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Celebrating Black History Month, Honoring Jersey's historic legacy

Militia Museum uncovers state's pioneering role in military integration

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey (NGMMNJ) will open a Black History Month exhibit celebrating the service of New Jersey's African-American Soldiers, sailors, and Airmen. From the American Revolution forward, "Leading the Charge: African-Americans in the New Jersey National Guard" will highlight more than two centuries of African-American service through art, photographs, primary source correspondence, and video excerpts from the museum's award-winning Center for U.S. Veterans' Oral Histories. The exhibit places particular emphasis on the Civil War and the World War II era Admission is free and it opens on Feb. 1 and closes Feb. 24.

Notable among New Jersey firsts, the state National Guard was the first component of the U.S. Armed Forces to racially integrate. In February 1948, several months prior to President Harry Truman's Executive Order 9981, New Jersey Gov. Alfred Driscoll ignored federal policy mandating segregation and ordered the full integration of the National Guard. The exhibit features never before seen correspondence between Gov. Driscoll, Army Secretary Kenneth Royall, and Secretary of Defense James Forrestal's office.

"The Driscoll letters were a significant find," said 1st Lt. Vincent Solomeno, museum curator and Historian of the New Jersey National Guard. "They reveal an interesting back and forth between Trenton and Washington over what Governor Driscoll saw as a constitutional and moral obligation to integrate. As a consequence of his leadership, New Jersey became the first component of the entire U.S. Armed Forces to end segregation."

In addition, the exhibit highlights the experience of the 22nd U.S. Colored Infantry, mostly comprised of African-American



New Jerseyans. The 22nd fought in the Civil War and led a decisive charge at Petersburg, Va., in June, 1864. That attack was depicted by local artist Peter Culos and is featured in the exhibit.

"Leading the Charge: African-Americans in the New Jersey National Guard" opens Feb. 1 and runs until Feb. 24 at the Nation-

al Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt. The museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and the first, second, and third Saturdays and Sundays of the month from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.. For more information, please visit the NGMMNJ web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/military/museum/> or call 732 974-5966.

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Jersey Devils to host military Appreciation on Jan. 22

Here's a chance for the entire Guard family to enjoy a night on ice.

On Jan. 22, the Trenton Devils hockey team is having their military appreciation night.

All National Guard members are eligible to buy \$8 tickets for themselves, friends and family for the game against the Wheeling Nailers. That's half off the regular game-day price. And it comes with an added bonus: an hour long post-game skate. So, bring your skates and round out a night of family fun.

Face off is at 7 p.m.

Make your reservations by calling Brian, Megan or Jackie at 609-599-9500 on any weekday.

Snow? A handy list of Where to tune in for DMAVA employees

The following radio stations have agreed to broadcast special announcements in the event that inclement weather causes other than normal operation of State offices during the 2009 winter season: WSNJ-AM 1240, Bridgeton; WJLK-FM 94.3, Ocean Twp.(Monmouth); WRNJ-AM 1510, Hackettstown; WOBB-AM 1160, Ocean Twp.(Ocean); WFPG-FM 96.9, Atlantic City; WOBB-FM 92.7, Ocean Twp.(Ocean); WPUR-FM 107.3, Atlantic City; WCHR-FM 105.7, Ocean Twp.(Ocean); WMVB-AM 1440, Bridgeton; WIXM-FM 97.3, Millville; WCTC-AM 1450, New Brunswick; WKXW-FM 101.5, Trenton; WMGQ-FM 98.3, New Brunswick; WSJO-FM 104.9, Egg Harbor; WSUS-FM 102.3, Newton; WNJT-FM 88.1, Trenton; WNNJ-FM 103.7 Newton; WNJS-FM 88.1, Berlin; WHCY-FM 106.3, Newton; WNJN-FM 89.7, Atlantic City; WNNJ-AM 1360, Newton; WNJB-FM 89.3, Bridgeton; WINS-AM 1010, New York; WNJP-FM 88.5, Sussex; WPST-FM 94.5, Princeton; WNJM-FM 89.9, Manahawkin; KYW-AM 1060, Philadelphia; WNJZ-FM 90.3, Cape May Courthouse; WADB-AM 1310, Ocean Twp. (Monmouth); WIMG-AM 1300, Trenton; WCMC-AM 1230, Wildwood

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Tricare extends coverage For Military Dependents

The Department of Defense has announced introduction of the premium-based Tricare Young Adult Program (TYAP) which extends medical coverage to eligible military family members to the age of 26. Expected to be in place later this spring, TYAP implements the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of fiscal 2011. Premium costs for TYAP are not yet finalized, but the NDAA specifies rates must cover the full cost of the program.

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 required civilian health plans to offer coverage to adult children until age 26. Tricare previously met or exceeded key tenets of national health reform, including restrictions on annual limits, lifetime maximums, "high user" cancellations, or denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions – but did not include this expanded coverage for adult children. Dependent eligibility for Tricare previously ended at age 21 or age 23 for full-time college students.

The fiscal 2011 NDAA now gives the DoD the authority to offer similar benefits to young adults under Tricare.

"We've been working hard to make sure we could put Tricare Young Adult on a fast track," said Tricare Deputy Director, Rear Adm. Christine Hunter. "Fortunately for our beneficiaries concerned about health care coverage for their adult children, the law signed by the President includes opportunities for military families to elect this new premium-based plan retroactive to Jan.1."

Beginning later this spring, qualified, unmarried dependents up to age 26 will be able to purchase Tricare coverage on a month-to-month basis – as long as they are not eligible for their own employer-sponsored health coverage.

"This program has the potential to extend Tricare coverage to several hundred thousand additional beneficiaries," said Hunter. "The premium allows us to provide this excellent benefit to our military families while responsibly addressing the impact of health care costs on the DoD budget."

Initially, the benefit offered will be a premium-based Tricare standard benefit. Eligible family members who receive health care between now and the date the program is fully implemented may want to purchase TYAP retroactively and should save their receipts. Premiums will have to be paid back to Jan. 1, 2011, in order to obtain reimbursement.

Adults who are no longer eligible for Tricare, but need health insurance coverage, may wish to explore the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP). CHCBP is a premium-based program offering temporary transitional health coverage for 18-36 months. Coverage must be purchased within 60 days of loss of Tricare eligibility.

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An updated list of Family Assistance Centers

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POC: Bernard Sims
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Bernard.sims@us.army.mil

Somerset Armory
1060 Hamilton Street
Somerset, NJ 08873
POC: John Hales
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151 Eggert Crossing Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648-2897
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108th Air Refueling Wing
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Note: All centers can be reached at 1-888-859-0352

NJPAC offers military discount for 'South Pacific' in January

NJPAC is offering veterans and military personnel the opportunity to see select performances of The Lincoln Center Theater Production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's SOUTH PACIFIC at a significantly reduced price.

Order now and spend only \$35 each on the best available seats in seating sections A, B or C for performances on Wednesday, Jan. 26th at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27th at 7:30 p.m. or Friday, Jan. 28th at 8 p.m. You must order via phone or online and use the promotion code "SERVICE35" to receive the discount. Alternatively, you can purchase your tickets on the day of the performance by presenting military ID at the box office. On performance day, there is a limit of four tickets per military ID.

Set on a tropical island during World War II, SOUTH PACIFIC tells the grand romantic story of two couples whose happiness is threatened not only by the realities of war, but also by their own prejudices.

To order online, go to www.njpac.org and choose your seats. At the "checkout" page, enter promo code SERVICE35 in the "Enter Promotion Code" box, then click on "Apply Promo" to receive your discount. This offer also applies when you order via phone at 1-888-466-5722.



The 8th grade students of the Somerdale Park School got a tour of the Joint Training and Training Development Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on Jan. 10 after completing the Drug Demand Reduction's "Stay on Track" program. "The Stay on Track program helps you understand the situation out there and make the right choices," Col. Jerry Gagnon, DDR and Counter Drug Task Force commander said as he presented coins to the students before starting the visit of the high tech facility. This Camden County school is the latest to participate in the nationwide effort to stem drug use joining schools in Sparta and Willingboro; and soon with two students from a pair of North Bergen schools will be in the 12-week "Stay on Track" program. Photo by Krynn P. Westhoven, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist.

FDU Vets Vie for Pepsi Refresh Grant, vote deadline approaching

From now thru the end of January, you can vote for vets every day in the Pepsi Refresh Everything Project.

The Fairleigh Dickinson University Veterans Association (FDUVA) has been selected to compete for a \$250,000 Pepsi Refresh Everything Grant. The money will support the Three Pillar Program of Excellence, which helps student veterans.

To strengthen the Pillar of Service, \$50,000 will be used to support FDUVA events that include service and outreach projects. An additional \$150,000 will be used for scholarships and merit based awards. The remaining \$50,000 will be used to create an Emergency Relief Fund that will assist student veterans in times of financial distress.

This is an excellent opportunity to receive additional financial support for a program that is making a difference. Your help is needed.

Text 105553 to 73774 or vote online at Pepsi Refresh Everything.