

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



SEPTEMBER 1, 2011

Largest mobilization since '85 responds to Hurricane Irene



Spc. Andy DeLeon, left, and Pfc. James H. Campbell, background, provide assistance to local Lawrenceville authorities as they evacuate residents from flooded areas here in Lawrenceville on Aug. 28.

Several areas in Lawrenceville were flooded because of the heavy rains and winds caused by the passing of Hurricane Irene. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th FW/PA)

By Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, NJDMAVA/PA

LAWRENCEVILLE – The New Jersey National Guard responded to requests for assistance from local officials across the state as rescue residents trapped by rising floodwaters in the wake of Hurricane Irene.

From Netcong in Morris County to Woodbine in Cape May County, New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen in high water vehicles were dispatched to assist in efforts to rescue residents and to transport emergency and law enforcement officials.

Nearly 100 New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers assisted authorities at two emergency shelters established on the Rutgers University Campus for residents displaced by Hurricane Irene.

Gov. Chris Christie visited the shelter at the Werblin Center on campus just after 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, to thank the residents for heeding his evacuation order and the National Guard troops for be-

ing part of the largest domestic mobilization in almost 30 years.

As the 450 shelter occupants settled onto cots and plugged cellular phones into outlets, Soldiers from Westfield-based Bravo Troop of the 102nd RSTA carried boxes of food into the cavernous gymnasium.

Capt. Eric Petrevich, the officer in charge, said his Soldiers were mobilized on Thursday and proud to be able to help fellow New Jerseyans displaced by the storm.

“We’re glad to be here and we’re here as long as they need us,” said Petrevich, who lives in High Bridge, Hunterdon County.

Atlantic County emergency management officials asked for National Guard assistance in transporting more than 200 cats and dogs

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from the old racetrack in Egg Harbor to the county's animal shelter in Pleasantville. Furthermore, a small contingent of Soldiers assisted Rowan University security police with campus patrols after Hurricane Irene passed.

Among the other municipalities where the National Guard responded:

- Lincoln Park, Morris County
- Paterson, Passaic County
- Hoboken, Hudson County
- Bound Brook, Somerset County
- Bridgewater, Somerset County
- Lodi, Bergen County
- Bellmawr, Camden County

In addition to supporting operation at the shelters in New Brunswick, nearly two dozen Army National Guard Soldiers assisted in the operation of a shelter at the Jersey City Armory and an additional 130 Air National Guard Airmen were deployed to the Izod Center to assist civilian authorities operating a shelter there.

In preparation for the hurricane, National Guard leaders established command centers at Lawrenceville and Warren Grove and launched 24-hour operations on Aug. 25, to position personnel, equipment and supplies at armories and installations at key locations including Teaneck, Somerset, Morristown, Riverdale, West Orange, Freehold, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, Pomona and Vineland.

More than 300 military vehicles capable of navigating high water were staged in locations



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to ensure the quickest response times to areas forecast to experience the greatest storm impact. In addition, National Guard UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were prepared to conduct aerial operations at the request of the Office of Emergency Management.

These Soldiers and Airmen were among more than 2,000 Army and Air National Guard Soldiers called to duty by Gov.

Chris Christie in response to the hurricane. It is the largest New Jersey National Guard domestic mobilization since Hurricane Gloria in 1985.

Although the Army and Air National Guard have mobilized more than 15,000 members for overseas operations over the past decade, the Guard has continued to train its force and to remain well prepared to respond to do-

mestic operations in support of civilian authorities.

The New Jersey National Guard has more than 8,200 Soldiers and Airmen representing a cross-section of New Jersey. They hail from all 21 counties and continue the tradition established with the creation of the first militia in 1636 -- neighbors serving and protecting neighbors.

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VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

WHAT: NJDMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH

WHERE: DEPTFORD MALL - 1750 DEPTFORD CENTER ROAD, DEPTFORD, NJ 08096

WHEN: SEPT. 6-8 (KIOSK HOURS 10 A.M. TO 8 P.M. DAILY)

DETAILS: NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS WILL HOST A VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE INFORMATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL ENTITLEMENTS FOR VETERANS. IN ADDITION, A MEDAL CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPT. 6 AT 10:30 A.M.


Six Flags Great Adventure honors Military personnel and their families.

Saturday
September 10, 2011
AND
Sunday
September 11, 2011

- ★ **FREE admission for all Active Military** to the theme park. Military ID must be presented to any ticket booth.
- ★ **Additional discount tickets** available for pre-purchase for Family & Friends through Great Adventure's website. Tickets are \$22.49+ tax each.
- ★ **Donate a pair of new flip flops** (all sizes needed) to Liberty USO for care packages being sent to deployed military.

Saturday, September 10 Activities:
Theme Park Hours: 10:30am - 9:00pm;
Wild Safari Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

- ★ Kevin Sbraga, Top Chef season 7 winner will meet & greet guests from 2:00 - 3:00pm at the Great Character Café in Fantasy Forest.
- ★ Special Fireworks show at 9:00pm in the Great Lake Grandstands* (Rain date 9/11 8:00pm)
- ★ Honor Guard will open the fireworks show

Sunday, September 11 Activities:
Theme Park Hours: 10:30am - 8:00pm;
Wild Safari Hours: 9:00am - 4:00pm

- ★ Randy Houser and Phil Vassar live in concert at the Northern Star Arena at 4:00pm
- ★ USO PA and Blue Star Families will have informational tables set up
- ★ Honor Guard will open the concert

Additional discount tickets available for pre-purchase through Great Adventure's website. Tickets are \$22.49+ tax each. A savings of more than \$49.00 over the main gate price. \$2.50 from each ticket sold through the included promo code will be donated back to a qualified organization*. Tickets are available by entering the promo code **USOPA** in the upper right hand portion of the screen at the following address: www.sixflags.com/greatadventure


* Qualified partnering Organizations include: Blue Star Families, the USO Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey and the USO of Metropolitan New York



For more information contact Kristen Lowe from Liberty USO klowe@libertyuso.org

DMAVA, NJNG is now on Facebook, Twitter

Attention fans of Highlights! The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the New Jersey National Guard have launched their official Facebook and Twitter pages.

So help us achieve our goal of expanding our Facebook fan base by 100 fans per month. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Jersey-Department-of-Military-and-Veterans-Affairs/245085018841687> and <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Jersey-National-Guard/185017611554223> and press the  button and become one of our fans.

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Legion Riders to host Memorial Ride for veterans foundation

The American Legion Riders will host the first New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Ride on Sunday, Oct. 16 to benefit the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Foundation and the Vietnam Era Museum and Education Center.

This event will take place rain or shine.

All participants should assemble at the New Jersey National Guard's headquarters at 101 Eggert Crossing Road in Lawrenceville.

The cavalcade destination will be the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Exit 116 off the Garden State Parkway.

Registration will be at 8 a.m., with a police-escorted departure time of 11:30 a.m.

Registration fee will be \$25 to cover expenses, barbecue lunch and donation for all participants and attendees. Children 12 and under \$10.

For more information on this event, contact the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at 732-335-0033 ext. 100 or visit their Website at www.njvvmf.org.

Veteran opportunity expo in NYC

RecruitMilitary, a top full-service military-to-civilian recruiting firm, in cooperation with the American Legion are sponsoring a veteran Opportunity Expo in New York City on Sept. 22 at the Manhattan Center.

Veteran-friendly employers, franchisors, and educational institutions will be in attendance to offer a variety of opportunities to all veterans, transitioning military personnel, and military family members.

The free event will be held at the Manhattan Center, which is located at 311 West 34th Street, New York on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register for the event, please visit RecruitMilitary's candidate information Web page at <http://recruitmilitary.com/expos/386-New-York/candidates/information> or contact Dana Kenyon, marketing coordinator, at 513-683-5020.

AUSA to host remembrance reception

The Association of the United States Army, Fort Monmouth, N.J. chapter will host an inaugural POW-MIA Remembrance Reception and general membership meeting at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel on Sept. 7 from 5-8 p.m.

Lite fare and cocktails will be served. Door prizes and raffles will be available, with funds raised to be donated to the Foundation.

Cost to the event is \$10 per person, but free to anyone signing up as a corporate or individual member.

Current members are invited to purchase multiple reservations in addition to their planned attendees.

For reservations contact Diane Carnes at 732-389-4320 or via email at diane.carnes@macb-esi.com.

For information contact Marcia Owen at 732-768-4611 or via email at mo.starfish@yahoo.com.

NY Jets offer discounted tickets to Sept 18

Attention football fans: The New York Jets are offering discounted tickets to the Sept. 18 game against the Jacksonville Jaguars at the New Meadowland Stadium at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each for this game.

Visit <http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/000046B9FD31CF04?artistid=805987&majorcatid=10004&minorcatid=8> and in the section marked "Military Offer" enter the code: mil2011

Tickets are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Service Academy Info Day at Rutgers

U.S. Sens. Frank Lautenberg and Robert Menendez would like to invite military service members and families who are interested in attending a military service academy to their Service Academy Information Day on Sept. 10, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

This event is open to all high school students interested in applying to a service academy as well as their parents and guidance counselors. In addition, the event will have representatives from all five service academies: U.S. Air Force Academy; U.S. Military Academy at West Point; U.S. Coast Guard Academy; U.S. Naval Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

The event will be at the Douglas Campus Center, Traves Hall in Rutgers University, 100 George Street, New Brunswick.

Please RSVP by Sept. 5 at 973-645-5967. For additional information, please contact the offices of Sen. Lautenberg at 973-639-8700 or Sen. Menendez at 973-645-3030.

For directions to the event, please follow this link:

<http://maps.rutgers.edu/directions.aspx?id=110>.

Global company looking to hire vets

Transitioning Soldiers and Airmen, a global military-friendly company is looking for military service members interested in technology, consulting and other professional careers to add to their workforce.

Accenture, a global management consulting; technology services and outsourcing company, with more than 223,000 worldwide employees serving clients in more than 120 countries, is eager to hire transitioning service members and veterans because of their strong core values and their ability to adapt their thinking and operations rapidly and continually.

To learn more and apply for open positions visit their website at www.accenture.com/military.

In addition, please click on this link to view a poster highlighting the benefits of a career with Accenture:

<http://docs.recruitmilitary.com/pdf/Accenture%20Careers%20Poster.pdf>





LTC DAVE SAVINO MEMORIAL

15th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

26 SEPTEMBER 2011

0800 SHOTGUN START

Falcon Creek Golf Course, McGuire AFB

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Fort Dix, NJ 08640

Call Mike Balas @ 609 894-4692

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9/11 Remembrance Walk

The USO Metropolitan New York would like to ask you to join them, invite your friends and support those who are walking in the USO 9/11 Remembrance Walk on Saturday, Sept. 10, in New York City along the Hudson River.

This extraordinary event is a great way for you and everyone you know to honor the memory of those that were lost 10 years ago and those who protect our freedom everyday as we walk through the heart of lower Manhattan.

The proceeds from this event will fund vital USO programs and services that support military service members and their families, making a meaningful difference in their lives.

The USO Metropolitan New York would like to have a strong military and military family presence of this important event. There is no financial commitment necessary.

Please register at www.usonyc.org/911walk.

In addition, if service members don't have time to go through the registration process, please email your names/ email addresses to Ray Kennedy, director of programs & services, at rkennedy@usonyc.org and volunteers will take care of that.

Tunnel to Towers Run registry

All New Jersey Guardsmen are invited to participate in the 10th Anniversary of Stephen Siller's "Tunnel to Towers Run" on Sept. 25.

Last year the New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion was fortunate to partake in this now televised legendary 5K run that follows in the fate filled footsteps of a true hero.

The NJANG RRB is currently in the planning stages to participate in this year's run. Because of time constraints, they need to get a roster of individuals that are ready to commit to this year's event by a suspense date Sept. 9.

There will be limited free registration and transportation to and from the event to the first 90 Soldiers to respond. Based on response there will be two potential pick up locations; Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst and Sea Girt.

Any member that is ready to commit should contact Mauricio R. Vega, National Guard career counselor, at 908-377-9898.

The "Tunnels To Towers" tribute event celebrates not only Stephen Siller's ultimate sacrifice, but recognizes all the sacrifices made by all of our 9-11 fallen heroes and those that have fought and continue to fight for the cause of freedom.

Photos of NJ Guardsmen response to Irene



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