

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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Troopers from the 1st Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment, New Jersey National Guard, stopped at their headquarters in Westfield for a final vehicles refuel and some breakfast prior to their 340-mile road trip to

Fort AP Hill, Va., for their 2011 Annual Training. During the 14-day training period, the troopers will train on individual and collective skills that will culminate with a squadron tactical exercise. (Courtesy photos)

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LTC Savino golf tourney

The 15th Annual LTC Dave Savino Memorial golf tournament will be held on Aug. 29 at the Falcon Creek Golf Course in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start and will be played in a two person scramble format (best ball).

Cost is \$100 donation per person and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments and door prizes. A buffet lunch will be served after the tournament at the course.

Send your payments to 108th WG/MXQ, ATTN: SMSgt Mike Balas, 3333 Wonnacott Blvd., JB MDL, NJ 08641 or to Connie Cisek, JF HQTRS, Bldg. 3650, Saylor's Pond Road, JB MDL, NJ 08640.

Make checks payable to LTC Dave Savino Memorial Fund. All payments should be received no later than Aug. 23.

Questions regarding this event should be directed at Balas at 609-894-4692.

The Barclays golf tournament hosts military appreciation day

Come join the PGA and The Barclays as they honor the military during the FedEx Cup at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison, N.J. from Aug. 23 - 28.

Admission to the tournament is free for all active, retired and reserve members of the military. To download your complimentary tickets go to www.birdiesforthebrave.org or www.thebarclaysgolf.com and click on "Tickets".

While at The Barclays visit the Birdies for the Brave Patriots Outpost. Located near the main entrance, it offers panoramic views of the fourth green. Open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., military guests and their dependents will find complimentary food, beverage, television coverage of the match and a kid's area.

In addition, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, The Barclays will host a Military Appreciation Day ceremony at the Outpost in between the morning and afternoon Pro-Am's competition, which will include a color guard, national anthem performance and a drill team.

Additional activities for Wednesday will include military caddy program, which will provide military members an opportunity to caddy for a PGA Tour professional as they play on the ninth hole; military tee announcer on the first and 10th tees; and a PGA Tour professional meet-and-greet.

Other activities are also planned throughout the event. Details can be found at <http://thebarclays.barclaysgolf.com/charities/military-appreciation.html>.

Veterans of America Day at Somerset Patriots' game

The Somerset Patriots, in cooperation with Operation Jersey Cares, would like to invite all military veterans, past and present, to their 9th Annual Veterans of America Day on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 4 p.m., at TD Bank Ballpark in Somerset.

The event will celebrate and salute all veterans, and will have as an honored guest a Medal of Honor recipient. After the celebration, stay and enjoy a night of baseball between the local team, Somerset Patriots, against the Bridgeport Bluefish. Game starts at 5:05 p.m.

Tickets for all veterans are free. Family and friends can receive discounted tickets at \$5 per person.

TD Bank Ballpark is located at 1 Patriot Park in Bridgewater, N.J.

For more information please contact Marc Russinoff, vice president of public relations, at 908-252-0700 ext. 215 or by email at mrussinoff@somersetpatriots.com.

Discounted tickets must be ordered in advanced by filling out the order form, which can be found at www.operationjerseycares.org/voa-2011.pdf.

GT enhancement training rescheduled

Attention Soldiers interested in taking the GT Enhancement Training.

Due to logistical requirements, the one-week training session originally scheduled for Aug. 8-14, has been rescheduled to Aug. 22-28, with retest dates of Aug. 29-30.

Soldiers will be required to take the Armed Forces Classification Test prior to class, and submit a DA 4187 through Sgt. 1st Class Robert Freeman no later than Aug. 3.

Funding for Soldiers must come from the parent unit.

Interested Soldiers should contact Sgt. 1st Class Robert Freeman at 609-703-8686 or via email at robert.freeman6@us.army.mil as soon as possible as spacing is limited.

Veterans Journal available on Internet

The Spring 2011 edition of New Jersey's "Veterans Journal" is now available on the world wide web in a user friendly online version at the following web address: <http://www.nj.gov/military/veterans/journal/spring2011/index.html>

The Veterans Journal is intended to serve New Jersey's veterans, their families, friends, and concerned individuals and groups. The journal provides up-to-date information on veterans' events, news, entitlements and services.

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Don't miss this special opportunity to meet and connect with hiring employees; get career transition coaching; resume feedback and tips from human resources professionals and learn from recruiting experts on how to gain a competitive edge on your job search.

Register today to participate in one or both events, which will feature:

- Career transition workshops delivered by military transition experts
- Special morning workshops for employers and HR professionals offering HRCI recertification credits
- Networking lunch
- Job fair exclusively for actively hiring employers

For details, registration and support opportunities visit <http://esgrnj2011tour.eventbrite.com/>



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Information on:
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Location
37 Plains Road
Augusta, NJ 07822

Sussex County Fairgrounds

As part of Senior Citizens Day
DMAVA will set up an information booth
on August 11 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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  Like button and become one of our fans.

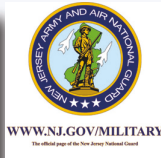
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Veterans event at Lawrenceville

A job fair and information for veterans will highlight the annual VA New Jersey Health Care System event this year.

On Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Lawrenceville Armory will host the Annual Homecoming Event in honor of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn veterans at the Armory, which is located at 101 Eggert Crossing Road in Lawrenceville.

All military veterans and their family members are invited to attend.

The event will feature a job fair for veterans; VA Mobile Vet Center; VA Mobile Health Unit; information on numerous Veterans Service Organizations and college information.

In addition, special guests, door prizes, refreshments and fun for the entire family will be available.

Representatives from several regional colleges and dozens of public and private sector employers will provide information on educational benefits and employment opportunities for veterans and family members at the job fair, which is sponsored by G.I. Go Fund.

Also, veterans will be able to receive free health care screenings and gather information on agencies that provide outreach support to veterans and their families.

For more information on the event, contact June Mayer, acting OEF/OIF/OND program manager, at 973-676-1000, ext. 2369.

For information on the VA New Jersey Health Care System, go to www.newjersey.va.gov.

Big Bass Association to host fishing event

As a "Special Thank You" to the military members of New Jersey, the Big Bass Association will host a bass tournament on Sept. 10 at the Wawayanda Lake that will allow a Soldier or Airmen to fish on the tournament with an experienced bass fisherman.

The event will be held at the Wawayanda State Park and participating members will need to arrive between the hours of 5 – 5:30 am for a boat launching time of 6 a.m.

Please contact Raymond Verheek at 201-290-0399 or via email at rverheek@harsco.com for tournament information.

New Jersey National Guard participants will require a fresh-water fishing license, which can be obtained by contacting Edward Turrian at 609-530-6866 or email at ed.turrian@njdmava.state.nj.us.

Lake Wawayanda is located at 885 Warwick Turnpike in Hewitt.

E-mail your Highlights submissions to wayne.woolley@njdmava.state.nj.us OR armando.vasquez@njdmava.state.nj.us

DEERS/RAPIDS services at Bordentown Armory

The New Jersey National Guard's Family Programs office will provide services to all military service members requiring registry into the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) at the Bordentown Armory.

To schedule an appointment please contact Staff Sgt. Yatzabel Palma at 609-298-9734.

NJ EMTs looking for volunteer actors

The New Jersey EMS Task Force will be participating on a full scale exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard on Sept. 21 in Cape May.

The exercise will simulate a ferry boat accident on the Delaware River, with various military, federal, state and local agencies from both New Jersey and Delaware participating in the exercise.

The New Jersey EMS agencies participating in this exercise will receive approximately 200 "patients". In order to provide the agency players with a realistic training event they will be using role-playing patient actors. Consequently, volunteers for patient actors are being sought by the agency.

If you are interested in volunteering as an actor, please register by sending an email to David Snyder, south region training officer at NJEMSTF, at dsnyder@deptford-nj.org or by registering with the U.S. Coast Guard at <http://coastguardexercise.com/delawarebay>. User name is (case sensitive) USCG_ESD and password A_H_A_T!

Online research needs volunteers to test program

The VA Pacific Islands Health Care System is looking for veterans who smoke cigarettes to test a program designed to motivate veterans to improve their health by reducing or quitting smoking.

The research program is non-clinical, completely online, and can be incorporate into the busy lives of veterans while they juggle their time with work, family, and other responsibilities.

Participation is confidential and anonymous, and participants will receive up to \$75 in online gift cards for their time and input.

Eligibility for this research program requires the veteran to be over the age of 18; current cigarette smoker; comfortable using computer and Internet and have a cell phone with texting capabilities.

If you have questions regarding this research, contact Patricia J. Jordan, principal investigator, at 808-781-4330.

To participate in the research program, please visit www.hawaii.va.gov/services/Active_Research_Projects.asp.