

NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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The test of the best

By Spc. Devon Bistarkey, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Aircraft diagnostics and repair - no problem; analyzing intelligence communications - no sweat; but ask a Soldier to stand in front of group of superiors and answer rapid-fire questions, it can rattle any troop's nerves.

For those selected to participate in the New Jersey Army National Guard's 57th Troop Command Soldier of the Year Board at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst April 18, 2015, the ability to keep those nerves at bay was key.

"I am confident in my job - but this was out of my comfort zone," said Sgt. Gary Collins, a mechanic with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion who competed against other noncommissioned officers for the title of NCO of the Year for the first time.

The high-stress process evaluates each Soldier's knowledge of weapons, military history and Army regulations. After being selected by their respective units Soldiers dedicated long hours studying in preparation for the board. Printed front and back the study guide comprises 92 pages of information. The test is not supposed to be easy.

While Soldiers studied and memorized military concepts, they were also preparing themselves to be better leaders.

"This experience will allow them to turn around and help Soldiers below them," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Rigby, 57th Troop Command, who sat on this year's board. With the chance to get inside the mind of the man who creates the panel's questions; the answer is



Sgt. Roger Roberts, 253rd Transportation Company, 57th Troop Command reports to the Soldier of the Year Board at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 18, 2015. Roberts was later chosen as the 57th Troop Command NCO of the Year. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Devlin Drew/Released)

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57th Troop Command**

simple in what they are looking for when choosing the Soldier and NCO of the Year - well rounded.

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In the end, the panel chose Sgt. Roger Roberts of the 253rd Transportation Company as NCO of the Year and Spc. Amanda Dilworth of the 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion.

While only one Soldier can take home the title Ribgy is extremely proud and impressed with all who competed in this test for the best.

Cover photo

A UH-60 Black Hawk with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, lifts a group of Airmen with the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard, during an extraction exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 21, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

TACP FAST ROPE

Photos by
Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen
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Tactical Air Control Party Airmen from the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard, received recertification training on the Fast-Rope Insertion Extraction System (FRIES) by Soldiers from the Long Range Surveillance C Company, 1-158th Cavalry, Maryland Army Na-

tional Guard, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 21, 2015.

Aerial support was provided by UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters from the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard. This was the first time the 1-150th has performed fast roping with their own heli-

copters and equipment in New Jersey.

FRIES is used when a fast exit from a rotary-wing aircraft into a restricted area, including water operations, is required. It provides a method for inserting and extracting special operations personnel where an aircraft cannot land.



Top photo: Tactical Air Control Party Airmen from the 227th Air Support Operations Squadron perform Fast-Rope Insertion Extraction System training from a UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 21, 2015. Left photo: A 1-150th AHB UH-60 Black Hawk slowly lifts a group of 227th ASOS Airmen during an extraction exercise. Right photo: ASOS Airmen are lifted by a UH-60 Black Hawk during an extraction exercise.

For more FRIES photos, click on the right photo to go to the New Jersey National Guard Facebook page.



Volunteers are the heart of homes

Story and photo by Krynn P. Westhoven, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Public Affairs

Walk into any of the three veterans and you immediately notice that while they look like commercial long-term care facilities, there's something very different. The difference? The sense of community and comradery that stems from volunteers who donated more than 70,000 hours to the homes in 2014.

Those volunteers and organizations were honored at luncheons this month, celebrating more than \$1.8 million man hours saved. The money donated to home residents eclipses two million dollars when the monetary and donated goods are included.

"You can't pay someone to have the compassion that a volunteer has...it comes from the heart and volunteers have big hearts," said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

"The biggest difference is the programs our volunteers provide and thank you for that," added Cunniff, who addressed the volunteer's at all three events statewide.

It was the 35th annual event for the Menlo Park home volunteers. William O'Brien, president of the homes resident council, spoke heartfelt words of gratitude to the more than 225 volunteers and organizations that come out to be with the residents.

In Paramus Giulia Kirsch, Paramus, recreation department supervisor, summed up how the staff feels about the volunteer support. "Our residents tell us all the time how much you mean to them, how your friendship has brighten their days."

"Your post trip is the one they look forward to, your bingo game is the reason they stay in the multi-purpose room all day," added Kirsch.

The volunteers at the Paramus bingo games feel like winners too. "The satisfaction that you have when they win, especially, they perk up it is really nice for them," said Rich Lambert, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6699 in Paramus.

At the Vineland home, the Shekinah



Boris Reissek, right, Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Vineland, presents Bob Swain a plaque in honor of his eight years of service on the Home's advisory board at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon April 22, 2015. The Luncheon was held to recognize dozens of volunteers and organizations for their 24,014 hours of volunteer service at the long term care facility.

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Masonic Temple of Millville was honored as group of the year for their efforts in recruiting other volunteers, running bingo games and conducting fellowship services for nearly a decade.

"We had to move our church services to the auditorium because we had more and more people attending," said Boris Reissek, Vineland home chief executive officer, as he spoke of their efforts.

Reissek next presented project of the year honors to Boscov's department store for the annual Christmas Dreams program that has provided 1200 gifts to residents the last four years.

When it came to the volunteer of the year, Reissek spoke about how Betty Waters made a significant impact on the residents in a distinctive way, interacting with veterans with limited family contact.

"She treats the residents like they are an old friend," said Reissek.

GUARDING THE STATE

Security Forces Squadron Airmen with the 108th Wing Senior Airman Jamie Rivera, left, and Airman 1st Class Justin Rodriguez, center restrain role player Master Sgt. Rafael Morales Jr., during a high risk traffic stop scenario at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 19, 2015. The required annual training, which emphasized how to deal with a variety of traffic stops, is comprised of one day of classroom training and one day of practical hands-on training using vehicles and role players. Through the training, the Airmen are better able to resolve any scenario they encounter in real life. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



Sgts. William J. Camp Jr., left, and Nick Lam, both with the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD CST), look for evidence at a weapons of mass destruction factory during a full-scale Homeland Response Force exercise at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 16, 2015. The chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear portion of the exercise was performed by National Guard Soldiers and Airmen from New Jersey and New York WMD CST teams. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

For more CST photos, click on this photo to go to the New Jersey National Guard Facebook page.

Korean War Veteran's legacy of serving

By Donna Clementoni, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

At heart, Airman Carlo Losco Jr. was a leatherneck.

It wasn't for a lack of loyalty to his enlisted branch of service, but Staff Sgt. Losco, assigned to serve with the 1st Marine Corps during the Korean War, fought life and death battles with the brave men known to be 'the first to fight.'

Losco enlisted in the Air Force in 1950 at a time in history when America was in a hurry to expedite recruits through the training process and into the theater of conflict. He was sent to Sampson Air Force Base, on the East Side of Lake Seneca, N.Y., for basic and advanced military training. Before his eight month tenure was over, Losco would head the motor pool and the base's Air/Sea Rescue unit.

The Marines needed a top notch mechanic on their team. Supplies, from military vehicles to planes and trains weren't being dispatched with the urgency of the need. Staff Sgt. Carlo Losco was the Airman who could make a tank operable by salvaging parts from incapacitated vehicles. A valuable commodity, the 1st Marines assigned Military Police to protect him while he performed his services.

An overturned train derailed his future and ultimately shortened the military service he was so proud of.

The service members that were tasked with cleaning up the wreckage, which included unidentified chemicals, had marched into a toxic minefield. Men were dying in front of him from exposure and he would help the medics wipe them down with alcohol and place the feverish bodies in containers of ice water to help lower their fatal temperatures.

Though he survived the assignment, Losco's weight dropped from his normal 180 pounds to a frightening 120. He was transported to a hospital in Wyoming for several weeks of tests that never provided a specific diagnosis. A lifetime of physical decline, with symptoms that resembled muscular sclerosis, did not stop the ever positive man from living a rich life.



Carlo owned and operated his own Atlantic County auto repair shop until 1974 when his physical limitations proved too great.

His wife, Marie, was his constant companion and advocate and they had two sons, Carlo D. Losco III and Christopher Losco and five grandchildren; Julie, John, Christopher, Shelby and Sydney.

Carlo wasn't expecting to die when he was admitted into the hospital in September, 2014. He just thought it was 'time

for a tune-up,' his son Chris recalled. When his son asked him how he was, he quipped, "Better than most!"

Though he couldn't control his demise, Carlo Losco Jr.'s family wouldn't allow something as inconvenient and predictable as death to end his legacy of good will, tolerance and support of his fellow veterans.

They reached out to the American Legion Post #352 in Somers Point, N.J., to help them continue Losco's support of military veterans by donating his top-notch medical equipment.

A motorized wheelchair increased the quality of life for a deceased Gulf War Veteran's wife who had a debilitating stroke as a result of a brain aneurysm. A top-of-the-line hospital bed with alternating pressure and a brand new Hoya lift were gifted to a former Legion District commander who had a leg amputated due to complications from diabetes.

Another motorized wheelchair and walker were mobilized to the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home to be distributed to a deserving resident.

In life and in death, Carlo Losco Jr. embodies the spirit of patriotism and would proudly salute a man or woman in uniform – especially a member of the 'Esprit de Corps!'

6 million remembered

Bernard Rothenberg, Senior Vice Commander, Jewish War Veterans Post 972, lights a candle to commemorate the six million Jewish people who perished in the Holocaust at the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park April 12, 2015. The Home hosted the 3rd Annual Holocaust Remembrance Day conducted by JWV Department of New Jersey and the Jewish War Veterans Ladies Auxiliary, in cooperation with the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education. (NJDMAVA photo by Marsha Lasko/Released)



Vets Commanders Call held



Al Bucchi, Director, Veterans' Services, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, encourages distribution of the NJDMAVA Veterans' Benefit Guide to veterans statewide during the Veterans Commanders Call at Veterans Haven North in Glen Gardner, N.J., April 23, 2015. Nearly three dozen senior leaders of Veteran Service Organizations from across New Jersey came to the meeting. The current and incoming commanders listened to briefings ranging from health care to homeless transitional housing. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)

Military Appreciation Day

Place: Casino Pier, Seaside Heights
800 Ocean Terrace

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Time: 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for bracelet pick-up
Waterpark opens at 10 a.m.

Rain Date: Please check "[NJ State Family Programs](#)" on Facebook for information. Changes will be made by the State Family Programs Office and will be posted on their Facebook page. Please **DO NOT** call the Casino Pier.

Soldiers/Airmen and Family members of the N.J. National Guard are cordially invited to attend "Military Appreciation Day" at the New Jersey Shore.

You will be required to show a Uniformed Services Military ID to obtain waterpark bracelets **for you and your dependants only**. Friends and extended family members **will not** receive bracelets.

** Check in through the side entrance of the Breakwater Beach Waterpark on 800 Ocean Terrace off Grant Avenue between 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

** Waterpark opens at 1000 hours.

** Each Military Family will receive a debit card (one) worth \$25.00 to be used to play games at the Casino Pier. (slot machines, ski ball, pin ball games)

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The New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy's mission is to provide a highly disciplined environment fostering academics, leadership development, physical training and personal growth to educate and train unemployed youth who have ceased to attend high school.

For more information contact:

NJ Youth Challenge Academy
5910 West 16th Street
Fort Dix, NJ 08640
(609) 562-0577



ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

The New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy is looking for mentors.

Success is a team effort. We are seeking caring, responsible adults who will help guide, motivate and support a cadet within the program and beyond.

Mentors make a 17 month commitment to a Cadet to serve as a positive role model and friend. Mentors pledge to maintain on-going contact with his or her Cadet: letters, e-mails, phone calls, and visitation.

At a minimum, mentors have two face-to-face contacts with Cadets monthly.

After attending a required training, mentors will be equipped with the skills to provide guidance, give input, evaluate changes and provide encouragement necessary to help at-risk youth set life goals and plan for a positive future.

For more information, contact the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy at (609) 562-0577 or by email: rpm@dmava.nj.gov

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Air sealing

Air sealing - caulking cracks and weather stripping doors and windows - and adding insulation can cut your home's energy costs by up to 10 percent and is one of the most cost effective ways to save energy. It also helps reduce noise, pollen, and insects from getting inside.

Did You Know?

You can get a \$50 rebate for your old refrigerator / freezer by recycling it through New Jersey's Clean Energy program. The best part is that they will come pick it up for free! You can also get an additional \$50 rebate on certain new energy efficient refrigerator models. If you are thinking about replacing your old refrigerator / freezer, check out the clean energy website to learn more at <http://www.njcleanenergy.com/residential/programs/refrigerator-freezer-recycling-program>.

If you would like more information about the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs energy and water conservation efforts, contact Christopher Moore, Energy Manager at christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov

In honor of Sergeant Samuel Nutter, a former member of the New Jersey Army National Guard.



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HAPPENING AROUND THE STATE



HIRING OUR HEROES
U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

2015 Hiring Our Heroes – Camden, NJ
A Free Hiring Fair for Veterans, Transitioning Service Members, and Military Spouses
Susquehanna National Bank Center
One Harbour Boulevard, Camden, NJ 08103
Wednesday, May 6, 2015

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 8:30AM

EMPLOYER BRUNCH & LEARN: 8:30AM

HIRING FAIR: 10:00AM – 1:00PM

A **Workshop** for job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:30AM.


A **Brunch and Learn** presentation for employers that focuses on best practices for recruiting, hiring, and retaining veterans and military spouses will start at 8:30AM.

EMPLOYERS	JOB SEEKERS
Must register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org/events	Register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org/events


Thanks to our local partners:


- American Legion Camden County Executive Committee
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- Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs
- Live Nation
- New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development
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- And all of our other local partners

For registration questions, please email hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.



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A DMAVA VSO will be present at each event to assist any veteran

May 5
Job Fair
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Imperia
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Somerset, NJ

May 7
NJ Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony
11 a.m.
New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial
PNC Bank Arts Center, Garden State Parkway Exit 116,
Holmdel, NJ 07777

Come honor the Service and Sacrifice of our Veterans on the decks of the USS New Jersey
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Camden NJ 08103
www.battleshipnj.org

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

1-888-8NJ-VETS(8387) or www.state.nj.us/military



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