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1. GENERAL RICHARD B. MYERS, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, THANKED AMERICANS FOR THEIR OUTPOURING OF SUPPORT TO THEIR ARMED FORCES during a Pentagon briefing this week. "I want to express my gratitude to the American people for sending their online thank you notes to America's service members, thanking them for defending our nation's freedoms. More than 3.7 million Americans have visited the Defense Department's website, [www.defendamerica.mil](http://www.defendamerica.mil) to show their support and obtain up-to-date coverage of America's war on terrorism.

2. THE 253RD TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, LOCATED IN CAPE MAY AND TUCKERTON, HAS BEEN MOBILIZED IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. The unit reported to Home Stations on 5 February 2003. They conducted a three-day Soldier Readiness Processing (SRP) exercise 7-9 February 2003 at Sea Girt, New Jersey in preparation for their Federal activation. HQ STARC personnel supported

this three-day exercise, insuring the soldiers of the 253rd are ready for deployment. The 253rd TC reports to their Mobilization Station on 10 February 2003. Good luck to all the soldiers who will deploy.

3. STATE OFFICES CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY, IN OBSERVANCE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. Of all the presidents in the history of the United States, Abraham Lincoln is probably the one that Americans remember the best and with deepest affection. His childhood in the frontier of Indiana set the course for his character and motivation later in life. He brought a new honesty and integrity to the White House, and will always be remembered as "Honest Abe." Most of all, President Lincoln is associated with the final abolition of slavery. He became the virtual dream where an ordinary person from humble beginnings could reach the pinnacle of society as president of the country.

4. HONOR NEW JERSEY'S WAR VETERANS WITH A SIMPLE TAX DEDUCTION. Donations to the New Jersey Korean War Memorial Fund and the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund can easily be made by using the charitable deduction check-off on your New Jersey State Income Tax Form. Your support of these funds will, in a small way, help to honor New Jerseyans who served during those wars.

5. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TESTS SPACE AVAILABLE TRAVEL PRIVILEGES FOR DEPENDENTS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES (CONUS). The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Transportation Policy) has approved a one-year test to evaluate the expansion of space-available privileges for dependents traveling within the CONUS. The test will allow dependents of active service duty and retired Uniformed Services members to travel within the CONUS when accompanied by their sponsors. The test is scheduled to begin 1 April 2003 and will end 1 April 2004. For additional information concerning space-available travel and sign-up procedures, please review the Air Mobility Command's public website at <http://amcpublic.scott.af.mil/Spacea/spacea.htm> or contact the servicing Department of Defense air terminal of interest.

6. INFORMATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION HELP DESK STATISTICS. When your computer doesn't work, it never seems that it can be fixed fast enough. Next time you call the Help Desk or see one of those personnel hurrying from job to job, here are a few things to consider. During the year 2002 there were a total of 4979 calls taken. Of those calls, 26 were cancelled and 273 are still pending. That's about a 95% success rate for calls during the year. Account creation or permissions were the biggest problem and accounted for over half the calls, followed by hardware issues and requests for equipment. The five personnel in the Help Desk are the front line of support for state and federal technology users across the entire state. Their talents cover a wide range of information technology skills, which allow them to fix or refer the problems for resolution.

7. WARRANT OFFICERS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY AWARD RECOGNITION. The State Command Chief Warrant Officer, CW5 Al Curving, reminds all NJ Army National Guard Commanders there is no time to waste in submitting nominations for recognition of outstanding Warrant Officers in three separate categories. National Guard Association of New Jersey awards will be presented at the Annual Officers Convention in Wildwood in April. The categories open to Warrant Officers are:

Major General James F. Cantwell, Outstanding Company Grade Army Officer Award - open to all WO1 and CW2 Warrant Officers.

Major General Francis R. Gerard Trophy - open to all Army Aviation Warrant Officers.

Brigadier General Patrick J. McCarthy Outstanding Senior Warrant Officer Award - open to all CW3 through CW5 Technical Service Warrant Officers.

8. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED.

25 Feb - 1000 & 1300 hrs. Distinguished Service Medals Toms River Elks Lodge

9.. ARMORY HAPPENINGS - CHECK TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT AN ARMORY NEAR YOU.

16 Feb Emcee Sports Cards & Comics Show Bordentown Armory

23 Feb NASCAR Collectibles Show Bordentown Armory

28 Feb Wrestling Atlantic City Armory

4 Mar Tool Show Woodbridge Amory

21-23 Mar Craft Show & Sale

Home Design & Landscape Show Morristown Armory

Westfield Armory

23 Mar Emcee Sports Cards & Comics Show Bordentown Armory  
30 Mar NASCAR Collectibles Show Bordentown Armory

#### 10. DID YOU EVER WONDER?

Why do we drive on the parkway and park in the driveway?

Why does the Army tell you to drive with your headlights on in the daytime and in blackout at nighttime?

Why Buick doesn't rhyme with quick?

#### 11. WORDS OF WISDOM....Quotations from Abraham Lincoln

"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday."

"All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

"You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today."

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

"Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth. "

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