

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

JUNE 29, 2016



OPERATION GRIDIRON



Above: A crew chief with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion monitors U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion as they transport simulated casualties to a New Jersey Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during Exercise Gridiron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 27, 2016. Right: Tactical Air Control Party Airmen from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron coordinate aerial support during Exercise Gridiron. The 227th supported the 404th Civilian Affairs Battalion's training exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

Cover: TACP

Tactical Air Control Party Senior Airman Ryan Muller from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron poses for a portrait during Exercise Gridiron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 27, 2016. The 227th supported the 404th Civilian Affairs Battalion's training exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



328th patrols West Point

By Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



Pfcs. Matthew J. McCann, left, and Eric J. Ramos, both with the 328th Military Police Company, take down information prior to making a report while on patrol at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., June 20, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Donnelly/Released)

Military Police officers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 328th MP Company are working to keep the Cadets, Soldiers, staff and faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point safe and secure.

The 42 Soldiers spent their annual training period from June 13-26 serving as the garrison's own military police force.

For many of the MPs, it's their first taste of what it takes to do real police work.

"We're shifting more toward the law enforcement side, which is one of the core MP functions," said 1st Lt. Justin Hunter, officer in charge of the MP mission. "They haven't had much chance to do this mission."

Hunter, a Cherry Hill Police officer, said that while some of his MPs do work as full time civilian police officers, many have had no police experience leading up to this mission.

He noted that the past fifteen years of military deployments have seen MPs serving in a variety of functions; anything from gate guards and quick reaction forces to detention operations and even infantry type functions. The one thing they haven't had much experience in has been police work.

"This mission is a perfect example of how we not only need to be doing this more, but our Soldiers are really good at it," he said.

During their stay, the MPs will be conducting 24-hour garrison operations, patrolling the grounds, issuing vehicle and parking citations and even making arrests when needed.

"It's really nice to get to use our training and perform MP functions on a daily basis," said Pfc. Brett Fischer.

Fischer said that the unit spent the past year preparing for this mission, training with civilian law enforcement teams on everything from reacting to active shooter scenarios, emergency vehicle operations and the use of non-lethal weapons such as Oleoresin Capsicum Spray and Tasers.

"I'd never been sprayed with OC before," he said. "That was an experience; I'll never forget that."

Once at West Point, the MPs spent three days of on the job training with the garrison MP Company before turning over the mission to the 328th.

Hunter noted that this mission has instilled a greater sense of confidence in his Soldiers that they can step up and conduct law enforcement missions when needed.

"The biggest thing for any law enforcement member to have is confidence," he said. "They know now, you're taught, you know what to do, we're going to back you up."

MAJURY TO LEAD 42ND RSG

By Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Col. David Majury formally took command of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 42nd Regional Support Command from Col. William Peace during a change of command ceremony at the RSG's headquarters in Somerset, N.J., June 26, 2016.

Col Edward Chrystal Jr., NJARNG Land Component Commander oversaw the ceremony and credited Peace with his leadership during a major transition of units and personnel in the NJARNG.

"It was his keen insight, planning and organizational skills that were the key factor for the integration of units within New Jersey," Chrystal said.

Part of that transition will see the addition of the 119th Combat Support Brigade to the command effective July 1.

Majury, a native of Manahawkin, N.J., thanked Peace for his work to grow and develop the command over the past two years, and made a promise to the the Soldiers of the RSG.

"To the Soldiers of the 42nd RSG, my pledge to you is that you get 110 percent of me, but I expect that in return," Majury said.



Col. David Majury, left, receives the 42nd Regional Support Command colors from Col. Edward Chrystal Jr., Land Component Commander, New Jersey Army National Guard, at the change of command ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Somerset, N.J., June 26, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Jorge Morales/Released)

New partnership provides free mentorships to women veterans

From the Center for Women Veterans

VA's Center for Women Veterans and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office are pleased to announce that the American Corporate Partners is providing a minimum of 500 personalized corporate mentorships to transitioning post-9/11 women Veterans, for a one-on-one, year long, customized mentorship focused on career development.

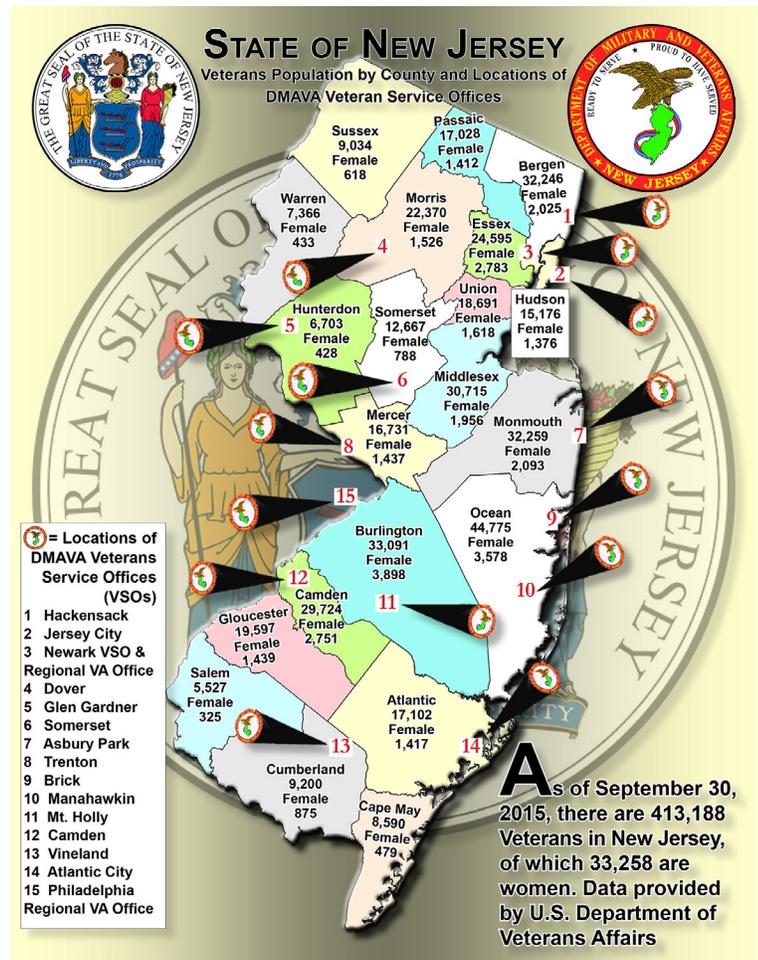
ACP is a non-profit organization, which offers free career counseling and mentoring to post-9/11 Veterans by professionals from America's top corporations and select universities and hospitals. More than 2,500 senior corporate employees are currently volunteering as mentors in year-long mentorships with transitioning service members. To date, more than 7,500 Veterans and Service members have completed an ACP mentorship.

ACP has more than 60 corporate partners in their mentorship program.

Participation is simple. Women Veterans can apply online and an ACP staff member will contact them within two business days. An ACP operations associate will interview the Veteran to better understand her goals and career objectives. The ACP team works to pair the Veteran with the best mentor they can find. Once the Veteran approves, the mentorship officially begins, and ACP will supply a profile of the mentor, resources and a staff person to assist throughout the year.

Once paired, ACP will follow up with the Veteran and their mentor throughout the year to see how the mentorship is progressing and offer personalized resources to ensure the Veteran has a valuable experience. This is an amazing resource, and best of all, membership is absolutely free.

Become a member of this powerful community or learn more at www.acp-usa.org.



NJDMAVA Veterans Affairs POCs

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340

1-888-8NJ-VETS(8387) or www.state.nj.us/military



Raymond L. Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs (609-530-7062)
Cheryl Henderson, Executive Secretarial Assistant (609-530-7045)
Chuck Robbins, Assistant to DCVA/Outreach Coordinator (609-530-6855)

Fax: 609-530-7191

Veterans Healthcare Services (DVHS)

Colonel Edward J. Chrystal Jr., Director 609-530-6967 Donna Myers, Sec 609-530-6766 Virginia Fiess, QA Coordinator 609-530-6979 Fax: 609-530-6970	Menlo Park Veterans Memorial Home Joseph Brandspiegel, CEO Jennifer Pajak, Sec 132 Evergreen Road, PO Box 3013 Edison, NJ 08818-3013 732-452-4102 Fax: 732-603-3016	Paramus Veterans Memorial Home Dianne Tabron-Felder, CEO Diane Callaghan, Sec 1 Veterans Drive Paramus, NJ 07652 201-634-8525 Fax: 201-967-8658	Vineland Veterans Memorial Home Allyson Bailey, Acting CEO Sharon Frye, Sec 524 North West Boulevard Vineland, NJ 08360-2895 856-405-4207 Fax: 856-696-6714
--	---	---	---

Veterans Services (DVS)

Albert J. Bucchi, Director 609-530-6962 Cynthia Barnes, Sec 609-530-6975 Fax: 609-530-7075	Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Ivon Dumas, State Supt – 609-738-2424 Genia DiBella, Sec – 609-738-2404 Cyndi Dzurisin, Interment Office Supervisor, – 609-738-2407 Dennis Macomber, Honor Guard, – 609-758-7505 350 Provinceline Road, Wrightstown, NJ 08562 609-738-2400 Fax: 609-758-0169 Maintenance/Cemeteries/Memorials Joseph Arroyo & Kenneth Smith Supervisor, 609-738-2408 Fax: 609-758-3490	Vietnam Veterans Memorial 1 Memorial Lane, PO Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733 732-335-0033 Fax: 732-335-1107 Korean Memorial Boardwalk/Brighton Park, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 War World II Memorial W State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608	Veterans Haven South Walter Nall, Supt – 609-561-4948 Vacant, Asst, Supt – 609-567-3715 Carisa Shufford, Admin. Receptionist 609-561-4990 ext. 120 301 Spring Garden Road, PO Box 80 Winslow, NJ 08095 609-561-0269 Fax: 609-567-5186	Veterans Haven North Sean VanLew, Supt – 908-537-1960 Laura Blaine, Sec – 908-537-1963 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101 Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 908-537-1999 Fax: 908-537-1990
---	---	---	---	---

State Approving Agency-GI Bill Programs Charles Rowe, Bureau Chief – 609-530-6842 Marisol Meyer, Education Prog Asst – 609-530-6849 Lynn Yesalonina, State Admin – 609-530-6858 Joan Edwards, State Admin – 609-530-6948 Fax: 609-530-7196	Veterans Benefits Bureau Patricia A. Richter, Bureau Chief – 609-530-6949 Elizabeth Schofield, Prin Staff Officer – 609-530-6954 Paul Kale, Staff Asst – 609-530-6826 Vacant, Sec – 609-530-6868 Michele Johnson, Sec – 609-530-7035 Fax: 609-530-6970	Veterans Service Offices Joseph Bucco, State Supervisor – 609-530-6830 Christopher Wambach, State Supervisor – 609-530-6863 Joseph E. Nlyzo, VSO – 609-530-6857 VA Regional Office/Philadelphia Charles Piscopo, VSO – (Mon, Wed, Alternate Fridays) 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144 856-853-4184/4185/4186
--	---	--

Atlantic City/Cape May Vacant, VSO Sherri Morris, Sec 1008 Absecon Boulevard, Atlantic City 08401-1999 – (Atlantic City Armory) 609-441-3060/3061 Fax: 609-441-3899 (closed alternate Fridays)	Bergen/Passaic Joseph Restivo, VSO Titus Osugwu, Sec 125 State Street, Suite 109, Hackensack 07601-5435 201-996-8050/8051 Fax: 201-996-8009	Burlington Matthew Still, VSO Vacant, Sec 555 High Street, Suite 6A, Mt. Holly 08060 609-518-2273/2274 Fax: 609-518-2275
---	--	---

Camden/Gloucester Joseph Frost, VSO Charles Piscopo, VSO (Tuesdays and Thursdays) Diane Rosci, Sec 658 N Evergreen Avenue, Woodbury 08096 – (Woodbury Armory) 856-853-4184/4185/4186 Fax: 856-384-3781 (closed alternate Fridays)	Essex/Union Robert Maulano, VSO Shelley Darby, Sec 20 Washington Place, Room 439, Newark 07102-3174 973-297-3230 Fax: 973-648-2356	Hudson Esther Chucaralao, VSO Michael Dorobis, Sec 678 Montgomery Street, 2nd Floor, Jersey City 07306 – (Jersey City Armory) 201-536-3401 Fax: 201-536-3404 (closed alternate Fridays)
---	---	--

Mercer William McDonnell, VSO Theresa Tomecheck, Sec 151 Eggerts Crossing Road, Room 136, Lawrenceville 08648 – (Lawrenceville Armory) 609-671-6697/6696 Fax: 609-671-6698	Middlesex/Somerset Joseph Battito, VSO Vacant, Sec 1060 Hamilton Street, Somerset 08873 – (Somerset Armory) 732-937-6347/6348 Fax: 732-937-6417 (closed alternate Fridays)	Monmouth Peter J. Midgley, VSO Rita Hyland, Sec 630 Bangs Avenue, Suite 320, Asbury Park 07712-6904 732-775-7009/7005 Fax: 732-775-3612
---	---	--

Newark Liaison/VA Regional Office Richard Mannes, VSO Vacant, Sec 20 Washington Place, Room 431 Newark 07102 3174 973-297-3336 Fax: 973-642-0830	Ocean Paul McIntyre, VSO Robin Mitchell, Sec James J. Howard Outpatient Clinic 9/0 Route 70, Brick 08724-3550 732-840-3033/3034 Fax: 732-840-0399	Salem/Cumberland Leigh R. Pottle, VSO Catherine Raniolo, Sec 524 Northwest Boulevard, Vineland 08360 2895 856-405-4388/4390/4389 Fax: 856-696-6499
---	---	---

Sussex/Morris William Robinson, VSO 479 West Clinton Street, Dover 07801 – (Dover Armory) 973-366-0245/8347 Fax: 973-366-0360 (closed alternate Fridays) *Sussex, 12 Munsonhurst Road, Franklin 07416 (Thursday/Friday) 973-827-4020 Fax: 973-827-4024 – (Franklin Armory)	Warren/Hunterdon *Sibley Smith, VSO/Ombudsman Lisa Szymanski, Sec 200 Sanatorium Road, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 908-537-0831/0832 Fax: 908-537-0833 *Flemington, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, 08822 (Wednesday) 908-284-6146	Southern Ocean County Resource Center Vacant-VSO 179 South Main Street (Route 9) Manahawkin, NJ 08050 609-978-5895 Fax: 609-978-6446
---	---	---

Elizabeth Toepperwein and women in the military

By Joseph Bilby, National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, exhibition shooting was a major source of public entertainment. Perhaps the best known shooter of the era is Annie Oakley, who spent her retirement years in Nutley, N.J., and was the subject of an iconic Broadway musical and a fictional 1950s television series.

Less well known today are Adolph “Ad” Toepperwein and his wife Elizabeth, better known as “Plinky.”

Ad and Plinky traveled the country as “The Wonderful Topperweins,” the first “e” in their name was dropped to make their name more readable, performing eye-popping marksmanship tricks, including hitting tossed targets in midair with .22 caliber rifles.

At a stop at Sea Girt’s renowned National Guard rifle range in 1906, Plinky took to the firing line with a nine-pound Krag Jorgensen army rifle and completed a course of fire – as the only shooter in a skirt. While “eyebrows were arched and cigars chewed” in initial consternation at the sight, the male shooters eventually cheered her on, and she was awarded a marksman’s medal.

Sportswriter Tim Price tells their story in his forthcoming book, “Shooting for the Record: Adolph Toepperwein, Tom Frye and Sharpshooting’s Forgotten Controversy” to be published in August by Texas Tech University Press.

Price will present the story of the Toepperweins at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Sea Girt July 3, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.



Scholarship for wounded guardsmen

The National Guard Education Foundation is offering scholarship grants to current or former National Guard members wounded in an operational or training mission in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation New Dawn.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ngef.org/the-van-hipp-heroes-scholarship-fund/>



NATIONAL
GUARD
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION

NJ★VET2VET 1-866-838-7654
(1-866-VETS-NJ4)

Confidential Peer Support For New Jersey Veterans

1-866-838-7654

<http://ubhc.rutgers.edu/vet2vet/>

@NJVet2Vet on Twitter, Pinterest & Facebook

Life doesn't have to be a battlefield

Help the DMAVA
Public Affairs Office
keep you informed.
Please respond to the
brief seven question
survey about your
communication
preferences.

Thank you!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z88N2PD>

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE
KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

July 27, 11 a.m.

New Jersey Korean War Memorial
Brighton Park Amphitheatre and the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, NJ 08401

“VETTE TO VET NIGHT”

Sept. 9, 5 – 8 p.m.

Chatterbox Restaurant,
1 State Route 15
Augusta, NJ 07822)

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL
CEREMONY

Sept. 20-21

10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Daily

DMAVA medal ceremony Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. at Center
Court

Bridgewater Commons Mall
400 Commons Way
Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

Highlights submissions deadline 4 p.m.
Wednesday: mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS is published weekly by the Public Affairs Office of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. The views and opinions expressed herein are not necessarily those of the Department of Defense, the Army, The Air Force, the National Guard, Veterans Affairs or the State of New Jersey. Letters may be sent to: NJDMAVA, DMAVA Highlights, Public Affairs Office, PO Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625-0340. E-mail at: pao@dmava.nj.gov

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff – The Adjutant General
of New Jersey

Brig. Gen. Steven Ferrari – The Deputy
Adjutant General

Raymond Zawacki – Deputy Commissioner for
Veterans Affairs

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Patrick Daugherty – Public
Affairs Officer

Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen – Layout, photographer

Kryn Westhoven – Writer, photographer

Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley – Writer, photographer

Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht – Photographer, graphic artist