

# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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## National Guard Militia Museum opens Berlin Crisis exhibit



**SEA GIRT, N.J.** – The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey will open an exhibit to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the New Jersey Air National Guard’s 1961 Berlin Crisis deployment.

Opening on Nov. 7 and running through Jan. 2, 2012, the exhibit, “50 Years On: New Jersey’s National Guard and the Berlin Crisis” will be on display at the main museum in Sea Girt and the museum’s annex in Lawrenceville.

“The Berlin Crisis was a significant event,” said retired Lt. Col. William Kale, the museum’s volunteer curator at Lawrenceville. “Thousands of National Guard members from New Jersey and other states were called to active duty, left their jobs and families for over a year, and deployed to duty stations in the United States and Europe. They did not know whether war or peace was in their immediate future.”

The Berlin Crisis was sparked by Soviet provocations in the occupied German capital, most notably the construction of the infamous Berlin Wall. In response, President John F. Kennedy ordered New Jersey’s 108th Tactical Fighter Wing to Chaumont, France while the 119th Tactical Fighter Squadron served on active duty in the United States. In total, more than 10,000 Air Guard per-

sonnel deployed to Europe in support of what became Operation Stair Step and another 33,000 Soldiers and Airmen were placed on domestic alert. After tensions in Berlin cooled, New Jersey’s units returned home in August 1962.

The exhibit was developed by museum staff and Rider University intern James Sheridan. Materials were drawn from the museum’s extensive archives, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Air Force Heritage Center, and several donations from individuals who served during the deployment.

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/Airmen and his or her experience.

Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the museum’s web site at <http://www.nj.gov/military/museum/> or call 732-974-5966.

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## *NJ Guard Soldiers compete in NY sporting event*

On a cold and rainy Saturday morning, three Soldiers from the New Jersey National Guard competed in the NYC Men's Health Urbanathlon, a grueling 9.5 mile obstacle course in the streets of New York City on Oct. 29.

With only a week until the competition, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Barea, Sgt 1st Class Josue Pichardo, both from the Recruiting & Retention Battalion, along with Staff Sgt. Garon Lindo, of the 250th Brigade Support Battalion, decided to compete and were able to place 14 out of 192 teams, finishing the course in 1:19:40.

The overall distance did not challenge the team, but some of the obstacles did slow down the

otherwise fast Soldiers. Barea took the first leg and got in the mud by crawling under a series of police barricades. Pichardo took the second leg and found the Marine hurdles to be the most challenging obstacle of his leg, and on the final leg, Lindo expressed without a doubt, that the ramps and steps of CitiField Stadium was the most tiresome obstacle of the course.

The three Soldiers have previously participated in other endurance races such as the recent Army Ten Miler and the Tough Mudder.

If you are interested in joining Team NJARNG for future races, please contact Barea at [robert.a.barea@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.a.barea@us.army.mil).

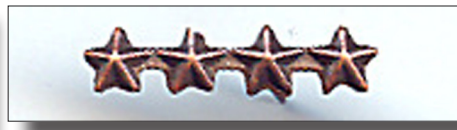


*From left to right, Sgt. 1st Class Josue Pichardo, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Robert Barea and Staff Sgt. Garon Lindo pose for a team photo after finishing the NYC Men's Health Urbanathlon on Oct. 29. The three Soldiers are from the New Jersey National Guard and compete at various endurance races. (Courtesy Photo)*



*U.S. Air Force Master Sgt. Gary Parker, an avionics technician with the 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, works on an F-16C Fighting Falcon at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, on Oct 30. Parker is from the 177th Fighter Wing deployed to Afghanistan with the 455th Expeditionary Air Wing. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht)*

## Additional campaign phase identified for Afghanistan Campaign Medal



The Department of Defense recently announced that an additional campaign phase has been approved for the Afghanistan Campaign Medal (ACM). Accordingly, an additional campaign star corresponding to the campaign phase is now authorized for wear on the ACM.

ACM campaign stars recognize a service member's participation in DoD-designated military campaigns in the Afghanistan Campaign Medal's area of eligibility.

Service members who have qualified for the ACM may display a bronze campaign star on their medal for each designated campaign phase in which they participated. The stars are worn on the suspension and campaign ribbon of the

campaign medal.

The additional ACM campaign phase and associated dates are:

- Transition I - July 1, 2011 through a date to be determined.

The four previously approved ACM campaign phases are:

- Liberation of Afghanistan - Sept. 11, 2001 to Nov. 30, 2001
- Consolidation I - Dec. 1, 2001 to Sept. 30, 2006
- Consolidation II - Oct. 1, 2006 to Nov. 30, 2009
- Consolidation III - Dec. 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011

Service members should contact their respective military departments for specific implementation guidance.




### Military Job Fair & Open House

**Date:** Tuesday, November 22nd      **Location:** Coca-Cola Refreshments  
South Brunswick Facility  
60 Deans Rhode Hall Road  
Monmouth Junction, NJ 08852

**Time:** 10am - 2pm

**POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE NORTHEAST REGION:**

Merchandiser	Warehouse Supervisor	Fleet Mechanic
Driver	Distribution Supervisor	Fleet Supervisor
Machine Operator	Production Supervisor	Market Development Manager
Production Worker	QA Supervisor	Account/Sales Manager
Warehouse Worker	Maintenance Supervisor	

**INVITATION ONLY EVENT**

ALL CANDIDATES MUST FIRST APPLY ONLINE AT:  
[www.enjoycareers.com/military](http://www.enjoycareers.com/military)

## NJSDCP meeting at Lawrenceville

A representative from the New Jersey State Deferred Compensation Plan will be at the Lawrenceville main campus on Monday Nov. 14 from 9:30 am - 1pm.

Each individual session will be 30 minutes only and will meet in conference room B (basement).

Contact Paul Serdiuk, DMAVA HRD, at 609-530-6878 or via email at [paul.serdiuk@njdmava.state.nj.us](mailto:paul.serdiuk@njdmava.state.nj.us) to reserve a timeslot for this meeting.

## Job opportunities at UMDNJ

The University Behavioral Health Care seeks individuals to provide 24/7 telephonic peer support, needs assessment and referrals for National Guard and Reserve components and their families across the country.

Their motto is: "you are never alone, anywhere, anytime."

Currently, UBHC are looking for qualified, reliable and enthusiastic candidates, preferably with military experience, to work with them.

**Job Opportunities include - apply now:** Clinical Supervisors - [11PS917238](#); Program Coordinator - [11PS917241](#); Mental Health Clinician II - [11PS917138](#); Mental Health Clinician III - [11PS917235](#); Supervising Mental Health Specialists - [11PS917240](#); Mental Health Specialist II - [11PS917150](#); Mental Health Specialist III (Peer Helplines) - [11PS917151](#); Field Service Engineer - [11PS917230](#); Secretary II - [11PS917231](#).

UBHC is a facility within the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Apply on line at <http://umdnj.hodesiq.com/>

## Fortune 100 company job opportunity for military veterans - UPDATED

On Nov. 22, Coca-Cola Refreshments (CCR) will conduct a Veterans-Only open house from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to honor military Veterans at their new South Brunswick Distribution Center, located on Rhode Hall Road and State Highway Route 130.

For more information or questions about this open house, contact Frank Matos, field recruiter, at 732-729-4272 or via email at [fmatos@cooca-cola.com](mailto:fmatos@cooca-cola.com).

## Veterans right's awareness seminar

The New Jersey Attorney General's (AG) Office, in partnership with The American Legion, will conduct a regional Veterans' Civil Rights seminar on Nov. 18, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., at Post 414, 100 Berwyn Place in Lawrenceville.

All veterans, active duty, Reservists, National Guard, family members, and veteran service organizations are invited to attend. You do not have to belong to The American Legion to participate.

The AG's office, Division on Civil Rights (DCR), has proactively noticed a rise in veterans' discrimination claims in the areas of employment, housing, and other subjects. Veterans are entitled to employment-related protection under the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination (LAD). This law also provides substantial protection of those who seek to gain or continue employment with a disability. DCR has a special interest in any veterans with disabilities having discrimination complaints in employment, housing, public accommodations. They are also concerned about military reservists that have lost their employment or assigned to different positions following their return from military leave.

The DCR's office has suggested, and subsequently produced an education seminar to inform all veterans of their civil rights. They will explain the process to file a claim, and the locations of their offices that are available to assist veterans in need of these services.

The American Legion will host this and further seminars across the state.

If you have any general questions pertaining to this seminar, please call Bob Looby, The American Legion, Past State Commander, at 908-894-0746.

## Museum curator to speak at New Jersey State Library

Joseph G. Bilby the assistant curator at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey's Trenton War Memorial Annex, will be a guest speaker on Nov. 17, at the New Jersey State Library.

Bilby will discuss his book "New Jersey Goes to Work: Biographies of 150 New Jerseyans" from 12 to 1 p.m. at the library. The book has 150 biographies of New Jerseyans during the Civil War and includes Soldiers, civilians, men and women, heroes, scoundrels and even a heroic horse.

The event is free and open to the public, with coffee and dessert provided.

An RSVP is appreciated by contacting Cindy Warrick at 609-278-2640, ext. 172 or via email at [cwarrick@njstatelib.org](mailto:cwarrick@njstatelib.org).

The library is located at 185 West State Street in Trenton.

## Free or discounted meals for vets

With Veterans Day falling on a Friday this year, below are some businesses offering free or discounted prices at their establishment:

Applebee's, Hooters and Chilli's are offering a free meal to all veterans and active service members on Friday, Nov. 11.

Golden Corral is running their 10th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation dinner on Monday, Nov. 14 from 5 – 9 p.m., at all their restaurants nationwide. The free "thank you" dinner is available to all veterans and active service members.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant will once again celebrate their annual Veteran's Appreciation Event on Sunday, Nov. 13, by offering a complimentary lunch or dinner to all veterans and active service members. Space is limited at their restaurants, thus reservations are highly recommended.

Military ID or proof of service required.

## Free dinner, party on Veterans Day

In honor of your service, the Laguna Grill and Martini Bar would like to invite you to their Veterans Day celebration on Friday, Nov. 11 from 6 p.m. till closing.

Enjoy a free buffet dinner and enjoy the evening of appreciation.

No RSVP required, just show up and have fun.

The Laguna Grill is located at 1400 Ocean Avenue in Brigantine, N.J.

## Coat, toys for kids drive

The Holiday season is upon us, support the annual Coat Drive and the Toy and Gifts for Kids Drive.

Coats will be collected at DMAVA's central office lobby from now through Nov. 16. All coats should be clean and in good condition. These coats will be donated to the Veterans Homes and to Veterans Haven.

The Toy Drive will run now through Dec. 19th. Gifts are needed for children of all ages, but the greatest need is for children 10-17 years of age. The gifts should be new and unwrapped. The lobby of DMAVA central office will serve as the drop-off site for Central Office staff.

Additional drop off locations will be designated at each Veteran Home, Doyle Cemetery, Veteran Haven, and Air Bases.

Please contact your Human Resources Office for location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Serdiuk via email at [Paul.Serdiuk@dmava.state.nj.us](mailto:Paul.Serdiuk@dmava.state.nj.us) or by phone at 609-530-6878.

The generosity of DMAVA employees has helped make the lives of some of New Jersey's most vulnerable citizens healthier, happier and full of hope.

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