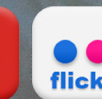


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TASK FORCE ARRIVES AT WOODBURY

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs



Above: Maj. Christopher Lazas, Judge Advocate General, New Jersey Army National Guard, briefs a task force comprised of New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen at the National Guard Armory in Woodbury, N.J., Sept. 24, 2015. The task force will be assisting New Jersey civil authorities with security during Pope Francis's visit to Philadelphia Sept. 26-27. **Right:** Airmen with the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, located at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., unload gear, cots and water at the Woodbury Armory. **Below:** New Jersey Army National Guard Humvees with the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, are lined up at the National Guard Armory in Woodbury.



Cover photo

Sophia, the daughter of Command Sgt. Maj. John A. Payan, places a flower on her dad's urn at the interment ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in Florence, N.J., Sept. 23, 2015. Payan served as the senior non-commissioned officer of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 119th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion and worked for the NJARNG full-time as the assistant general foreman at the Consolidated Logistics Facility, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. For 30 of his 51 years, Payan wore a military uniform. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by First Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)

First Lady presents scholarships

Providing military service members with another resource to pursue their desired career paths, First Lady Mary Pat Christie announced the recipients of the fourth annual New Jersey Heroes Heart of a Hero Scholarship. Each of the ten recipients will receive a \$5,000 scholarship award to help advance post-secondary education or vocational training.

Three members of the New Jersey National Guard – Senior Master Sgt. Marie Sheehan, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Elison and Private 1st Class Daniel Cullen received scholarships this year.

Mrs. Christie established the program as additional means to help New Jersey's military men and women make their higher education and career goals a reality. AT&T is working with the New Jersey Heroes Foundation to sponsor five of the scholarships.

"I am so proud that New Jersey Heroes is able to have this opportunity to play a part in the career preparation of these most deserving New Jerseyans," said First Lady Mary Pat Christie. "This year's Heart of a Hero Scholarship recipients represent a diversity of professional aspirations – from urban and special education to finance and business as well as pharmacology and neuropsychology. With this group, New Jersey Heroes has now been able to assist 40 of our dedicated military men and women advance their career objectives. The Governor and I offer our heartfelt congratulations and thank these heroes for their service to our state and country."



First Lady Mary Pat Christie, front row, second from left, with the Heart of a Hero Scholarship recipients. (Courtesy photo)

Stand Down held at Cherry Hill

Nearly 200 homeless veterans took advantage of access to healthcare, mental health screening, substance abuse counseling, social services (food stamps and unemployment), legal services, religious counseling, a hot meal, a haircut and winter clothing. Homeless Veterans or their families can call 1-888-8NJ VETS for information on entitlements or visit the stand down on the web at: www.standdownof-southjersey.com Stand Down comes from the military term referring to exhausted combat units that were removed from the battlefield to a place of security and safety for rest and recovery. Today Stand Downs are grass roots, community based intervention program to help veterans' battle life on the streets. (NJD-MAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



MILITARY ENGAGEMENT TEAM RETURNS

By Master Sgt. David Moore, Joint Force Headquarters Public Affairs



The 26 members of the Military Engagement Team were released to their families Sept. 20 at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville after serving nine months working with allied partners in the Middle East.

The Soldiers assigned to the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat team conducted 43 military engagements in nine countries traveling nearly 300,000 miles as part of the Operation Enduring Freedom tour of duty.

Staff Sgt. Daryl Caulfield said the team was able to learn foreign military training, tactics and procedures and teach the U.S. Army's training methodologies. The result is solid interoperability skills for forces in the region.

"We really promoted something good with this mission," Caulfield said.

Most of the MET team members had already experienced one or two overseas deployments, but a few were first-time deployers.

"This Military Engagement Team had an extremely successful deployment and I am very proud of each and every one of you for your expertise, hard work and professionalism," said Brig. Gen. Steven Ferrari, Deputy Commanding General for

Support, 42nd Infantry Division.

Ferrari added the team improved relations with America's allies and made a positive impact on the security and stability of the Arabian Peninsula, the Levant and Central Asia. For the first time in recent history, select Soldiers of the team conducted military-to-military engagements in Lebanon.

After listing the unit's achievements, Ferrari turned to the families to offer advice about the Soldiers returning home.

The general who commanded the 50th IBCT during its 2008 to 2009 deployment to Iraq, said he had a new perspective about deployments since this was one different because instead of leading the deployment, he was instead a parent of one of the deployers – his son, 1st Lt. Steven Ferrari, Jr., had returned home from this deployment.

"I understand that deployments are difficult and challenging. However, you – the families, friends, and loved ones faced these challenges with, as much sense of duty and courage as you're deployed loved ones. In my eyes – and I firmly believe all would agree – that the families deserve equal credit for their dedication and support," Ferrari said.

He added that during the deployment

period, the Soldier and family dynamics changes. "During this time, you will be adjusting so remember you will have to have some give and take," he said.

Above: Soldiers with Military Engagement Team stand at attention during the welcome home ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, Sept. 20, 2015. Below: Time for a family photo after the ceremony. (U.S. Army National Guard photos by 1st Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



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Thank you to Moorestown Community House for generously sponsoring this event.

Veterans Outreach Campaign

<p>Oct. 3 NJ Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center's 4th Annual Car Show 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. NJ Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Museum, GSP Exit 116, Holmdel, NJ 07733</p>	<p>Oct. 6 – 8 Veterans Outreach 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Moorestown Mall medal ceremony Oct. 6 at 11 a.m., (Lord & Taylor Court) 400 Route 38, Moorestown, NJ, 08057</p>
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Join The American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian at the South Jersey Regional Veterans Resource & Opportunity Fair
Services will include vendors that provide assistance with Employment, Homelessness, Mental Health, and Criminal Justice initiatives

Atlantic City, NJ – The American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian will host a Veteran Job & Resource Fair to bring together Area Veterans with service organizations and employers that can assist and enhance the lives of the brave men and women that defend our freedom.

This event, tailored to Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their families is looking for vendors and providers to join the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and many others that provide services for homelessness, mental health & Women issues, and veterans' affairs in general. The NJ State Parole Board will be present to discuss various criminal justice initiatives that will benefit veterans.

WHAT: Military & Veterans Job and Resource Fair. The VA's Mobile Vet Center will be onsite to further support attendees. A Transitioning Workshop will also be conducted.

WHO: Over 50 employers and service providers.

WHEN: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 Transitioning Workshop at 10 am. (Resumes, search, interviews, networking)

WHERE: All Wars Memorial Building (Old Soldiers Home)
 1510 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

RSVP – EMPLOYERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS – Employers with current job openings or entities that can offer services **MUST** PRE-REGISTER With Martin Houston, State Parole Board, at martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us (PREFERRED) or call 609-984-4588, no later than October 1, 2015.

RSVP – MILITARY & VETERANS – All Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their spouses are encouraged to pre-register with Martin Houston, State Parole Board, at martin.houston@spb.state.nj.us (PREFERRED) or call 609-984-4588, but “WALK-INS” are welcome!



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