

DMAVA Highlights

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Scouting takes on an international flavor

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, 177FW/PA

On March 27, twenty Air Force and Army troops participated in a Boy and Girl Scouts event.

Now that is not an unusual occurrence because the military has always had a solid relationship with these two organizations.

What made it unusual was that it took place in Iraq.

"You have to leave your 'U.S. Scouting' resume and assumptions at the door," said Master Sgt. Dave Kovak, 177th Fighter Wing Security Forces. "It's a whole new ball game out here. The key is to be flexible."

Like Scout meetings everywhere, sports and arts and crafts are big, especially soccer.

Did I mention soccer was huge in Iraq? Well according to the guide that is handed out, if you control the soccer ball, you control the meeting.

"It's a weekly event that I hope to be part of whenever I have a day off that falls on their Scout meetings," said Kovak.

Most of the time is spent doing traditional scout projects or just interacting with them.

"I couldn't tell who was having more fun the kids or the adults," said Kovak.



Master Sgt. Dave Kovak demonstrates a magic trick to an enrapt onlooker. Photo by Staff Sgt. Drew Shapiro, 447ECES/FP

Jersey Guard hiring for summer positions; applications due April 30

The New Jersey Army National Guard will be funding up to 15 summer hires for building/grounds maintenance (Position Description: Laborer WG-03 at approximately \$16 an hour, no benefits) at the following armories:

- Cape May – 1
- Vineland – 1
- Cherry Hill – 1
- Hammonton/Tuckerton – 1
- Mount Holly – 1
- Ft Dix – 2
- Lawrenceville – 2
- West Orange – 2
- Dover/Riverdale – 1
- Washington – 1
- Somerset – 1
- Teaneck – 1

The employment period will begin on June 7 and go through pay period ending Aug. 14, with the possibility of extending employment through Aug. 28.

The work schedule will be Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; 32 hours/week, with every Friday off. Minimum age is 18 yrs old prior to start date.

Anyone interested in being considered, must complete an OF 612 and must be available for interviews on May 12 or 13. Appli-

cants may be required to take a physical prior to start of employment.

Applications must be received by close of business April 30, must indicate a first and second choice of location, and include a copy of a current driver's license:

Send applications to:

JFHQ-NJ

Attn: J1-HRO, Ms. Joanne Miller

3650 Saylor's Pond Road

Ft. Dix, NJ 08640

If you have any questions, call Joanne Miller at 609-562-0851.



Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

Books constitute capital. A library book lasts as long as a house, for hundreds of years. It is not, then, an article of mere consumption but fairly of capital, and often in the case of professional men, setting out in life, it is their only capital.

--Thomas Jefferson, 3rd president of United States

“Slam Dunk the Junk!”

Come “Slam Dunk the Junk”!!

The City of Trenton is holding their 23rd Annual Clean Communities Litter March on April 20 (rain date is April 21) and they are inviting people to help clear debris and recyclable litter from Trenton neighborhoods. Last year more than 1,400 people from schools, churches, community groups, private businesses, as well as city residents and public employees showed up for the Litter March.

This year, DMAVA and our Army and Air Guard members are invited to create one team – or more – to help clean up the environment. A team consists of 5-10 people and each participant will receive a free t-shirt, free lunch and if your group collects the most debris and trash – an AWARD!!

Registration will take place at Trenton City Hall, 319 East State Street, at 8:30 a.m. Transportation will be provided, if needed, to and from the clean-up site if it is beyond walking distance. Gloves and bags will be provided also. Lunch and awards ceremony begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Mill Hill Park, South Broad St. and East Front St.

Let’s help our neighbors and show them that green isn’t just a color we wear but also a lifestyle.

If you are interested in being part of Slam Dunk the Junk – contact Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison at 609-530-7088 or Barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us.

Photo information

If your armory needs photos for the Chain of Command “wall,” contact Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison at barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-7088. Tell us which photos you need and we will mail them to you or get them ready for pick-up.

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Officers and NCOs can now schedule their DA photo appointment online for the N.J. National Guard photo studio at Joint Force HQ, Fort Dix.

Just visit fill out a work order, DA 3903, online at www.vios.army.mil, but you must log in with your CAC card. For assistance or more information registering on VIOS, contact Staff Sgt. Jorge L. Vazquez, G6 Network Control Center at 609-562-0333.

The studio accepts appointments for any week day from 8-10 a.m. or anytime during JFHQ drill weekends. For more information on studio hours contact Kryn P. Westhoven at (609) 847-2215.

By Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist

Besides quotes, I love factoids – you know, those little facts and statistics that can tell you nothing or lots but are just plain fun to read and know. So this week’s column will be full of green facts and items that can fill your brain and give you something to dazzle or bore friends and family.

Every day 63 million newspapers are printed in the U.S. Most of them, 44 million, or 69 percent, will be thrown away. Save more than a half a million trees every week by recycling just the Sunday papers.

At least six percent of all household electricity is consumed by your clothes dryer.

One pound of beef uses 2,500 gallons of water to produce.

The average American destroys 100 million trees a year, simply from the 40 pounds of junk mail they receive.

Each person throws away approximately four pounds of garbage every day.

Each person uses about 12,000 gallons of water every year; one-third of all water is used to flush the toilet.

It takes 90 years to “grow” a box of facial tissues.

Every single hour in America 3,250,000 plastic water bottles are used.

Americans spend more on garbage bags than 90 other countries spend on everything.

It takes more water to make a plastic bottle than the amount of water a plastic bottle holds.

Metal can be recycled forever without it breaking down.

More than 20 million Hershey’s Kisses are wrapped each day, using 133 square miles of tinfoil. All that foil is recyclable.

Of the entire earth, only 11 percent is used to grow food.

We dump 14 billion pounds of trash into the ocean every year.

Keep Green!

Quotes

Having a hole in the head doesn’t always indicate an open mind.

--unknown

A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.

--Henry David Thoreau

A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops..

--Henry Adams

Wise men are not wise at all times.

--Emerson

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Families

Coping with deployment workshop offered at Picatinny May 3

The American Red Cross will be conducting a two-hour workshop on "Coping with Deployment" at Picatinny Arsenal Army Community Center on May 3, from 9-11:30 a.m. The workshop is open to all military personnel and DoD Civilians living apart from their military or civilian sponsor due to an unaccompanied tour, extended temporary duty, deployment, or other mission requirement. Contact the Army Community Service at 973-724-7247 or e-mail Clarence.lacy@us.army.mil. RSVP no later than April 29.

Mt. Laurel YMCA offers free play day for military kids

Come to the Mount Laurel YMCA, 59 Centerton Road, Mount Laurel, on April 18, 1-4 p.m., for "Celebrating Military Children."

There will be a FREE drop off service for ANY military children. Operation Military Kids team members will supervise your child and one friend, age 5 and up.

Submit completed forms by April 13, 2 p.m. There is a maximum participation of 75 youths. To register, please download the Permission Slip at http://www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_events.html.

Some activities include: arts and crafts, climbing wall, swimming, photography, face painting, YMCA Values hoop shoot, healthy food and drink, free giveaways and FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

For more information contact Amanda Balas, New Jersey National Guard Youth Coordinator, at 609-530-6836 or at amanda.balas@us.army.mil.

Check out Blue Star Flag Program

Grantham University's Blue Star Flag program has been providing Blue Star Flags to Service members and their families since 2006. Grantham University is also offering scholarships and grants to Servicemembers and veterans. For further information about the Blue Star Flag program, please go to: <http://www.mybluestar-flag.com>.

Military and family members health insurance questions should be directed to:

Tricare – Sgt. 1st Class Louis Tuck, 609-562-0865
US Family Health Plans – Pam Worley, 732-977-8531
VA Medical – Michelle Stefanelli, 973-676-1000, ext. 1727

Sesame Street show at Joint Base MDL April 23-24

Grover! Cookie Monster! Elmo! And more of those fuzzy, loveable muppets from Sesame Street are coming to Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on April 23 and 24.

The Sesame Street/USO Experience for military families will be at building 3211, dock 11 on the McGuire section of the base at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. on April 23 and at 2 p.m. on April 24.

There is free admission for military families and their children, mini shows and giveaways. For more information, visit <http://www.sesameworkshop.org/initiatives/emotion/tlc>. Call 609-754-3050 for details and to sign up for the show.

Mmmmm...cookies!

Finance survey on Web for Guard family's participation

Thousands of Joint Service Support users have taken the Financial Management Awareness Program (FMAP) Survey and only a couple more weeks remain to participate!

FMAP is asking everyone in the National Guard Community to take the survey and be heard. Stop by the link below - it only takes 5 minutes to complete. www.jointservicesupport.org/financialawarenesssurvey

The Financial Management Awareness Program (FMAP) was constructed to inform the National Guard community of the Department of Defense and other partnered resources. FMAP encourages self improvement towards financial education and awareness, and promotes smart financial choices for Service members and their Families.

Great Adventure discount tickets now available

Discounted tickets to Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor are available at the State Family Programs Office now through April 30. The tickets are good any day from the day the park opens until the close of season. Call Marie Durling at 609-530-6884 if you want to purchase tickets. Cash only.

Great Adventure/Safari - \$21 – (Regular price \$ 64.19)

Hurricane Harbor - \$15 – (Regular price \$36.99)

Meal Voucher - \$10 – (Regular price \$15)

Parking - \$10 – (Regular price \$ 15)

Guard Youth Camp July 11-17

Applications are now available for the 2010 New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp being held at Sea Girt, July 11-17. To download an application, go to: http://www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_camp.html or contact your nearest Family Assistance Center. **3**

Et Cetera

Vineland Home benefits from Girl Scout Gold award

Come watch the Mets play baseball. All seats are section 503, row 15, seats 21-24; all games start at 7:10 p.m.

Mets vs. Washington Nationals – April 9, \$15

Mets vs. Atlanta Braves – April 23, \$20

Mets vs. Los Angeles Dodgers – April 26, \$20

Mets vs. San Francisco Giants – May 7, \$20

Mets vs. Yankees – May 21, \$35

Mets vs. San Diego Padres – June 8, \$20

Mets vs. Minnesota Twins – June 25, \$28

Mets vs. Cincinnati Reds – July 27, \$25

Mets vs. Arizona Diamondbacks – July 30, \$28

Mets vs. Philadelphia Phillies – Aug. 13, \$28

Mets vs. Florida Marlins – Aug. 24, \$25

Mets vs. Houston Astros – Aug. 27, \$28

Mets vs. Atlanta Braves – Sept. 17, \$28

Mets vs. Milwaukee Brewers – Sept. 28, \$20

Mets vs. Washington Nationals – Oct. 1, \$20

Contact Fort Monmouth Tickets N' Tours directly at 732-532-3077 or stop by our new location in building 702.

DISCOM golf outing scheduled for Princeton course on July 8

Golfers, now is the time to sign up for the 17th Annual N.J. Army National Guard DISCOM Alumni Golf outing on July 8 at 8 a.m. It will be held at the Bunker Hill Golf Course, Princeton.

Cost is \$100 per person and includes all your fees, cart, refreshment cart on course, awards, door prizes, burgers and dogs at the turn, luncheon after the 18 holes.

Also available are sponsors for holes - \$50 each – and carts - \$25.

To register to play or to become a sponsor, contact retired Master Sgt. Roger M. Colarusso Sr., at 609-732-446-0283. Registration is due no later than July 1.

Raising funds for a Red Oak tree at DMAVA memorial

Five years ago a memorial was dedicated on the DMAVA campus to honor the four New Jersey Army Guardsmen who gave their lives during two days in June 2004 during their deployment to Iraq. This year plans are underway to plant a red oak tree, the state tree of New Jersey, by the memorial.

If you would like to make a donation to help purchase the tree, please send your checks, made payable to, "Family Readiness Council," to:

Brig. Gen. (ret.) Frank R. Carlini

PO Box 340

Trenton NJ 08625-0340

Take a trip to Broadway to see "Chicago" on May 23

Here's an opportunity to see "Chicago" on Broadway. Picatinny Arsenal MWR is sponsoring a trip on May 23 to the Ambassador Theatre. Cost is \$95 per person which includes charter bus transportation and Orchestra seats. The bus departs Picatinny at 10 a.m. and returns around 6:30 p.m. Contact Linda or Janet at 973-724-4014 to reserve your seats. Don't miss out on this grand show!

"Operation Babylift" anniversary April 24

On April 24, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will host a screening, followed by a group discussion, of the 2009 award-winning film, *Operation Babylift: The Lost Children of Vietnam* in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Operation Babylift. There will also be an honor guard procession recognizing those who did not survive the humanitarian mission. This program will be held at the Vietnam Era Educational Center in Holmdel.

On April 3, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford announced that "Operation Babylift" would fly some of the estimated 70,000 Vietnamese babies and children who were left orphaned by the Vietnam War to safety in America. Thirty flights, private and military planes, transported at least 2,000 children to the United States and another 1,300 children to Canada, Europe and Australia. These children, born in a war-torn land, grew up as members of international, adoptive families. Many of the adoptees, organizers, family and friends involved in Operation Babylift will be in attendance to celebrate the 35th anniversary.

Guest speakers will include event organizer and author Lana Mae Noone and her daughter Jennifer Nguyen Noone, MSW, who she adopted through Babylift. Dr. Robert Ballard, a professor at Waterloo University (Ontario, Canada) and a Babylift adoptee, and his wife Sarah who specializes in international adoption will also speak. The director of Project Reunite Trista Goldberg, a Babylift adoptee, will discuss her story. The author of *The Life We Were Given*, Dana Sachs will address the audience. Retired U.S. Army medic Ron Speight, a Vietnam Era veteran, will provide a dialogue about Operation New Life, a humanitarian program for Vietnam adults. There will be a Vietnamese and American musical performance by Lana Mae Noone prior to the film screening. The cast and crew of the film, including producer/director Tammy Nguyen Lee and associate producer Jared Rehberg will be present for a question and answer period. The documentary, which was partly filmed in New Jersey, tells the contemporary story of the adoptees as adults. Several of the day's speakers are featured in the film. Book signings and a reception with the opportunity to view Operation Babylift artifacts will follow the film screening. The event schedule is available on www.njvvmf.org.

Attendees are asked to RSVP to 732-335-0033.

Veterans & Military

Seminars...for those coming

Hey – are you a new Army or Air Guard technician? Come to the “Getting Started on the Right Foot” seminar for new technicians on May 27 at the Joint Training and Training Development Center, Fort Dix. It will be held from 8 a.m.-noon.

For more information and registration, contact Lorraine Jamison at 609-562-0874 or Lorraine.jamison@us.army.mil.

NGANJ annual business meeting April 23

The National Guard Association of New Jersey is holding their 52nd annual business meeting on April 24 at Fort Dix at Timmermann Theatre. Sing in begins at 7:30 a.m.

Everyone is asked to read the constitution and by-law amendments that are located on the association’s Web site (www.nganj.org) prior to the meeting.

Refreshments will be provided. Dress is business casual.

Fast-running soldiers needed to try out for NJ Guard ATM team

So Soldier, think you’re fast?

Why not compete to represent the New Jersey Army National Guard at the Army 10-miler on Oct. 24 in Washington, D.C.?

The tryout will be held on Aug. 3 at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt. Show time is 6 a.m. at Building 35. The competition is open to both sexes and all ranks from within the Army Guard.

Soldiers who make the team will be placed on temporary duty for the race and their registration will be paid.

If you can’t make the tryout, but want to try to represent the state at the big race, the posted results of a race 10 miles or longer can be used as a qualifier as long as that race is held within two months of the race.

For more information about competing, contact Sgt. 1st Class Melanie Rowton by email at Melanie.rowton@us.army.mil. For general information about the race, visit www.army10miler.com.

Dinosaurs ready for Spring Gathering in Bordentown

Calling all Dinosaurs – that’s New Jersey Air Guard retirees – the Spring 2010 Gathering at the Town and Country Diner, Bordentown, on May 19 at 1 p.m.

The menu will be salad, main course, coffee/tea and a dessert for \$15 including tip and tax; alcoholic beverages are extra. If you RSVP, you are obligated to pay since the group is charged for the number of lunches ordered. RSVP to Mel Sylvester at 609-298-5970 or NuffSaidMel@aol.com by May 14.

All soon-to-be-retired Air and Army Guard employees and Army and Air Guard retirees are invited to the gathering.

...And for those going

A technician pre-retirement seminar is scheduled for May 25-26 to be held at the Joint Training and Training Development Center, Fort Dix.

For more information and reservations, contact Lorraine Jamison at 609-562-0874 or Lorraine.jamison@us.army.mil.

254th Regiment is flipping pancakes for breakfast May 1

The New Jersey Army National Guard’s 254th Regiment (Combat Arms) welcomes you and your family to a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 1 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the National Guard Training Center.

Suggested donation is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children aged 3 to 11 and kids under 3 eat free. Proceeds benefit the 254th Regimental Association and its families.

Those unable to attend the breakfast but interested in making a donation to the association may make checks payable to the 254th Regimental Association, P.O. Box 277, Sea Girt, NJ 08750.

Veterans Traveling Tribute will visit Florence, June 24-27

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute will be at the Fountain of Life Center in Florence from June 24 to June 27.

The display includes a miniature Vietnam Wall as well as a Walk of Heroes display and a World War II tribute. The display opens at noon on June 24 and remains open through the day on June 27.

For more information, please visit www.flcnj.org.

Job fair in Parsippany, April 28

Check out the job fair being held by the Parsippany Area Chamber of Commerce on April 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Meadow Wood Manor, 461 Route 10 East, Randolph, N.J.

The schedule includes open networking with employers and sessions in to assist job searchers: one on one resume reviews, and career coaching session. There is no cost for the event. To register to attend or for more information, visit www.employmentoutreach.org.

Memorial Day events

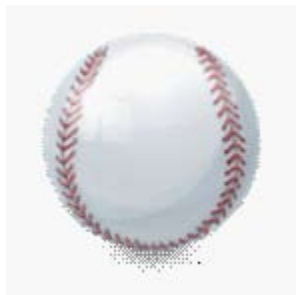
The Marlboro (Township) Memorial Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 23, starting at noon. The parade route will start in front of the Marlboro firehouse at the corner of Route 79 and School Road West and proceed along School Road West to the Veterans Memorial at the Marlboro Municipal Complex on 1979 Township Drive.

The annual parade honors military veterans, active and reserve service members and all fallen military service members who have paid the ultimate price for our country’s freedoms and way of life.

Calendar

Riversharks vs. Military All-Stars in Camden April 18

Come to Campbell's Field in Camden on April 18 at 1:05 p.m., to see the Camden Riversharks take on the Heroes of the Diamond – the military All-Star baseball team.



All military, veterans and season ticket holders will receive free admission. Tickets for the public are \$5.

You can meet the teams at the Fox and Hound in the Philadelphia at 6 p.m., prior to the game.

Check out www.riversharks.com or call 1-866-SHARKS-9 for more information.

Re-employment seminar begins May 3 in New Providence

The New Providence United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free eight-week re-employment seminar. Held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning May 3, the seminar will be led by Lloyd Feinstein, founder of Career Marketing Consultants.

The seminar will be helpful to those who are unemployed or who anticipate having to make a job change. Each week will work on a different topic to help those attending prepare for today's unpredictable employment market.

Topics will cover: communicating your value, how to figure where to go in your next career, the resume, mechanics of the job search, and much more.

Feinstein has more than 25 years experience conducting these types of seminars and working as a fulltime career consultant and adviser to everyone from college graduates up to and including senior management executives and entrepreneurs.

Anyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 1441 Springfield Avenue, New Providence. Visit <http://www.gbgn-umc.org/npumcnj/> for more information.

Guard families holding Band of Brothers Memorial Poker Run

The families of the four New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers who were killed in Iraq in June 2004 are honoring the memory of their fallen heroes with the Band of Brothers Memorial Poker Run which will be held on June 6, 2010.

The families are asking for their friends' and communities help and support with the event. All donations – monetary or otherwise – will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged on the day of the event. All donations are tax deductible. Individuals or organizations donating \$1,000 or more will have their names listed on the Run T-shirt.

All profits will be divided among the Friends of Frank Carvill Foundation, the SGT Ryan E. Doltz Memorial Foundation and the Duffy and Timoteo families.

For more information visit www.RememberingRyan.org.

Dash on down to the Nutter Run in Sea Girt, May 22

Get those running shoes ready for the sixth annual SGT Nutter Run on May 22. The 5K run will be held at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt. Sign in is 8-9:30 a.m., race start is 10 a.m.

Cost to run is \$10 if enrolled in JROTC, \$15 if postmarked before May 1 and \$20 on the day of the event. Profits from the run go to benefits the lives of National Guard families in need. This year the benefits will go to the Stadelman twins – children of 2nd Lt. John Stadelman, a New Jersey Army Guardsman who passed away on July 9, 2009.

For more information about the prizes, donations to be raffled, applications to participate in the run and more, visit www.Nutter-Run.org.

Veterans Outreach Campaign schedule

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign has kiosk displays at malls throughout the state and other special events to help veterans and their family members discover and apply for the benefits they are eligible to receive.

April 27 Vineland Veterans Memorial Home Medal ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

May 7 New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holmdel Medal ceremony at 11 a.m.

Outreach Events Only

June Wildwood Convention Center

3-4 Elks State Convention

9-11 American Legion State Convention

16-18 Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention

July 30 First Energy State Park, Lakewood Lakewood Blue Claws Veterans Appreciation Night

August 29 TD Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater Somerset Patriots Veterans of America Day

Deadline

Want to place an event or article in DMAVA Highlights?

Deadline for articles is noon Wednesday.

Send submissions to barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us.