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NJ World War II Memorial

For information or to make a
 donation, call 609-530-7049

[WWII Memorial on the web](#)

New Jersey Freedom Loans

What is a Freedom Loan?

- * Up to \$10,000
- * Annual APR 6%
- * Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- * Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

DMVA employees selected as recipients of New Jersey State Public Service Recognition Awards.

The following DMVA employees have been selected as recipients of this year's New Jersey State Public Service Recognition Awards. The Awards recognize the notable contributions made by State employees in various categories of service: Longevity, Exceptional Service, Customer Service Excellence, Heroism, Community Service, Professional Achievement, and Teamwork/Partnership. The criteria for these awards are governed by the National Public Service Awards Committee based in Washington, D.C. For the past several years the New Jersey Committee has set the benchmark for other states to follow. The ceremony will be held on May 1, 2006 at the New Jersey War Memorial Building in Trenton with Governor Corzine attending.

Longevity Award

Horace Green (Vineland VMH)

Community Service Award

Gail Miller

Customer Service Excellence Award

- Ralph Danner
- Eileen Foster (National Guard Training Center)
- Margaret Jordan (Menlo Park Veterans Home)
- Debra Drake (Menlo Park Veterans Home)
- Karen D. Wallace
- BG Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Maintenance and Operations Crew
- Stephen Balas
- Brian Berkes
- Jonathan Carter
- John Cooper
- Dave Donnelly
- John Fee
- Gordon Fish
- Matthew Garrett
- Richard Giers
- Joshua Greene
- Kenny Harvey
- William Hewitt
- Patrick Kelley
- Lou Koceja, Jr.
- Lou Koceja, Sr.
- Frank Macauluso
- Benny Marquez
- John Pitt
- Joseph Sharp
- Ralph Terrel
- Brian Weiss
- Steve Zuzlock

Exceptional Service Award

- Iven Dumas
- Barbara Dearden
- Carl C. Lang
- Robert Sauselein
- Ryan Palencik
- Edward Turrian

Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- * Members of the National Guard or Reserve
- * Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) - excluding routine training.

Or

- * Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routing training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

How do I apply?

- * Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.
- * Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with the bank's Freedom Loan application.

Current participants:

Commerce Bank
1-888-751-9000

Credit Union of NJ
609-538-4061, ext. 401

First Morris Bank & Trust
1-888-530-2265

Manasquan Savings Bank
732-223-4450

North Jersey Federal Credit Union
1-888-78NJFCU

Peapack-Gladstone Bank (908)
719-BANK

Pennsville National Bank
856-678-6006

PNC
1-866-PNC-4USA

Sovereign Bank
1-877-391-6365

Sun National Bank
1-800-691-7701

Women's Day 8 March 2006

"Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult."

- Charlotte Whitton

Maureen Turak

Exceptional Service Award for Relief Efforts in support of Hurricane Katrina

John Tiger
Matthew Scudder
Billy Ross
Robert Ryan
Mark Ramos
Andrew Middleton
Joseph Landree
John Hastings
William Brown

NJ Air National Guard recognizes four new Chief Master Sergeants (CMSgt)

A ceremony was held at the McGuire Consolidated Club on Saturday, 11 March 2006, during which four Chief Master Sergeants were recognized and welcomed into their respective Chief's Group. They are: CMSgt Thomas M. Dickson from the 108th Air Refueling Wing, and CMSgt Michael R. Francis, CMSgt John P. Sullivan, and CMSgt Donald L. Martenz from the 177th Fighter Wing. CMSgt Martenz is currently deployed to Iraq. Over 275 military members, families, and friends attended the ceremony that was hosted by the 514th Air Mobility Wing. Major General Eugene R. Chojnacki, Commander, New Jersey Air National Guard, and Brigadier General Maria Falca-Dodson, the Deputy Adjutant General, were also in attendance.

Somers Point VFW Post 352 supports 177th Fighter Wing Family Programs.

Special thanks to the Somers Point VFW Post 352 for their support of the 177th Fighter Wing Family Programs. VFW Post 352 raised \$3,500 that will be used to purchase phone cards for deploying unit members. Past Commander and former 177th FW member, Mr. Daniel Bryan, presented the check to the 177th Fighter Wing's Commander, Colonel King and Mrs. Joan Searfoss, the 177th Fighter Wing's Family Support Coordinator.

Fairleigh Dickinson University Registration/Preliminary Assessment.

The Joint Training and Training Development Center (JT2DC), along with representatives from Fairleigh Dickinson University (FDU) will host a registration/preliminary assessment for those interested in educational opportunities. The New Jersey Army National Guard, in conjunction with FDU, implemented an undergraduate degree program.

We invite all employees to join us on Wednesday, 22 March 2006, at the JT2DC from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. All members will be able to register for the upcoming session (April-May).

Anyone interested in having a preliminary assessment conducted by FDU on this date or any employee seeking additional information should come prepared with transcripts and questions promptly at noon.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is scheduled to open November 11, 2006.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is scheduled to open on 11 November 2006 at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site located in Vails Gate, New York. The 7,500 square foot facility will share the stories of America's combat wounded veterans and those who never came back, all recipients of the Purple Heart. Since 1932, over 800,000 military personnel from all walks of life earned the medal in service to the nation. Their stories will be preserved and shared through exhibits, live and videotaped interviews with the veterans themselves, and the Roll of Honor, an interactive computer program preserving the stories of each individual. Guests will have the opportunity to leave messages of thanks for the veterans to read. A video recording studio will allow veterans or surviving family members to add their stories to the historic record, while a contemplative courtyard will provide a quiet space to reflect on the lives touch by these women and men.

Any servicemember who has earned a Purple Heart shall be afforded a place in the Hall.

They simply need to send a copy of their DD214 to the address below:

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor
PO Box 207
Vails Gate, NY 12584

DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues.

The DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues with kiosk displays at selected malls throughout New Jersey. The schedule is as follows:

23-25 March 2006: East Brunswick Mall
27-29 April 2006: Moorestown Mall
18-20 May 2006: Ocean County Mall
15-17 June 2006: Quakerbridge Mall

The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the identified dates.

Support our Troops Motorcycle Run

The Freedom Riders "Support Our Troops" Motorcycle Run is scheduled for October 14, 2006 (October 15 - Rain date).

Registration: 8:30-9:45 a.m., and the ride will depart at 10 a.m.

Starting Location: Parking Lot between Burger King and Sears Essentials, Marlton, New Jersey, less than a mile from Route 70 & 73 circle (Olga's Diner on circle) heading east on Route 70, on right.

Destination: Travel through the Jersey Pine Barrens approximately 60 miles one way to Sweetwater Casino Restaurant on the Mullica River, Hammonton (mailing address), New Jersey.

Donation: \$15 per rider and \$5 per passenger.

Proceeds benefit the Freedom Alliance Foundation providing:

1. Educational scholarships to the children of American's Military Heroes that have given the Ultimate Sacrifice.
2. For the injured in our hospitals pre-paid long-distance phone cards, gift cards for clothing, food, toiletries, books and magazines.
3. Funding for family members to travel to see and encourage their loved one.

For registration and information on the run go to: <http://www.citikids.org/freedom.htm>

Harlem Globetrotters offer discounted tickets for show this weekend

The Harlem Globetrotters are offering a special ticket price to any military member and dependents for the Sunday, March 19th show in Wildwood. All military and dependents, regardless of branch, must present either a military or dependent ID card. Tickets are available at the Wildwood Convention Center box office on the day of the game. Doors open at 3 p.m. The game starts at 4 p.m. With your military ID, \$23 tickets are discounted to \$12. For additional information, contact 800-992-9732.

The 2nd annual SGT Nutter 5K Run - 20 May 2006

The second annual Sergeant Nutter 5K Run in memory of SGT Sam Nutter (28 Jan '66 - 2 Jan '05) will be held on May 20, 2006. He was a member of the NJ Army National Guard and served in the U.S. Navy from 1989-1997. He is survived by his wife Michelle Mallozzi-Nutter and three daughters, Summer Ann, Samantha, and Sarah.

Funds raised during this even are donated to a NJ Army National Guard family in need.

This year's recipient will be Ashleigh Ryann Gwin, daughter of 1LT Howard and Michelle Gwin of C-5/117th CAV. 1LT Gwin is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and his two year old daughter, Ashleigh, has been diagnosed with Krabbe Disease, a rare genetic disorder that affects the central and peripheral nervous systems. She has received chemotherapy, a cord blood transplant, and currently receives intense therapies. She must travel to Duke University in North Carolina for follow-up care and treatment. You can learn more about Ashleigh at caringbridge.org/nj/ashleigh.ryann

All ages are welcome and 45 prizes will be presented to winners in various categories.

Registration will be held from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; the Race will start at 10 a.m. Cost is \$12 (postmarked by April 20th), \$15 (postmarked by May 5th), and \$20 (day of the event). Call 877-850-0240 to sign up or get additional details. You can also visit the website at www.nutterraun.com.

Scholarship News!

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation: Graduating seniors have until April 7, 2006 to submit their applications and essays to qualify for one of two \$2,500 scholarships offered by the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. Scholarships will be awarded to two graduating seniors from NJ who plan to further their education either at a college or university or trade/technical school.

Winners will be notified in early May and will be awarded the scholarship on Monday, May 29, 2006 during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial. In addition to the scholarship application and proof of acceptance to a college or trade school, all applicants must submit a 250-300 word essay about his/her visit to the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

For a scholarship application form or more information about the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, please call 732-335-0033 or visit the website at www.njvvmf.org.

EANG-NJ Scholarships: Eligibility - The legal children of New Jersey National Guard members who are also members of the Enlisted Association may submit applications for consideration. Also, any drilling Guardsperson who is a member of this association may submit an application for the CSM Baldassari Scholarship.

USAA Scholarship: Open to any drilling Guardsperson (need not be a member of the EANGNJ). This scholarship is administered by the EANGNJ and funded by USAA. Previous recipients are not eligible for subsequent awards. Applications are available at: <http://www.eang-nj.org/scholarships.html>

National Military Family Association's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships are awarded to spouses of Uniformed Services members (active duty, National Guard and Reserve, retirees, and survivors) to obtain professional certification or to attend post secondary or graduate school. Scholarships are normally in the amount of \$1,000 and the number awarded each year varies depending on funding. Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, fees, book, and school room and board. Application deadline: midnight April 15, 2006. Additional information can be obtained at: http://www.nmfa.org/site/pageserver?pagename=spouse_scholarship.

DCA Scholarship for Military Children: If your mother or father is active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel, or if you are the survivor of a deceased member and you have a military dependent I.D. card, you can apply! You must be planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis. For details and how to apply, go to: <http://www.militaryscholar.org/apply/apply.shtml>.

National Guard Association of New Jersey (NGANJ) - Upcoming Events

The National Guard Association of New Jersey will be conducting the following events. All members are encouraged to participate and mark these events on your calendars:

Business Meeting - The annual Business Meeting will be conducted on May 13, 2006 at the Lawrenceville Armory. The meeting will begin at 0800 hours (sign-in starting at 0730 hours) and will conclude at approximately 1200 hours. The attire for this meeting is "business casual."

NGANJ President's Golf Tournament - This tournament will be held at Falcon Creek Golf Course at McGuire AFB, NJ on June 5, 2006. This will be a "shotgun" start beginning at 1100 hours. The course limit is 144 players, so early reservations are suggested. A hot buffet dinner will follow at approximately 1700 hours at the McGuire NCO Club, which is located across the street from the course. This tournament benefits the Scholarship Fund. Last year, with your help, we were able to award nine (9) \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students. This year, we hope to meet or exceed that goal.

NGANJ Social - The Association's Social will be conducted on June 24, 2006 at the Ramada Inn in Hightstown, New Jersey. This event will begin at 1800 hours and will

conclude at approximately 2300 hours. Cost per person is \$60. This includes a full course dinner with DJ and live entertainment. The attire for this event will be the "dress" uniform for military and formal (suit) for civilians.

National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) 128th Conference will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from September 15-18, 2006. The New Jersey delegation will be staying at the Marriott Pyramid. Additional information and registration forms will be coming out shortly.

NGANJ 2006 Yearbook - CW5 (Ret) Jack Petrosilli and his Committee (Brig Gen Robert S. Dutko, Sr. and CW4 (Ret) Ken Langer) sent a mailing to all members requesting their support for the Yearbook. Please return your ads and/or booster request to CW5 Petrosilli by April 15, 2006.

National Guard Association of New Jersey Scholarship applications are being accepted now through March 15th. For more information, please contact COL Edward Slavin at Edward.slavin@nj.ngb.army.mil.

Job Fair -

Bergen County - Veteran's Job Fair will be held on Tuesday, 18 April 2006 from 0900 to 1230 hours at VFW Post 4591, 513 Veterans Place Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey 08604 "Click here" for directions to this event. The NJ Department of Labor, VFW Post 4591, and the Bergen County Division of Veteran Services are sponsoring the Job Fair, and more than 50 leading employers are registered to participate. Please bring plenty of resumes, a copy of your DD214 (separation/discharge), and dress to impress. If you would like additional information, contact John Bautz at 201-996-8950 ext 28 or by email at john.bautz@dol.state.nj.us.

ESGR - Register your Employer

Register your employer: Members of the National Guard and Reserve can now register their employers in a national database, hosted by the Defense Management Data Center (DMDC). Registering your employer will provide Reserve Force planners with valuable input that may help reduce the impact of call-ups on employers, and make it possible for your command or DOD to send information to your employer to promote support of your military service. National Guard/Reserve members can go to the following link, <http://www.esgr.org>, click on "Military Member" and then click on "Register Your Employer."

Support the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey

Once again, the Enlisted Association is asking for your support by becoming a member of the Enlisted Association again this year. Your continued support will increase our numbers and give our State a larger voice on all legislative issues that will benefit you and your families. Your Association works for you at the Federal and State level on all important issues. Visit our website www.EANG-NJ.org and click on Benefits for the application and also find out more about what we do. Thank you for your support. You can reach the Membership Chairman, Jerome Zebrowski, with any questions at 609-214-6959 or jcptfalc@aol.com or Co-Chairman, Edward Goetschius, at 609-965-1972 or esgtmaj@comcast.net.

SGT Ryan E. Doltz Memorial Foundation fund raiser - Tricky Tray

A Tricky Tray will be held at 8:00 p.m. on May 5, 2006 at Dover High School, Dover, NJ. Proceeds from the Tricky Tray will be used to fund scholarships for deserving students. Tickets are \$8 and the doors open at 6:30 p.m. For additional information, please call 973-361-2399.

Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous Essay Contest extended

The National Guard's 2006 Lewis and Clark Youth Rendezvous essay contest for a free trip to North Dakota has been extended until midnight, Sunday, April 2, 2006. This is an all-expense paid trip to North Dakota (August 13-18, 2006) for those students who will be juniors or seniors in high school during the 2006-2007 school year. This offer is open

to anyone, with or without military affiliation. For more information or to submit an essay, visit website: www.lcyouthrendezvous.com.

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PREP is NOT therapy, and is unlike anything to which you have been exposed. No encounter group or sharing of personal concerns, simply thrilling insights into a more loving, grown filled relationship! PREP begins with teaching effective communication skills, addresses problem resolution strategies that work, and teaches how to discover the hidden issues in every relationship. The program then moves into friendship, forgiveness, fun, and sensuality. If you are interested in attending (soldiers that were deployed are given priority) or need additional information, please call Marie Durling at 609-562-0739.

PREP is scheduled to be held at the Ramada Inn, East Windsor, New Jersey on the following dates: 17-19 February and 24-26 March 2006.

Part-time opportunities in Military Funeral Honors Program.

The New Jersey Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program has several part-time employment opportunities immediately available across the state for TDGs and Technicians. Earn one day's base pay and one retirement point for a few hours work providing Military Funeral Honors for our Veterans. If you are interested, please contact SGM Edward Goetschius, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator, at 609-530-7090 or by e-mail at Edward.goetschius@nj.ngb.army.mil.

Department of Defense launches Military Financial Education Program.

A general lack of financial knowledge makes servicemembers an ideal target for predatory money lenders so the Defense Department is doing something about it. "Equipping servicemembers with the tools and resources they need to make sound financial decisions is integral to both military readiness and the strength and stability of our servicemembers and their families." David S. C. Chu, Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, said at a news conference earlier this week at the U.S. Capitol building.

The Department of Defense has partnered with the National Association of Securities Dealers Investor Education Foundation (NASD) to launch the Military Financial Education Program. The NASD Foundation was started in 2003, and is part of the Defense Department's financial readiness campaign. NASD is the largest private-sector provider of financial regulatory services.

The multi-faceted program includes:

- An online resource center to serve as a trusted source for information on saving and investing.
- On-the-ground training to support the military's current Personal Financial Management Program.
- Educational tool kits for trainers and investors offering multiple levels of financial information.

The program's website, www.SaveandInvest.org, has a plethora of investor information and links to the NASD website, where further financial information can be found.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Educational Center's upcoming event schedule.

25 March, 1:00pm

"Screaming Eagles in Vietnam: The 101st Airborne Division during the War" -- an oral history discussion and slide presentation by NJ Vietnam Veteran Peter Engelhardt.

Peter Engelhardt, of Summit, served in Vietnam from October 1968 through August 1969 with the 101st Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade, which operated out of Landing Zone (LZ) "Sally," near the ancient imperial city of Hue, and Fire Support Base (FSB) "Whip" in the Ashau Valley near the Laotian border in northern South Vietnam. Engelhardt was a college graduate who then attended Army Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Georgia. As an officer in Vietnam, he worked primarily behind the scenes dealing with operations planning and coordination, intelligence assessment, and

psychological warfare exercises. He holds a deep admiration and respect for the airborne infantry "line" officers and their men, whose primary duty was combat. It is in their honor that he retells the story of his group of "Screaming Eagles," the nickname for members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP to 732-335-0033. A \$5 donation is suggested.

7 April, 5:00pm

Scholarship Deadline - Scholarships (\$2,500 each) will be awarded to two graduating seniors from NJ who plan to further their education either at a college, university, or technical/trade school. Scholarship details and application forms can be obtained at www.njvvmf.org or by calling (732) 335-0033.

29 April, 1:00pm

"The Trail" - video presentation of an illustrated narrative about "walking point" in a combat patrol in the Vietnam War, by Vietnam Veteran Robin Bartlett.

7 May, 11:00am

NJ Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day Ceremony

20 May, 1:00pm

For Armed Forces Day - "The Originals" - The Women's Auxiliary Ferry Squadron of WWII - Breaking the Gure ender Barrier in Military Aviation - a lecture by Honey Fulton Parker, youngest sister of one of the first WAFS, Dorothy Fulton.

29 May, 11:00am

Memorial Day Ceremony.

For more information, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033. or (800) 648-VETS.

The Vietnam Era Educational Center is located adjacent to the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 116.

Family Readiness Council Grants available.

The State Family Readiness Council has established a Grant Program that will provide both Family and Business Grants to deserving New Jersey National Guard families impacted by deployment. Additional information regarding these grants is available at Family Assistance Centers and Family Readiness Groups throughout the state. Those interested should contact Family Assistance at 1-888-859-0352.

Fitness Corner - Ernest Razzano, Certified Fitness Trainer, ISSA

The Benefits of Pineapples

For a natural and tasty way to improve your health and boost your healing capacity, add fresh pineapple and pineapple juice to your diet. Pineapples are nutritionally packed members of the bromeliad family. This tropical fruit is high in the enzyme bromelain and the antioxidant Vitamin C, both of which play a major role in the body's healing process.

Bromelain is a natural anti-inflammatory with analgesic properties. It encourages healing, promotes well-being and has many other health benefits. Bromelain is very effective in treating bruises, sprains, and strains by reducing swelling, tenderness, and pain. This powerful anti-inflammatory and analgesic effect can also help relieve osteo- and rheumatoid arthritis symptoms, and reduce postoperative swelling. It also helps break down the amino acid bonds in proteins, which promotes good digestion.

Pineapples also provide an ample supply of Vitamin C, a commonly known antioxidant that protects the body from free radical damage and boosts the immune system. Vitamin C helps build and repair bodily tissue and promotes wound healing. The body uses Vitamin C to help metabolize fats and cholesterol, absorb iron, and synthesize amino acids and collagen. Collagen is one of the primary building blocks of skin, cartilage, and bones. Vitamin C also decreases the severity of colds and infections.

When choosing a fresh pineapple, the most important factor in determining ripeness is smell. Ripe pineapples give off a sweet, fresh tropical smell. Avoid pineapples that give off an unpleasant odor, or those that have any soft spots or areas of dark discoloration.

Enjoy!

NJ Air National Guard Girls Softball Team plans St. Patty's Day event.

Join the NJ Air National Guard Girls Softball Team for a St. Patty's Day Dance and Chinese Auction on 18 March, 6-10 p.m., at the VFW in Cookstown, NJ. Tickets are \$25 and include a buffet, music, door prize, cash bar and auction items. Buy your tickets by March 11 from Master Sgts Bonnie Gaskell, 609-562-0925, Tania Prairie, 609-754-2308, Keith Hyde, 609-754-6870, and Staff Sgt Stephanie Marshall, 609-754-8903.

Tax Assistance is available for Service Members & Families

Free Turbo Tax online filing program is provided at no cost by the Department of Defense for active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status) and their families. Visit Military Onesource at www.militaryonesource.com for details and additional information.

Also, almost every military installation offers a tax center for military, retired military and family members: the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) office. VITA volunteers are trained by the IRS and military legal office and can provide advice or assistance in filing taxes. Returns filed through the tax center are sent electronically, and people will receive their refunds within 7-10 days. Each installation determines its tax center's operating hours and whether people need an appointment to come in. Contact the Legal Assistance Office at the facility nearest you.

St Patricks Day Trivia -

Today is Friday, March 10th. It is the 69th day of the year with 303 days remaining.

- Boston was the first American city to hold a St. Patrick's Day celebration.
- Before the 19th century, blue was the color traditionally associated with St. Patrick's Day.
- St. Patrick was born in England.
- According to Irish folklore, if you wear too much green, you may be carried away by fairies.
- New York City was the site of the first official St. Patrick's Day parade.
- The tradition of getting pinched for not wearing green on St. Patrick's Day was started by schoolchildren.
- In Ireland, the pubs are closed on St. Patrick's Day because the holiday is a religious observance.
- It is believed that the leprechauns, when not out searching for pots of gold, are shoemakers.
- Prior to the 20th century, leprechauns were said to wear red.

Mark your Calendar

26 April - Administrative Professional Day 5 June - DMVA/JFHQ Picnic, Lawrenceville Armory 14 June - Trenton Thunder Military Appreciation Day 15 June - Unity Day 16-22 July - National Guard Youth Camp (Sea Girt, NJ)

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