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**Veterans Hotlines**

**Sen. Lautenberg sponsoring Vets' Expo May 16**

Sen. Frank R. Lautenberg is sponsoring a Veterans Expo on Saturday, May 16, starting at 10 a.m., at the IBEW Union Hall #456, 1295 Livingston Avenue, North Brunswick.

The fair will provide information about the services available to New Jersey veterans and their families, such as: transitioning to civilian life, job placement, housing, financial assistance, educational opportunities, healthcare services, mental health information and more.

RSVP your attendance at the event with an e-mail to [vetexpo@lautenberg.senate.gov](mailto:vetexpo@lautenberg.senate.gov) or fax to 973-639-8723. The event is free to all attendees.

**10 mile run at Dix on May 16**

Put on those running shoes and lace them up for the Armed Forces Ten Mile Run at Fort Dix on **May 16** starting at Griffith Field House 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$19 during pre-registration, \$25 during same day registration. For more information go to [www.dixmwr.com](http://www.dixmwr.com) or call 609-562-4888.

**Commissary coming to Pomona Air Base**

The commissary is coming to Pomona! Come out and enjoy a case lot sale to be held at the 177th Fighter Wing location at Pomona Air Base, Egg Harbor Township. This is open to all authorized ID card holders (all branches of services). If you live in south Jersey, don't drive to McGuire Air Force Base; get your commissary savings here. Event will be held on **May 16**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at building 65. For more information, visit [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) and click on the locations link.

**Reunion briefing schedule announced for family members**

From the desk of Marie Durling, Family Programs Specialist

We know it is early to mention reunion briefs but we wanted to get the dates and locations out now so you can make plans to attend the one most convenient for you. All briefs are the same – they are not unit specific. Attend the one that is most convenient for you.

**Soldier & Family Reunion Brief Schedule**

Date	Armory	Time
<b>May 16, 2009</b>	Woodbury	9:30 a.m.
<b>May 21, 2009</b>	Teaneck	6:30 p.m.

**Vets, military invited to march in Memorial Day parade in Keansburg**

Keansburg, N.J., invites all veterans and military members to march in the town's annual Memorial Day Parade on Sunday, **May 17** at noon, rain or shine. The parade will start at New Point Comfort Fire House 192 Carr Ave, continue for approximately two miles and end at Manning Place and Carr Avenue. Arrangements have been made to have buses for any vet that is unable to walk the parade route. In addition, there will have a special bus that is wheelchair accessible if needed for any vet wanting to participate.



### Benefits & Entitlements

1-888-8NJ-VETS  
(1-888-865-8387)

### Mental Health

1-866-VETS-NJ4  
(1-866-838-7654)

### Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline

1-800-984-8523

### NJ World War II Memorial



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

[WWII Memorial on the web](#)

### ESGR Office

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### Phone numbers and Web sites to remember

#### Directory Assistance:

**1-602-293-4907**

#### Verizon Super Pages:

<http://www.superpages.com>

#### AT&T:

<http://www.anywho.com/>

#### SBC Yellow Pages:

<http://www.yellowpages.com/>

Telephone and contact  
information on state employees  
can be found at

<http://njdirect.state.nj.us/>

### DMAVA Emergency Hotline:

**1-866-232-5798**

### State Family Programs

101 Eggert Crossing Road  
Lawrenceville

Contact Staff Sgt. Christopher J. Hoff if you will be participating and if there will be any vets needing the special busing by May 11 at 732-309-3647 or [cor9696@aol.com](mailto:cor9696@aol.com).

## Homeowners insurance seminar on May 19

From the desk of Paul Serdiuk, Training Coordinator

Learn about Homeowners Insurance – what is covered, what is not; renter's insurance; condo insurance; as well as liability issues for which you are responsible as a homeowner. Also discussed will be: oil tanks, dog breed exclusions, as well as Identity Theft insurance; is it worth purchasing? Plus receive a private consultation regarding your Homeowners policy as well as auto policy with the consultant, with possible ways to save money and insure you have the appropriate coverage. This is a free service of the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

The seminar is on **May 19**, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Conference Room A. Contact Paul Serdiuk, Training Coordinator, at 609-530-6878 to reserve a timeslot if you are interested in a private consultation on your homeowner/auto policy. You will need to bring a copy of the policy with you.

## 104th Engineers Association's anniversary dinner on May 19

The 104th Engineer Association will hold its Anniversary Dinner on **May 19** at 6:30 p.m. All former members of the 104th Engineer Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, are invited to attend. Contact retired 1st Sgt. Alfred Roberts at [alfred.roberts@us.army.mil](mailto:alfred.roberts@us.army.mil) or 973-776-1364 during duty hours for further information.

## ANG Dinosaurs scheduled spring luncheon for May 20

The New Jersey Air National Guard Dinosaurs – the Air National Guard retirees – will be holding the Spring 09 gathering at Moore's Tavern, Freehold, on **May 20** at 1 p.m. All current Air Guard employees who are on the soon-to-be-retired list and all retired Army and Air Guard retirees are invited to come and enjoy each other's company.

Interested dinosaurs should RSVP with Mel Sylvester, 609-298-5970, [NuffSaidMel@aol.com](mailto:NuffSaidMel@aol.com) or Rich Donovan, 732-223-2051 or 732-223-4445, [Donovan@exit109.com](mailto:Donovan@exit109.com). Lunch menu includes salad, burger or sandwich, coffee, iced tea or soda for \$15 including tax and tip. Pay at the door. Alcoholic beverages are extra.

## DMAVA/JFHQ Picnic, Town Hall to be held on May 21

Yogi Bear and Boo Boo will not be working to distract Ranger Smith while attempting to steal our food – so you can come out to DMAVA /JFHQs Picnic (that would be pic-a-nic in Jellystone terms).

Pull out our summer clothes and join your co-workers on **May 21**, at noon, next to the HSCOE building on the DMAVA campus for a full menu of sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato and macaroni salads, cole slaw, baked beans and ice cream, along with beverages.

Prior to the picnic will be a mandatory Town Hall meeting in the Lawrenceville Armory at 11 a.m. If employees chose not to attend the picnic, they must return to their duty stations after the town hall meeting.

Cost for the picnic is \$10 (\$12 day of the event). See your local department rep to pay for your ticket to an afternoon of fun and food.

- DMAVA – Darlene Laarz (609-530-6992), Dawn Baulo 609-530-6717), Tina Taylor (609-530-7170), Karen Hansen (609-530-6868)
- Fort Dix – Master Sgt. Barbara Alcott (609-562-0870); Bonnie Gaskell (609-562-0925), Luisa Sanchez (609-562-0964)
- HSCOE – Kevin Hearn (609-562-7078)

## Veterans workshop with SBA slated for May 21 in Edison

A number of organizations, including the U.S. Small Business Administration, Passaic County Department of Economic Development and NJDMAVA, are presenting a Veterans workshop, "Starting and Financing Your Small Business," on **May 21**.

The workshop will be held at the Edison Job Corps Academy, 500 Plainfield Ave., Edison, N.J. 08817, 9-11:30 a.m. To register for the workshop, call the Small Business Development Center at The College of New Jersey at 609-771-2947.

**Toll-free number**  
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**Fax:** 609-530-6871

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[http://www4.army.mil/yearofthenco/  
home.php](http://www4.army.mil/yearofthenco/home.php)

### Quotes for the Week

Intense feeling too often obscures the truth.

-Harry S. Truman

Beer is living proof that God loves us and wants us to be happy.

- Benjamin Franklin

To be trusted is a greater compliment than to be loved.

- George Macdonald

All modern men are descended from a worm-like creature but it shows more on some people.

- Will Cuppy

Forgetting trouble is the way to cure it.

- Latin proverb

The N.J. district office of the SBA has secured the support of several lenders to provide special loan rates for veterans who own their own businesses or who are looking to start their own business. The SBA has also made available a special loan guaranty program for veterans, active-duty service members nearing separation, members of the National Guard and Reserves, as well as their spouses. This program, known as the Patriot Express, features the SBA's fastest turnaround time for loan approvals and gives the SBA's maximum guaranty.

Those veterans who attend will have the opportunity to meet local veterans' representatives, reps from lending institutions, and business management counselors.

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### Veterans Homes host Memorial Day ceremonies, wrestling event

The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Homes will be celebrating Memorial Day with ceremonies focusing on their Veteran residents. The schedule is as follows:

Vineland VMH: **May 21** at 11 a.m.

Paramus VMH: **May 21** at 2 p.m.

Menlo Park VMH: **May 25** at 11 a.m.

Join us in celebrating both Memorial Day and Veterans with our residents and staff.

Also, for all you wrestling fans, the Vineland VMH will host a pro-wrestling demonstration at the facility in a sanctioned rink on Saturday, **May 23** at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend what looks to be an exciting sporting event.

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### Doyle holds Memorial Day ceremony May 23

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery will be held on **May 23**. The parade of New Jersey veterans' organizations will pass in review at 10:30 a.m. and the memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. For more information, contact 609-738-2404.

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### Military Appreciation Weekend at Clementon Park, May 23-25

Military Forces Appreciation Weekend at Clementon Park and Splash World will be held on May 23-25. Active, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel can get in for free with Military ID. Family and friends can enter with a valid coupon for \$14.99 (regularly \$34.99/\$24.99 (48" or less)); \$8 for parking. You must have the coupon to get in. Clementon is 36 miles south of the McGuire on Rte 30. The coupon can be found on their Web site - look under special events: <http://www.clementonpark.com/home.html>.

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### Hopewell Valley holding Memorial Day ceremony May 23 at Alliger Park

From the Hopewell Valley Veterans Association

The Hopewell Valley Veterans Association (HVVA) is holding their fourth annual Memorial Day ceremony on **May 23** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Alliger Park.

The event will include remarks by keynote speaker Brig. Gen. John Nunn, Assistant Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard. The ceremony will also include an unveiling of memorial bricks dedicated in honor of veterans. Peter J. Lunetta, aviator for the U.S. Navy, is scheduled to conduct a military fly-over. Naval Sea Cadets from Lawrence Twp. will present the National Colors and lunch will be provided.

This free event is rain or shine. Tents will be provided at the park, in case of inclement weather. Alliger Park is located at 203 Washington Crossing- Pennington Road, Titusville, N.J. and is adjacent to the Hopewell Township Public Works Building. For additional information and directions visit, [www.HopewellValleyVeterans.org](http://www.HopewellValleyVeterans.org) or call (609) 737-6681.

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### Vietnam Memorial holding Memorial Day ceremony, May 25

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will hold its Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, **May 25**, 11 a.m., at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel. The guest speaker at this year's ceremony will be U.S. Army Master Sgt. Wyatt Smith, of Fort Monmouth. The ceremony will also include the presentation of two scholarships to New Jersey high school seniors and the induction of three Vietnam Veterans into the Memorial's "In Memory" Program.

Master Sgt. Smith began his career in the Army on April 13, 1995. After basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., he went onto train in the communications field at Fort Gordon, Ga. He has had assignments in Fort Bragg, N.C.; Recruiting command in New York; Camp Howze, Korea;

Darmstadt, Germany; and Naples, Italy. Smith is currently assigned as the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge of Tactical Battle Command, Fort Monmouth.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will award two \$2,500 college scholarships to:

- Shay Wigginton of Toms River, graduating from Manchester Township High School,
- Jessica Shohfi of Lavallette, graduating from Point Pleasant Beach High School.

During the ceremony, the Foundation will induct three Vietnam Veterans into its "In Memory" Program. "In Memory" honors New Jerseyans who served and died as a result of the war in Vietnam but whose names are not on the Memorial. The inductees' names will be placed on an engraved stone inside the Memorial so that all who visit will know that they are with their honored comrades.

The three "In Memory" inductees are:

- Dominick J. Morello, Union, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, 1968-1969; he died on January 30, 1985.
- Irvin M. Knight, Marlboro, who served in U.S. Army in Vietnam, 1968-1970; he died on October 18, 2006.
- Flory L. Perone, Oakland, who served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam, 1964-1965; he died on November 5, 2006.

The Vietnam Era Educational Center will be open from 10 a.m.-2p.m. on Memorial Day and admission is free for all visitors. The Educational Center is located adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel. The Memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is normally open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information on the Memorial or Educational Center, call 732-335-0033 or visit [www.njvvmf.org](http://www.njvvmf.org).

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### Career Fair for military, family members at Madison Square Gardens

RecruitMilitary will be hosting a career fair in cooperation with the American Legion on Thursday, May 28, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Madison Square Garden. It is to benefit all veterans, transitioning military personnel, members of the Guard and Reserve, and military family members in the New York City area.

To pre-register for the event, visit <http://careerfairs.recruitmilitary.com/cf/206-New-York-City/candidates/information>.

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### Salvation Army holding motorcycle ride on May 30

The Salvation Army is holding a motorcycle run on Saturday, **May 30**. Rain date is June 27. The start and finish point will be The Salvation Army Camp Tecumseh, 445 Mechlin Corner Road, Pittstown NJ.

Sign in will be from 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$25 per rider and \$10 for passengers. Lunch only, for family and friends is \$5 and children under 7 will eat for free.

At the end of the ride, there will be a barbecue, pig roast, entertainment, prizes and other activities. No alcohol will be served or allowed on the ride or at Camp Tecumseh.

Proceeds benefit The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services Program and Camp Tecumseh. For those of you who aren't aware, Salvation Army helps NJNG members and their families. Come out and enjoy a fun ride while supporting the worthwhile efforts of this great organization.

For more information contact RJ Yuhas at 908-851-8239 or [ron.yuhas@use.salvationarmy.org](mailto:ron.yuhas@use.salvationarmy.org).

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## TRICKY TRAY!!!

-Saturday May 30th, 2009  
Woodbridge Armory  
625 Main St. Woodbridge, NJ

- Doors open at 6PM / Pulling begins at 7:30PM
- Free massages at Woodbridge Health Club
- Admission and One sheet of 25 tickets: \$10
- Additional sheet: \$5
- Three sheets for \$12
- Higher Priced Ticketed Items: Varying Price
- 50/50 Raffle

Being held with the assistance of the  
American Legion Post #471 T. Nulty

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### Nutter Run up and running for May 31

The fifth annual SGT Nutter Run will be held on **May 31**. Sergeant Sam Nutter (Jan. 28, 1966 – Jan. 2, 2005) was a member of the New Jersey Army National Guard and served in the U. S. Navy from 1989 – 1997. Each year the New Jersey Army National Guard Officer Candidate School holds a benefit 5k run in his memory and the proceeds raised are donated to a NJARNG family in need.

This year's beneficiary is Sgt. Raul Aponte of A Co. 2-113th Infantry. The Aponte residence was struck by lightning during a storm in 2008 and caught on fire, leaving the family without a permanent residence and under heavy financial burden. Sgt. Aponte is currently deployed with the 50th IBCT.

Come join us as we band together to give a helping hand to a member of our National Guard family. Fun family events and a barbecue will follow the race.

Visit <http://www.NutterRun.com> for more information, and registration and donation forms.

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### College fair in Voorhees for military, families June 2

There will be a college fair on June 2, 4-6 p.m. at The Mansion, Voorhees, N.J.

Many colleges – mainly New Jersey and Philadelphia area schools – will be in attendance and all interested military and family members are encouraged to attend.

The event is free.

The Mansion is located at Evesham and Kressan Rds. Plaza 3000, Voorhees.

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### Essex Troop scholarships open for members, family

Applications for the 2009 Essex Troop Scholarship Program are now available. The scholarships are for qualified Essex Troop members and their family members, 102nd Cavalry and 50th BSTB qualified personnel.

Applications can be found online at the Essex Troop Web site, <http://www.essextroop.org/index.htm>, by requesting at [etroop@verizon.net](mailto:etroop@verizon.net) or by calling the Troop office at 1-973-736-0952. Deadline for submitting applications is **June 15**, 2009.

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### Philadelphia VA center holding Welcome Home event, June 20

The Philadelphia VA Medical Center, 3900 Woodland Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., is inviting all veterans of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom and their spouses, families and significant others to attend a Welcome Home event on Saturday, **June 20**.

Activities include: free lunch, entertainment, children's activities, veterans benefits representatives, veterans organizations representatives, health education and resources, door prizes and recreation, employment, safe driving information.

RSVP by June 10 to Lori Maas, OEF/OIF Program Manager at 215-823-5200.

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### Mental health education program for families of Veterans available

The Veterans Health Administration and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) have teamed to provide the NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program for families of veterans. The Family-to-Family Education Program (FFEP) is a free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness and is now offered at VA New Jersey Health Care System locations.

The course includes: Current information about schizophrenia, major depression, bipolar disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder, panic disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, borderline personality disorder, and co-occurring brain disorders and addictive disorders; current research and treatments to promote recovery; up-to-date information about medications, side effects, and strategies for medication adherence; gaining empathy for a person with mental illness; learning skills for handling crisis and relapse; coping with caregiver worry, stress, and emotional overload; and guidance on locating and advocating for appropriate supports and services for your family.

NAMI is the nation's largest grassroots organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. NAMI New Jersey and VA New Jersey Health Care System are accepting family members of veterans for the class starting **June 25** at the Lyons Campus. Classes will be from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings. For information/sign up contact Mike at 734-380-9400 ext. 3618. Visit [www.naminj.org](http://www.naminj.org) or call 732-940-0991 for additional information about NAMI New Jersey.

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### **Sky Blue FC offering free tickets to Heroes, discounts to families**

Join the Sky Blue FC on July 4 at 7 p.m., for their 1st Annual Heroes' Night at Yurcak Field, Piscataway. Sky Blue FC is the women's professional soccer team located in Somerset. They are honoring the members of the Armed Forces, police and fire departments when they take on the Boston Breakers.

Heroes' with identification will receive a free game ticket and access to discounted ticket prices for family and friends. For more information, contact Rich Fetter, 732-271-7700, extension 309 or [rfetter@skybluesoccer.com](mailto:rfetter@skybluesoccer.com). Check out their Web site, [www.skybluefc.com](http://www.skybluefc.com) for more information about the team.

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### **EANJNG opens scholarship season to members, dependents**

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey scholarship season is open. The CSM Baldassari Memorial Scholarship is open to all members of the Association and their dependents. Scholarship forms can be found at the association's web site – [www.eanj-ng.org](http://www.eanj-ng.org).

The Enlisted Association offers five \$1000 scholarships. All applications must be received no later than **July 15**. Previous winners are not eligible to reapply. The Enlisted Association would also like to announce the USAA Scholarship. This is a \$500 scholarship that is open to all members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard. Forms also may be found at the Enlisted Association web site.

For more information on either scholarship, contact retired Sgt. Maj. Michael Amoroso at 609-562-0754.

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### **Post 9/11 GI Bill briefing on the calendar for July 21**

For all of you are eligible for the Post 911 GI Bill and are finding yourselves with questions – here is where to find answers! There will be a Post 911 GI Bill briefing for the McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst community on **July 21** in the Timmerman Center, Fort Dix. Briefings will be held at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. All the briefings are for active duty, National Guard, Reserve and family members.

The McGuire Education Office is advising delaying application for the Post 911 GI Bill until after attending one of these briefings.

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### **Army Warrant Officer Association wants you**

Join the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association, Fort Dix Doughboy Chapter. The USAWOA is the Warrant Officer's voice in The Military Coalition.

Make your voice heard. AAAA member aviators receive a USAWOA membership discount. WO1's receive their first year membership free.

Contact [nancy.rowbotham@us.army.mil](mailto:nancy.rowbotham@us.army.mil) to obtain a membership application.

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### **Scholarships available for DeVry University**

The AMVETS are offering scholarships for DeVry University with a \$1,000 per semester tuition award and a \$9,000 total award. This is open to veterans of all branches of service, Reserve and Guard components. This offer is also extended to immediate family members (spouses, natural and adopted children). This scholarship is applicable for DeVry University and the Keller Graduate School of Management.

Deadlines to submit scholarship applications are **June 8** for the July 2 semester and **Sept. 28** for the Oct. 26 semester. For more information concerning the application or the application process contact AMVETS toll free at 877-726-8387 or [devryscholarships@amvets.org](mailto:devryscholarships@amvets.org).

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## NJNG museum announces sale of "A Tribute to New Jersey Veterans"

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey announces the publication of "A Tribute to New Jersey Veterans." This beautiful 128 page, historical hard-cover book will be available on July 4, 2009, and includes numerous unpublished photos from the museum's collections, the N.J. National Guard, and personal collections that chronicle the men and women of New Jersey who have protected democracy since the inception of our great country right up to today's conflicts. With photos from over the past 150 years as well as illustrations of the country's early history, this book captures New Jersey's men and women's contributions since the beginning. It is a deserving tribute dedicated to all who have served and sacrificed so much for our country and shows how the state has honored and supported our veterans in the past, and will encourage its citizens to continue their support for our military.

Part of the proceeds from the sale of this book will benefit the museum. If you have any questions, please contact the museum curator, retired Col. Donald Kale, at 609-530-6802.

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## 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:

May 19*, 20, 21	Hamilton Mall
June	Wildwood Convention Center-see below
July 28*, 29, 30	Ocean County Mall
August 5	First Energy Park, home of the Lakewood Blue Claws, 6-10 p.m.

Wildwood Convention Center schedule is: (outreach only, no medal ceremonies)

- Elks State Convention – June 4-5
- American Legion State Convention – June 10-12
- VFW State Convention – June 17-19

\*Medal ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. on these dates. The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

\*\*Medal Ceremony only; begins at 11 a.m.

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## No handbooks available for NJDIRECT

Inquiries about NEW handbooks and directories for NJDIRECT has prompted this reply from Pensions and Benefits:

*"Unfortunately, we do not have NJ Direct Handbooks to give to members and will not be receiving a supply. Members may visit the NJ Direct website [www.horizonblue.com/shbp](http://www.horizonblue.com/shbp). Members without computers are encouraged to use their local library or a relative's computer or call the plan directly".*

You may also look up benefit information and visit the Unified Provider Directory on the Pensions and Benefits website under State Health Benefits Program.

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## Direct Deposit – A safe and reliable way to receive your pay

*From the desk of Lisa Dandrea, Human Resources, Personnel Assistant*

This is just a reminder that the convenience of direct deposit is offered to all state employees. It is encouraged that our employees consider taking advantage of direct deposit with all that it has to offer.

Enrolling into direct deposit means having your money directly deposited into your checking or savings account. You're going to be on vacation on pay day? Tired of waiting for Postal Service to deliver your money? Eliminate that with direct deposit. It is a convenient and reliable way to receive your pay and know it is safe in your account, when you need it to be. And the service is free!

To get enrolled you must complete the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payroll Deposits" form, and turn it in to your Human Resources Payroll Department. A copy of this form is available on DMAVAnet under *Human Resources – Helpful Forms*. Just print, fill out and send to Human Resources. Please allow up to three pay periods (six weeks) for your direct deposit to take effect.

To request a form or more information, contact Lisa Dandrea in Human Resources at 609-530-6888.

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