

Acting Governor Guadagno Remembers Veterans' Sacrifices at American Legion Convention

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Trenton, NJ - Acting Governor Kim Guadagno today thanked New Jersey's veterans for their service at the 97th Annual Convention of the American Legion, Department of New Jersey, in Wildwood.

"New Jersey's veterans have served in virtually every corner of the world to preserve and protect the freedoms we hold so dear. They are America's warriors and true heroes," said Acting Governor Guadagno. "For nearly 100 years, the American Legion has fought to ensure that all veterans receive the services they need, from access to health care and support for PTSD to homelessness prevention and the training that will help veterans enter the civilian workforce. I applaud these efforts and assure you that you will have no better partner than this Administration."

The American Legion was chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans' organization. Today, more than 2.4 million members belong to 14,000 posts worldwide. The posts are organized into 55 departments, which include the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico and the Philippines.

In addition to advocacy for veterans, the American Legion also sponsors youth civics programs, including the High School Oratorical Scholarship Constitutional Speech Contest and Boys and Girls State programs, as well as a baseball program that welcomes approximately 100,000 players ages 15 to 19 annually.

More information is available on the organization's website at <http://www.njamericanlegion.org/>.

The Acting Governor's participation in the event reaffirms the Administration's commitment to support New Jersey's more than 400,000 current veterans as well as its future veterans. Acting Governor Guadagno serves as Chair of the New Jersey Military Installation Growth and Development Task Force, which seeks to forge an effective blueprint for securing the long-term growth and viability of New Jersey's military bases and U.S. Coast Guard installations.

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