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FATHER ALPHONSE STEPHENSON OF THE NEW JERSEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S 108TH AIR REFUELING WING HAS BEEN NAMED **ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR** BY UNICO.

THE 42ND INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND RECENTLY HELD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY.

ARMORY HAPPENINGS..

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OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR THE NEW JERSEY STATE EMPLOYEES TAX SAVINGS PROGRAM (Tax\$ave 2003) IS NOW IN PROGRESS from September 13 through October 31, 2002. Tax\$ave allows state employees to save taxes on any State Health Benefits Programs premiums

that you pay and lets state employees set aside pre-tax income to pay many of the expenses not covered by the State Health Benefit Plan. If you would like additional information on Tax\$ave 2003, contact Mrs. Catherine Vasil at 609-530-6888.

MEMBERS OF THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD ARE SET TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 18TH "ARMY 10-MILER" ON 20 OCTOBER 2002. Close to 20,000 runners from around the world will participate in the world's largest 10-mile race that tours the nation's capital. Runners will pass the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol, the Washington monument and many other national treasures. The following personnel will represent the New Jersey National Guard:

CPT Beale, Jemal HQ STARC-IG

SSG Brandinelli, Don RTSM

SPC Chapman, Sean 150th Aviation

SPC Christy, Anthony 2-102 Armor

SFC Estrada, Alex RTSM

SGT Gonzalez, Luis RTSM

CPT Norman, Tracey 50th MSB

MAJ Piferski, Mark 50th MSB

MAJ Westfield, Jeffrey HQ STARC-IG

VETS HAVEN SUPERINTENDENT MAKES PRESENTATION AT VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) MEDICAL CENTER. Bob Durante was invited to make a presentation to the Community Homelessness Assessment, Local Education and Networking Groups for Veterans (C.H.A.L.E.N.G.) at a meeting last Friday. The meeting was held at the Coatsville VA Medical Center and included homeless veterans providers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Veterans Haven was asked to participate because of our longstanding relationship with the VA and its homeless initiatives, and our success within the veterans community. Mr. Durante's presentation included a history of the program in New Jersey, success stories from our program, and funding issues and availability.

ROLLING THUNDER WILL HOST A PICNIC FOR THE RESIDENTS OF VETERANS. Rolling Thunder, Chapter Two, from Lacey, New Jersey, will be roaring into Veterans Haven this Sunday with hot dogs and hamburgers. The picnic will begin at 1 p.m. Since many of Chapter Two's members are Vietnam Vets, this picnic will provide the opportunity for chapter members and Veterans Haven residents to share memories of their experiences. Chapter Two has been a longstanding supporter of Veterans Haven and their efforts are greatly appreciated by both the staff and residents.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY & VETERANS AFFAIRS HOSTS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE MILITARY RESOURCE MANAGERS (NASMRM) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. From 1-3 October, the Department hosted members of the NASMRM Executive Committee and their representatives from eight regions across the country. There were 23 visitors attending two days of meetings to discuss past symposiums, organizational issues, and formulate the agenda for the upcoming Symposium 2003, which will be held at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Atlantic City with our assistance and coordination. At the annual Symposium there will be discussion panels and presentations made by National Guard Bureau, Federal agencies, other subject matter experts, and general discussions from other States' financial executives. The theme of the Symposium 2003 is "Leveraging and Maximizing Resources". Mr. Jim Brey, Chief Financial Officer, and COL William Bertsch, Director, Installation Division, are the co-chairmen of the annual event.

THE AIR FORCE ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE DRESS NAMETAG. Air Force Print News reports that the Air Force's service dress uniform welcomed back an old friend on October 1st - the nametag. The new service dress nametag has a brushed satin finish and blue letters. It is slightly

larger and heavier than the blue plastic nametag worn on the blue shirt and medical white uniform. It will only feature the wearer's last name and will only be worn on the service dress on the right side, parallel to the ribbons and medals. The new nametags will be available in Army and Air Force Exchange Service military clothing sales stores at a future date when stocks become available.

THE NEW JERSEY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD IS SENDING 15 REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOUR UNITS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL WINSTON P. WILSON MATCHES AT CAMP ROBINSON LOCATED IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS on 5-11 October 2002. The Wilson Match is an Annual National Guard Marksman competition where the winning teams from all of the states and territories compete for national honors in Rifle, Pistol, and Machine Gun disciplines. This year New Jersey will be represented by soldiers from the 253d Transportation Company, 2-113th Infantry Battalion, 3-112th Field Artillery Battalion, and Headquarters, State Area Command. We wish all of the competitors the best of luck!

NEW JERSEY CELEBRATES ITS RICH HISTORY AND HERITAGE WITH THE HARRIET TUBMAN-WILLIAM STILL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD JOURNEY, A 180 MILE WALK CELEBRATING NEW JERSEY'S HISTORY AND HEROES EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. For fourteen consecutive days beginning on September 29, 2002 Secretary of State Regena Thomas will lead the walk retracing New Jersey's Underground Railroad heritage from Cumberland to Hudson County. It is a tribute to those brave souls who sacrificed, aided, and followed this trail to freedom, and a part of New Jersey's history in which everyone can participate. Please log on to the state website at www.state.nj.us/state/undergroundrailroad for additional information.

FATHER (Lt Col) ALPHONSE STEPHENSON OF THE NEW JERSEY AIR NATIONAL GUARD'S 108TH AIR REFUELING WING HAS BEEN NAMED ITALIAN AMERICAN MAN OF THE YEAR BY UNICO, a non-political and non-sectarian nationwide service organization similar to Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary. In a ceremony held at the Crystal Point in Point Pleasant and attended by Senator Jon Corzine, Father Stephenson received his own day, as proclaimed by the Mayor of Brick, and he received his own week, as proclaimed by the Ocean County Freeholders. DMVA congratulates Father Stephenson on this honor!

THE 42ND INFANTRY DIVISION SUPPORT COMMAND RECENTLY HELD AN OPEN HOUSE AT THE NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY IN SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY. The public was given a chance to view military equipment and vehicles while speaking to the soldiers about their experiences. A display of historic military vehicles, rides in a military jeep, and a "slow" drag race to see which military vehicle could finish the course in the most amount of time were some of the day's highlights. COL John Dwyer, Commander, hopes to make the open house an annual event.

ARMORY HAPPENINGS...

13 Oct Freehold Armory Toy Show

9-13 Oct Woodbridge Armory Tool Show

27 Oct Bordentown Armory Sport Cards & Comics Show

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Roller skate keys

Beanie and Cecil

Peashooters

Howdy Doody

Home milk delivery in glass bottles

Candy Cigarettes

Blue flashbulbs

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