forked River-based not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization called Vetnetwork at 609-971-7613 to schedule a free door-to-door ride to and from medical appointments in all of New Jersey as well as Philadelphia and New York City. As long as you're an honorably discharged vet, there are no restrictions, although reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance.

In fact, Vetwork Executive Director Thomas Kiselow said veterans' spouses can also use Vetwork transportation to visit the vet in hospitals.

It is the most prominent of Vetwork programs, but the organization has a lot more to offer. Vetwork was founded in 1986 to provide assistance to veterans such as professional counseling for alcohol and drug abuse issues and PTSD, eliminating barriers to employment, providing emergency shelter and working on homeless prevention, free food and assisting with claims for VA benefits and other entitlements.

It runs a food pantry for vets at its HQ, located at 103 North Main St. (Route 9). It hosts a peer to peer veteran support group meeting the first Wednesday of every month at its building. It saves almost 200 veterans annually from living on the street, thanks in some part to its Mount Zion transitional housing facility.

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New Jersey native takes command of 2-star Army Reserve division

SGT Shawn Morris | 99th Readiness Div. | August 12, 2023

WRIGHTSTOWN, N.J. – The U.S. Army Reserve's 99th Readiness Division welcomed a new commanding general Aug. 11 during a change-of-command ceremony at division headquarters on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

Maj. Gen. Kris A. Belanger, a native of Wantage Township in Sussex County, is now responsible for providing logistic and administrative support for nearly 45,000 Army Reserve Soldiers living and serving throughout the Northeastern United States.

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Employee Spotlight



Lionel Hill

DMAVA is proud to have a workforce dedicated to serving those who have served! Meet one of our heroes.

Lionel Hill is a Certified Nursing Assistant at the [Veterans Home at Paramus](#). After being inspired by the American Red Cross' response to the earthquake in Haiti, Lionel studied to become a CNA and continues to make positive changes at the Home!

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Veteran Spotlight

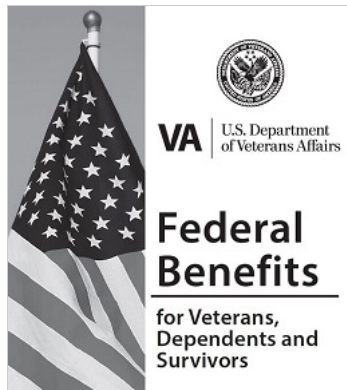
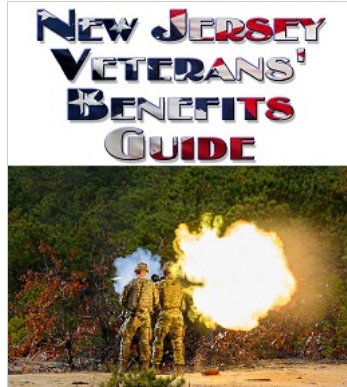
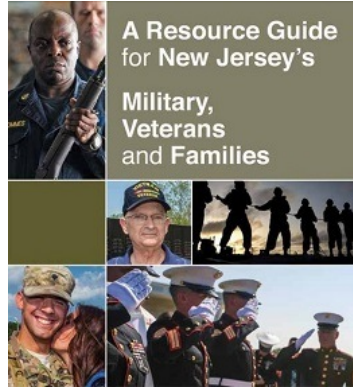


Robert Mitchell

Robert Mitchell is a United States Navy Veteran who currently resides at [Veterans Haven North](#) (VHN) in Glen Gardner, New Jersey. Robert is working with the team at VHN to re-build his life and begin a new chapter. He has gainful employment and continues his path to recovery as well as financial independence.

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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

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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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