

# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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## *Honoring Those Who Have Served!*



The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs presented state military awards to 45 veterans from Ocean County at the Ocean County Mall in Toms River on Oct. 11. The veterans from all branches of the military were honored for their service in Korea, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm / Desert Shield and Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. (NJ DMAVA photos by Mark C. Olsen)



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## *Veterans get help from special clinical and research program at New Jersey VA hospital*

The War Related Illness and Injury Study Center at the East Orange campus of the VA New Jersey Health Care System (NJ WRIISC) is a national center for post-deployment health concerns.

The highest priority is to help returning veterans get the best care they deserve. The NJ WRIISC accomplishes this through an extensive clinical and educational programs for veterans with difficult to diagnose symptoms and exposure related concerns, as well as targeted research programs.

This research important to veteran care because often, it can answer questions about causality or lead to new and innovative treatment approaches. The NJ WRIISC has an impressive research program that is focused on translating findings on veteran health into improved clinical care.

Right now, the center is performing cutting edge research on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), blast-related injury, concussions, fatigue and the effects of exposure to burn pits and sand storms.

Current projects include working with NASA and academic centers such as Harvard University and Johns Hop-



kins, to utilize the most advanced testing systems to better understand post-deployment health problems.

The center is exploring new avenues of treatment such as integrative medicine programs like yoga and Qi Gong. Veterans participation in a WRIISC research project could yield long term benefits to all veterans.

For more information on the WRIISC, visit their webpage at [www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/nj/research/research-studies.asp](http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov/nj/research/research-studies.asp) or our website at [www.warrelatedillness.va.gov](http://www.warrelatedillness.va.gov) or contact us at 1-800-248-8005.



**THEY FOUGHT FOR US, LETS FIGHT FOR THEM**

NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs will host a "Veterans Outreach Campaign" on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the "Stand Down" of North Jersey volunteering event!

DMAVA Veterans Service Officers will be present from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. to assist veterans with questions and provide information on state and federal entitlements.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center  
211 West Kinney Street, Newark, N.J.

**New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Veterans Outreach Campaign & Medal Ceremony**

**Woodbridge Center Mall**  
250 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge, NJ

November 1 - 3, 2011  
Medal Ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 1  
Kiosk Hours are 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily

Veteran Service Officers will be available to provide information on state and federal entitlements

## Combined Federal Campaign celebrates 50th anniversary

The New Jersey National Guard Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has officially kicked off its 2011 campaign which will run until Nov. 30.

This year's campaign marks the 50th Anniversary of the CFC, one of the most effective and efficient channels for philanthropic giving. The CFC gives federal workers an accountable, flexible way to make meaningful differences in the world by providing a wide range of donation options.

There are nearly 3,000 local, national and international agencies listed in this year's brochure. Contributions may be made by payroll deductions – the easiest way to give or make a one-time gift to the charity of your choice.

Over the years, the New Jersey National Guard's CFC has been most successful in this endeavor because of the personal generosity and concerns of its members. Every employee is urged to support this worthy cause. Catalogs and payroll deduction forms will be going out to all full time federal technicians and AGRs.

The CFC coordinator for this year's Combined Federal Campaign is Jo Anne Miller, of the J1-HRO Office. For more information, please call 609-562-0851.

## Free tutoring service now available to National Guard and Reservists family

Families of National Guard and Reserve service members can now receive online tutoring and homework assistance from Tutor.com at no charge.

This program allows K-12 and adult students to connect to a live tutor online at anytime for help with homework, studying, exam preparation, college coursework and more.

Guard and Reserve families accessing services at Tutor.com are matched with one of more than 2,500 carefully screened experts who include certified teachers, college professors, graduate students, select undergraduates from accredited universities and other professionals.

This service is offered at no cost to families of the National Guard and Reserve members. For more information on this service, go to <http://www.tutor.com/military>.

## Veteran job expo in Philly

RecruitMilitary is sponsoring Veteran Opportunity Expo in Philadelphia on Nov. 3.

Veteran-friendly employers, franchisors, and educational institutions will be in attendance to offer a variety of opportunities to all veterans, transitioning military personnel, and military family members.

The free event will be held at Lincoln Financial Field, located at 1020 Pattison Avenue, Philadelphia from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To register for the event please visit RecruitMilitary's candidate information Web page at [www.recruitmilitary.com/expos/395-Philadelphia/candidates/information](http://www.recruitmilitary.com/expos/395-Philadelphia/candidates/information) or contact Anthony Carney, military marketing specialist, at 513-677-7088.

For events details and directions, visit [www.recruitmilitary.com](http://www.recruitmilitary.com).

## Fortune 100 company job opportunity for military veterans

On Nov. 9, Coca-Cola Refreshments (CCR) will conduct a Veterans-Only open house from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to honor military Veterans at their new South Brunswick Distribution Center, located on Rhode Hall Road and State Highway Route 130.

CCR will provide all attending military Veterans the opportunity to apply on-site for many Northeast employment opportunities. Interviews will be conducted and video orientations to CCR will be scheduled throughout the day. In addition, plant tours of the new facility will point out the different opportunities CCR offers in supply chain and other areas of interest.

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

## NJ Devils discounted tickets

The New Jersey Devils are offering special discounted tickets to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Services as part of their Military Nights promotions.

Get a game ticket plus a \$10 food and beverage card for only \$30 when you purchase online at [www.newjerseydevils.com/military](http://www.newjerseydevils.com/military) and enter the special offer code: DEVILS at checkout. Tickets can also be purchased on day of game at the Prudential Center box office and showing your military ID.

Food and beverage cards can be picked up at the Group Sales Redemption table located at the main concourse level across from the Fire Lounge.

The following dates are scheduled as part of the New Jersey Devils' military night promotion:

Friday, Oct. 21 against the San Jose Sharks; Friday, Nov. 11 against the Washington Capitals; Wednesday, Nov. 23 against the Columbus Blue Jackets and Wednesday, Dec. 28 against the Buffalo Sabres. All games begin at 7 p.m.

The New Jersey Devils play their home games at the Prudential Center located in Newark.

Tickets are based on availability. For questions, please call Will Lamont, representative for Group Sales New Jersey Devils, at 973-757-6159.

## Traveling Wall coming to Jersey

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 452, will be hosting the "Traveling Wall" from Oct. 13-16 at the North Branch Park in Bridgewater.

The Travelling Wall, also known as the American Veteran's Traveling Tribute, is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization and a veteran-owned project that travels the United States to provide a forum for communities to honor, respect and remember all who have sacrificed their lives for our country's freedom.

The event will start Thursday, Oct. 13 at 1 p.m., and runs through Sunday, Oct. 16 until 3 p.m.

The North Branch Park is located at Milltown Road in Bridgewater. For more information on this event, please contact Joseph Yuzuik, VVA Chapter 452 chairman, at [Jyuz@aol.com](mailto:Jyuz@aol.com).

## Tax\$save open enrollment for 2012

Open enrollment for the 2012 State Employees Tax Savings Program (Tax\$save) started Oct. 1.

Since participation in a Tax\$save FSA Plan must be renewed annually, state employees are encouraged to enroll if one wants to participate in an FSA Plan during 2012.

Get Tax\$save Open Enrollment literature online at: [www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/taxsave.shtml](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/taxsave.shtml)



*New Jersey National Guard's Honor Guards present the national and state colors at the NJNG's Joint Enlisted Professional Development Day at the Seaview, DOLCE Hotel & Resort in Galloway on Oct. 8. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th FW/PA)*

## DA photos now done at JB MDL

Attention New Jersey National Guard Soldiers: DA photos will now be done by the Training Support Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

To schedule your DA photo appointment, please contact the TSC at 609-562-3340 or go on-line to the Visual Information Ordering Site at [www.vios.army.mil](http://www.vios.army.mil).

The TSC, which is located at Building 5411, Alabama Avenue in the Fort Dix side of the base; is open Monday thru Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Photos will be taken by appointment only.

## GT enhancement course available to New Jersey National Guard Soldiers

The New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Command has developed an education course which allows Soldiers to increase their education level. It is called the General Technical (GT) Enhancement Course.

This week-long course focuses on both Math and English and is taught at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt. It is given quarterly and has approximately 10-15 students per class. It was developed as an effort to assist Soldiers who need a boost in order to make it to the next level. Some Soldiers aspire to become officers, while others may just want to make a career change. This course was directly responsible for at least 12 percent of the officer production mission. Future dates for this course are Dec. 12-18; Feb. 6-12, 2012 and June 25 – July 1, 2012.

If you are looking for this great opportunity, contact a recruiter near you for more details.

## Passport photo services at JB MDL

The Public Affairs Visual Information Office at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst will be offering Saturday passport photography services for fiscal year 2012.

This service is being offered to the Army and Air National Guard, as well as Reserve personnel.

Hours of operation will be from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. The Visual Information Office is located on the McGuire side of the base in building 2415, which is next to the Auto Hobby shop.

Schedule of Saturday services for 2011: Oct. 12, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3.

Schedule of Saturday services for 2012: Jan. 21, Feb. 11, March 24, April 7, May 19, June 30, July 7, Aug. 18 and Sept. 22.

For more information or questions about this service, please contact Kimberly A. Wright, public affairs visual information manager at 609-754-2915 or via email at [kimberly.wright.2@us.af.mil](mailto:kimberly.wright.2@us.af.mil).

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