

**SEA GIRT, N.J.** – Just six months after five-feet of water from Hurricane Sandy damaged or destroyed nearly everything in the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, here, the facility reopened to the public on April 7.

Located on the historic National Guard Training Center, the museum closed due to water damage, will once again offer visitors a chronological history of the Garden State through the eyes of the militia and National Guard.

"The museum sustained damage to 85 percent of its collection during the storm," said Capt. Vincent Solomeno, command historian of the New Jersey National Guard and the museum's curator. "Now, thanks in large measure to the generosity and time of individual volunteers, visitors will once again be able to learn about the rich history of New Jersey's citizen Soldiers and Airmen."

Following the hurricane, volunteers set out to stabilize damaged artifacts and renovate a portion of facility with an eye toward resuming the museum's mission of educating the public about Garden State military history.

Jerry Travers, 75, of Brick Township, is one of many volunteers who have dedicated time to the museum's recovery. A retired Army National Guard sergeant, he said, "I was amazed at the damage done by the water, but we are making a comeback."

Established in 1980, the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey presents the role of the New Jersey Militia and the National Guard within the context of the larger history of the state. Collections include original and reproduction uniforms, weapons, photographs, artifacts and art from the period of Dutch, Swedish and British colonization through the War for Independence, Civil War and World Wars I and II to the present day, with particular attention paid to the diversity of the New Jersey citizen soldier and his or her experience.

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey will be open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and admission is free. For more information call 732-974-5966.





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# NJVVMF Scholarship Program looking for applicants

Each year the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation awards two (2) scholarships to high school seniors from New Jersey who plan to further their education either at a college, university or trade/technical school.

Winners are notified in early May and awarded the scholarship during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

In addition to the scholarship application and proof of acceptance to a college or trade school, all applicants must submit an essay about his/her visit to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, located off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel.

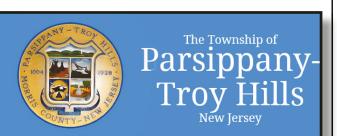
Free guided tours of the Memorial are available on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., during scholarship season (February through April), to accommodate students submitting a scholarship application.

For more information regarding the scholarship program visit our Website at <a href="http://www.njvvmf.org/">http://www.njvvmf.org/</a>.

To download the scholarship application, please click **HERE**.



Members of the 21st Civil Support Team, New Jersey National Guard, participate at an exercise in Newark along side first responders April 6, 2013. The exercise was based on a terrorist attack scenerio at a sewage treatment facility after a hurricane hit the state. Working with personnel from special weapons and tactics, urban search and rescue, fire and police departments, and Federal Bureau of Investigation, the teams had to negotiate through sewage tunnels to extract victims and secure the site. The exercise was a Federal Emergency Management Agency funded "Workshop" that gave first responders the ability to train and evaluate the processes and procedures for emergency response during catastrophes. (Coursey photo)



MAYOR JAMES R. BARBERIO

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MAYOR'S COUNCIL ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

present



**VETERANS OUTREACH FAIR** 

April 13, 2013 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Parsippany P.A.L. Building 33 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ





#### Confirmed participants thus far:

VITAS Hospice Care; G.I. Go Fund; American Legion; VFW; Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills Assessing Dept.; Welcome Home Vets of NJ; Helmets to Hard Hats – Building & Construction Trades; Northern NJ Veterans Memorial Cemetery; JCP&L; PSE&G; Vietnam Vets of America; U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; Respect the Vet; NJ Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; County of Morris Department of Human Services; Veterans Home Care of NYJ, LLC.; Jersey City; Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen

Please contact Michele Sylvin at msylvin@parsippany.net or 973-263-4256 if you would like to participate and set up a booth. Tables will be supplied gratis and there will be no charge to take part in this very beneficial and rewarding event.



The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey Foundation

### **Sandy Relief Reception**

Support Our Mission of Preserving Garden State Military History

12:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. Sunday, May 19, 2013

B.P.O.E. Lodge 2534 17 Stockton Lake Boulevard, Manasquan

\$20 donation requested, \$150 per table of 10.

Live Entertainment. Hot & Cold Appetizers Served. Cash Bar Available.

All proceeds will be used for the museum's ongoing recovery efforts.

Questions? Please call (732) 614-6103

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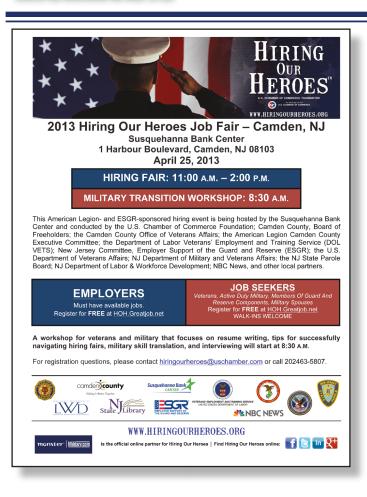
WHO: Children of all NJNG AGR and Technicians, contractors & DMAVA employees (between the ages of 8 & 18 years old)

**WHAT:** The 2013 Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day

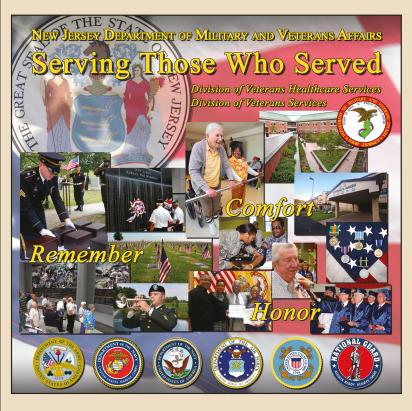
WHEN: Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 0800 – 1600 hours

WHERE: Building 3650 Drill Floor

POC for this event is SFC Danielle Corbin-Green @ 609 562 0625







# New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Veterans Outreach Campaign

### NJ VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

NJ VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
May \*7

\* Medal Ceremony at 11:00a.m.

DMAVA will have an Outreach Table w/VSO present

PNC Bank Arts Center, Garden State Pkwy Exit 116, Holmdel

(Monmouth County)

### CHERRY HILL MALL

June \*4, 5 & 6

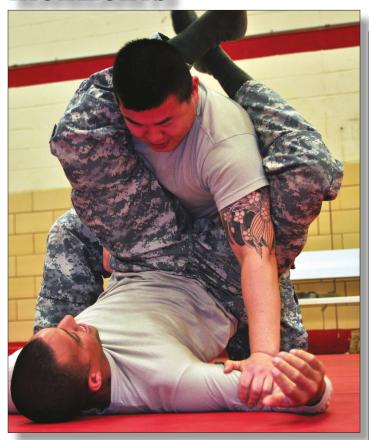
\* Medal Ceremony at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday, June 4

Kiosk hours 10 a.m. – 8p.m.

200 Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

(Camden County)

## **HIGHLIGHTS**



1st Lt. Mark Lim practices a hold on 1st Lt. Aaron Tomasini during combative training at Doughboy Gym at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The Military Advisor Team 4 recently completed pre-mobilization training at JB MDL in preparation for a deployment to Afghanistan. The MAT 4 team will have a Salute to Troops farewell ceremony at the Joint Military and Family Readiness Center in Bordentown April 18, 2013. (Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, DMAVA/PA)





Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, pins state medals on Lloyd Colbert, right, April 9, 2013 at a medal ceremony at the Livingston Mall. The Marine corporal, an East Orange resident, was awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal and Vietnam Service Medal for his service during the Vietnam conflict. For more photos of the medal ceremony, visit our Flickr page. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA)



Citizen-Soldiers from the 42nd Regional Support Group, New Jersey National Guard, visits the Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home April 7, 2013. The Guard members brought vehicles from the Somerset armory and spent time with the veterans in the home's town square. (Photo by Christine Caratozzolo, Supervisor of Recreation, Menlo Park VMH)

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