

JUNE 14, 2023



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New Jersey Commemorates Women's Veterans Day

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a Women's Veterans Day ceremony at the New Jersey World War II Memorial in Trenton, New Jersey, June 12, 2023, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Women's Armed Services Integration Act.

Message from TAG

As you may know, June 12th is NJ Women Veterans Appreciation Day – a day intended to honor all of our fantastic female Veterans.

As part of the State of New Jersey's initiative to honor New Jersey's Women Veterans, we are pleased to share that the Department celebrated our amazing women through three separate events! On June 7th we held a State Medal Ceremony specifically honoring 12 of New Jersey's Women Veterans at the American Legion Convention in Wildwood. On Monday, June 12th we held a Ceremony at the NJ State World War II Memorial in Trenton. And on June 17th we are excited about our Resource Fair being held at the East Orange Senior Center.

It is important to note and celebrate that this year, June 12th marked the 5th anniversary of Women Veterans Appreciation Day and it is currently recognized by 13 states including New Jersey. June 12th this year also commemorated the 75th anniversary of when President Harry S. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act – allowing women to serve as regular permanent members of the military.

Most historians will remind us that women have played vital roles in America's wars and conflicts well prior to 1948. Whether carrying water to heat-exhausted troops in the middle of battle, providing first aid to the wounded, retrieving the dead, or manning firing positions to ensure a constant barrage of fire on an advancing enemy. Time and again throughout the formation and evolution of our country, women have continued to show their resiliency. Women have been made vital contributions to every facet of our society.

So one might ask, if women were allowed fully into the military in 1948, why still have this separate day? Don't all Veterans serve? They do. But in the 75 years since 1948, the story of women's integration into the military remains ongoing and women have had to overcome barrier after barrier to serve our country in different capacities in the military. In 1948, women were acknowledged as essential to the war efforts, yet, a quota limited women to only two percent of each branch of service.

The conflicts in Korea and Vietnam opened doors wider for women to volunteer to serve, and they soon took on new roles in the military, including engineering and air traffic control. But women couldn't attain the ranks of general or admiral until 1967. They weren't allowed into service academies until the 1970s, they weren't allowed to get pregnant and stay in the military until 1975, and women weren't allowed to serve on Navy combat ships until the 1990s.

It wasn't until 2013 that the wheels were put in motion to "remove all unnecessary gender-based barriers to service" so that women could serve in combat roles. In the last 10 years, more roles within the military have been opened to any and all qualified applicants, regardless of gender. Women are being offered more opportunities in the military and proving they are up to the challenge. Job after job, rank after rank, women started proving themselves in different roles throughout all branches of the military. Pay benefits for the same ranks and roles are now equal regardless of gender, and both maternity leave benefits, and paternity for that matter, have expanded significantly in the last several years.

These conditions did not just happen. Women and men had to fight for these opportunities and benefits. Many did not receive the benefits for which they made their sacrifices, for which they endured additional discrimination. They worked for the benefit of future generations. How many doors did they open? At personal costs and personal risk, they stood up for what was right repeatedly. I hope more women Veterans will share their stories. Not all women Veterans... I dare say most... wear a black hat with pins and patches. If you know a woman Veteran or meet one, please take a minute to say thank you.

On the occasion of Women Veterans Day, I hope we can reaffirm our commitment to support and uplift the Women Veterans. We must continue to advocate for policies that address the unique needs of Women Veterans and create a more equitable environment within our military and Veteran communities.

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to all of our women Veterans for your service. Thank you to your families, too, for supporting your service and our nation. Thank you for every time you stood up to make sure integrity and human dignity prevailed.

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

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



MILITARY FUNERAL HONORS



PFC Harry J. Hartmann

On June 10, 2023, a Military Funeral Honors team from the New Jersey Army National Guard performed military honors for U.S. Army Private First Class Harry J. Hartmann, Jr., 19, of Mays Landing, New Jersey.

PFC Hartmann, who died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War, was accounted for on July 13, 2022 by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency.

In the fall of 1950, Hartmann was a member of E Company, 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division. He was reported missing in action on Nov. 2 during fighting near Unsan, North Korea. Repatriated POWs reported he had been captured and held as a prisoner of war at Camp #5, Pyoktang, North Korea, where he died on or around March 31, 1951.

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DMAVA will have a Veterans Service Officer present

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.

- June 17, 2023 | Sea Girt
[19th Annual SGT Nutter Run](#)
- June 17, 2023 | East Orange
[NJ Salutes Women Veterans Resource Fair](#)
- June 17, 2023 | Holmdel
[NJ Vet2Vet In-Person Support Group](#)
- June 22, 2023 | Northfield
[Veteran Information Session](#)
- June 22, 2023 | Lawrenceville
[NJYCA Class 55 Graduation Ceremony](#)
- June 24, 2023 | Passaic
[Veterans Stand Down](#)
- June 25, 2023 | Bordentown
[Reserve & National Guard Transition Benefits Workshop](#)
- June 26, 2023 | Rio Grande
[Veterans Information Session](#)
- June 27, 2023 | Egg Harbor Township
[South Jersey Vet Center Resource Fair](#)
- June 27, 2023 | Vineland
[Veterans Information Session](#)
- June 28, 2023 | Oceanport
[63rd Army Band Concert in the Park](#)
- June 29, 2023 | Columbus
[Veterans Outreach Campaign](#)
- June 29, 2023 | Ocean City
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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



JRTC 23-08

Nearly 3,000 New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers will be assessed on their units' ability to conduct large-scale combat operations in a multi-domain setting against a near-peer opposing force at the [Joint Readiness Training Center](#), Fort Polk, Louisiana, May 18-June 19, 2023. It is the organization's largest training exercise in over a decade, with approximately 2,500 additional Soldiers from a dozen states and Puerto Rico also participating.

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JRTC 23-08

Staff Sgt. Abraham Rodriguez, left, and Pfc. Brandon Ramos, right, pose for a group photo with Brig. Gen. Lisa J. Hou, The Adjutant General, New Jersey National Guard, during the NJNG's leadership visit to the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana, June 6, 2023.

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NJ Guard's 3-112th FA hits a "grand slam" with Excalibur Projectile

SGT Bruce Daddis | 44th IBCT Public Affairs | May 27, 2023

The New Jersey Army National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery Regiment made history at the Joint Readiness Training Center (JRTC), Fort Polk, Louisiana by becoming the first N.J. Guard unit to successfully fire the GPS-guided M982A1 Excalibur precision projectile.

The Precision Guided Munition (PGM) and Precision Guidance Kit (PGK fuze) live-fire utilized a towed 155 mm M777A2 Howitzer from Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion, 112th Field Artillery Regiment. The M982A1 Excalibur round can double the range of a conventional high-explosive round fired by a 155mm Howitzer. The Excalibur is a GPS-guided round which can impact within approximately four meters of a target.

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Sabre Guardian Detainee Operations

SFC William Frye | 131st MPAD | May 29, 2023

The 508th Military Police, New Jersey Army National Guard, trained detainee operations alongside Romanian, Albanian, and Bulgarian partners during Saber Guardian in Slobozia, Romania on May 31, 2023.

Saber Guardian 23, a component of Defender Europe 23, is an exercise co-led by Romanian Land Forces and the U.S. Army at various locations in Romania to improve the integration of multinational combat forces by engaging in different events such as vehicle road marches, medical training exercises, and river crossings.

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Chemical Soldiers Conduct Annual Training in Albania

SFC Armando Vasquez | NJNG | June 4, 2023

Approximately 45 Soldiers from the 50th Chemical Co., 42nd Regional Support Group, New Jersey Army National Guard spent two weeks at Zall-Herr, Albania, to conduct annual training alongside soldiers from the Albanian Armed Forces and Kosovo Security Forces, May 16-26, 2023.

The "Dragons" provided chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear training, as well as mentorship and knowledge-sharing with AAF counterparts, with whom the NJNG has shared more than two decades of friendship through the Department of Defense State Partnership Program.

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CST Trains in Camden

New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen with the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team (21st WMD-CST) participated in a simulated crime scene training exercise, Camden, New Jersey, June 6, 2023.

The 21st WMD-CST supports civil authorities at man-made or natural disasters by identifying chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear substances, as well as assess the consequences, and advises on response measures.

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Operation Scruffy Devil

Airman Darian Boyd | 177th Fighter Wing | May 31, 2023

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF-RICHARDSON, ALASKA - In May, the 177th Civil Engineer Squadron led a Prime Base Engineer Emergency Force (BEEF) training week at Camp Mad Bull on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson (JBER), including civil engineers from the 108th Wing, 111th Attack Wing, and 176th Wing from the New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Alaska Air National Guard, respectively.

Prime BEEF week sharpens an Airman's understanding of field condition scenarios such as bare base bed-down, base sustainment and emergency service support. The Scruffy Devil exercise earned its name through its nature as expeditionary training with engineers dealing with extreme weather conditions, field conditions and limited communications. The conditions for the training were selected to simulate a real-world deployment in an austere environment.

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Medal Ceremony

DMAVA honored women veterans at a State Medals Ceremony during the annual American Legion, Department of New Jersey Convention at the Wildwoods Convention Center in Wildwood, June 7, 2023.

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Veterans Outreach Campaign

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Van stopped by the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus & Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson Army Tank Pull, Clifton, N.J., June 11, 2023

Director of Veterans Services Esther Chucaralao and Outreach Specialist Luisa Sanchez discussed Veterans benefits with the son of U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Antonio Feliciano, who served in 1983-1987.

Veteran Service Officers will be out in force throughout the summer months. Check the [Veterans Outreach Schedule](#) to see when we will be in your area or contact your local [Veterans Service Office](#).

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Veterans Outreach Schedule

Veterans Service Offices

DMAVA DEPARTMENTS



Retirement/Transition Seminar

The Retirement/Transition Office held a half-day seminar at the Joint Military & Family Assistance Center in Bordentown on June 3, 2023.

Servicemembers, retirees, and spouses can register for seminars that are scheduled throughout the year.

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CPR Course

DMAVA hosted a CPR, AED, & First Aid Course at the Lawrenceville Headquarters Campus on June 5, 2023.

The Course was taught by Army Veteran and NREMT & NJ Certified EMT Alexandra Dunn.



Office of Records and Archives

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 3-6(e), the Adjutant General shall "maintain the archives and be the custodian of the records and papers required, by laws and regulations, to be filed with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs."

DMAVA's Administrative Services Division's Office of Records and Archives is the office that receives military discharges from the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, and occasionally, the Merchant Marines. This applies to both the Active Duty and their Reserves, to include the National Guard.

The DMAVA employees of the Records and Archives Office are some of the busiest people within the Department. They are responsible for the archiving, storage and issuance of copies of military records of all the State's service members and Veterans.

The Office receives about 10 to 20 military records per week that need to be scanned, indexed and placed into a database. For Calendar Year 2022, the Office received over 2,026 requests for military records for an average of 184 requests per month.

For more information, visit our website at [Request Military Records](#).



NJ Youth Challenge Academy Docuseries

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In this nine-part docuseries, experience the 22-week residential program of [NJ Youth Challenge Academy](#)'s Class 55, from the first day at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, NJ to graduation in the summer of 2023.

- [Episode 1: Intake](#)
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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.

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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.

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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.

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Veterans Benefits at 40% Disability

In this episode of *theSITREP*, the host discusses Veterans benefits available to those receiving 40% disability, a.k.a. Service-Connected Compensation.

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Operation K9 Beethoven

Duffy did an AMAZING job at his first visit to the Paramus Veterans Home on June 1, 2023. Everyone LOVED him!!! Great job Duffy!!! Helping Veterans one paw at a time.

Image and caption courtesy of [Operation K9 Beethoven](#).



Princeton ROTC Commissioning

Denise Valenti | Office of Communications | May 31, 2023

Photo by Sameer A. Khan/Fotobuddy

Fourteen members of Princeton's Class of 2023 became commissioned officers in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force on May 30, 2023 during a ceremony led by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley, a Class of 1980 graduate who himself was commissioned through Princeton's ROTC program more than 40 years ago.

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Veterans Haven North Donor Ceremony

On June 1, 2023, donors from across the state came together at [Veterans Haven North](#) in Glen Gardner, NJ to spend time with the Veterans that they help support. Scores of donors were recognized and the Veterans that benefited from their kindness spoke about the difference their donations made in their lives.

On behalf of VHN, thank you for helping us continue to provide stable housing and support programs for our Veterans year-round. We appreciate all of our donors and your generosity!

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Operation Iraqi Freedom

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June 24, 2008
Operation Iraqi Freedom

MAJ Dwayne M. Kelley
U.S. Army
Willingboro, New Jersey

June 20, 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

PFC David J. Bentz
U.S. Army
Newfield, New Jersey

June 25, 2007
Operation Iraqi Freedom

SGT Trista L. Moretti
U.S. Army
South Plainfield, New Jersey

June 20, 2011
Operation Enduring Freedom

SGT James W. Harvey II
U.S. Army
Toms River, New Jersey

June 26, 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

SPC Richard P. Orenga
U.S. Army
Newark, New Jersey

June 23, 2008
Operation Iraqi Freedom

CPT Gregory T. Dalessio
U.S. Army
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

June 28, 2003
Operation Iraqi Freedom

SFC Gladimir Philippe
U.S. Army
Linden, 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



Sergeant John Basilone on the day he received his Medal of Honor.

June 15, 1864

The Twenty-second United States Colored Infantry, a regiment composed mostly of New Jersey African-American soldiers, was part of a force that broke through the Confederate defenses of Petersburg. The Twenty-second captured an enemy fort and artillery pieces, but their army corps commander, Major General William F. "Baldy" Smith, halted the victorious advance. When Confederate reinforcements arrived, Petersburg was saved and a ten month siege of the critical rail junction began.

June 18, 1812

America declared war on Great Britain. New Jersey's subsequent role was largely relegated to militia duty in coastal defense, although several New Jerseyans of note, including Zebulon Pike, William Bainbridge and James Lawrence, served in the army and navy, and a regular army regiment, the Fifteenth United States Infantry, was raised in the state.

June 23, 1899

Paterson-born George Henry Wanton, an African-American soldier serving in the Tenth United States Cavalry, was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions in saving stranded soldiers from his regiment in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

June 23, 1943

United States Marine Corps Sergeant John Basilone of Raritan, NJ was awarded the Medal of Honor in Washington. A news report noted that "firing a machine gun and also using a pistol, Basilone piled up 38 Japanese bodies in front of his emplacement on Guadalcanal, October 24, 25th 1942."

June 25, 1776

June 25, 1950

North Korea invaded South Korea, beginning the Korean War. More than 190,000 New Jerseyans served in the U.S. military during the war between 1950 and 1953, and 836 lost their lives. New Jerseyans Nelson V. Brittin of Audubon, Hector A. Cafferata of Montville and Samuel F. Coursen of Madison were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for their heroism during the conflict.

June 27, 1862

The First New Jersey Brigade, composed of the First, Second, Third and Fourth New Jersey Infantry Regiments, fought its first major engagement of the Civil War at Gaines Mill, Virginia, arriving on the field in late afternoon to reinforce hard pressed Union forces. Of the 2,300 men the brigade brought to the battle, 1,072 were killed, wounded or captured. The captured included most of the men of the Fourth New Jersey, surrounded as the units to their left and right withdrew.

June 28, 1778

The Battle of Monmouth Court House, fought west of Freehold between George Washington's Continental Army and Sir Henry Clinton's British army, which was withdrawing from Philadelphia to New York, ended in a tactical draw, but was an American moral victory, as the Continentals stood up to the best of the British and held the field at the end of the day.

June 28, 1861

The First, Second and Third New Jersey Infantry Regiments, the first units of the First New Jersey Brigade, left Trenton for Washington by train.

June 28, 1876

Clara Louise Maas was born in Newark to German immigrant parents. Maas graduated from the

General William Howe arrived off Staten Island with a fleet and an army prepared to capture New York and subdue the rebellion there and in New Jersey.

June 25, 1947

The seven Weeks brothers—Robert, Edward, Albert, John, LeRoy, James and Joseph of Jersey City—showed up to enlist in the 309th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery of the New Jersey National Guard's Fiftieth Armored Division. All but Joseph, an underage fifteen years old, were sworn into the organization, in the largest recorded group family military enlistment in New Jersey history.

Newark German Hospital School of Nursing and became an army contract nurse during the Spanish American War. While serving in Cuba after the conflict, she volunteered to be bitten by a mosquito in the effort to find a cure for yellow fever, contracted the disease and died on August 24, 1901. Her body was returned to Newark, where she was buried with military honors in Fairmount Cemetery. In 1952, the Newark German Hospital, which had been renamed Newark Memorial Hospital and then Lutheran Memorial Hospital, was renamed Clara Maas Hospital in her memory.

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The 2023 Blue Star Museums program began on Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2023 and ends on Labor Day, September 4, 2023.

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IN THE NEWS



"It's taken so long to be a first": Woman first Asian American to lead NJ National Guard

Madeline Wright | CBS News | May 31, 2023

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J. (CBS) - As we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, we're introducing you to a decorated Army surgeon who made military history.

Lisa Hou is the first Asian American and the first woman to lead the New Jersey Army National Guard.

On the desk of Brigadier General Lisa Hou is a cutout of her grandfather, a doctor and two-star general with the Chinese Nationalist Army.

He inspired her to join the military.

She's now the first Asian and first woman to serve as Adjutant General for the New Jersey Army National Guard.

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U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sgt. Michael Uhrin's remains returned to New Jersey nearly 80 years after death in WWII

Christine Sloan | CBS News | May 29, 2023

METUCHEN, N.J. - A New Jersey man who was killed in World War II was finally laid to rest Monday.

U.S. Army Air Forces Staff Sergeant Michael Uhrin's remains weren't identified until nearly 80 years after his B-17 Flying Fortress Bomber was shot down over Germany in 1943.

Uhrin's relatives came to the gun salute and memorial in Metuchen to pay their respects, along with hundreds more from the town.

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INTERN SPOTLIGHT



Cole Snedeker

Cole Snedeker started as an intern at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey while in high school and has been coming back as a summer employee ever since, totaling five years of service.

On May 22, 2023, Cole commissioned through Yale Air Force ROTC and is on track to becoming an Air Force Intel officer.

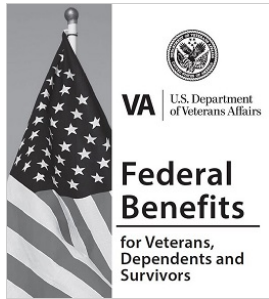
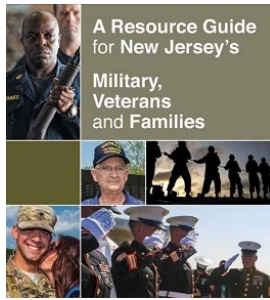
Cole is pictured with [Retired General John Raymond](#).



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