

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



OCTOBER 20, 2011

NJ DMAVA and National Guardsmen participate at Stand Down



Tech. Sgt. Jameel Hogan, a medic with the 108th Contingency Response Group, New Jersey Air National Guard, takes vital signs from a veteran at the Stand Down of North Jersey at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center in Newark on Oct. 15. Stand Down is an out-reach program with a mission to assist homeless veterans and provide a safe retreat where they can receive personal hygiene, clean clothes, enjoy warm meals, receive medical and dental care and be informed of state and federal entitlements. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez, NJ DMAVA/PA)

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs participated at the Stand Down of North Jersey at John Fitzgerald Kennedy Pool and Recreation Center in Newark on Oct. 15. Several veteran organizations along with New Jersey National Guardsmen provided assistance to more than 500 homeless veterans by providing them with clean clothes, warm meals, medical and dental care and information about veterans' state and federal entitlements. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez, NJ DMAVA/PA)

Guardsmen help renovate children's playground at Florham Park



Staff Sgt. Toby Tirrito, left, New York Jets player Josh Baker, center, and Spc. Justin Harris-Bennett, right, rake mulch at one of the 10 fitness stations at Emmett Park in Florham Park, N.J., during a Hometown Huddle event on Oct. 18. Several Soldiers from the New Jersey National Guard along with players from the New York Jets, United Way organizers and approximately 40 Florham Park children attended the event. The Hometown Huddle is a hands-on community service project designed to bring awareness and impact to the issue of youth health and fitness. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez, NJDMAVA/PA)

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Maj. Gen. Rieth selected to influential board

Secretary of Defense, Leon E. Panetta, appointed Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth to an influential board that advises the Pentagon on matters involving the military reserves.

Rieth, who is the adjutant general of New Jersey National Guard, was appointed to the Reserve Forces Policy Board effective Oct. 13.

As adjutant general, Rieth serves as both the commander of the 8,400 Soldiers and Airmen of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard and as the Commissioner of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

He is the only National Guard representative on the board.

According to the Department of Defense, the RFPB serves as an independent adviser to provide advice and recommendations directly to the secretary of defense on strategies, policies, and practices designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the reserve components.

Other new board members are: retired Vice Adm. John G. Cotton, former chief of Navy Reserve; Grier Martin, a member of the North Carolina General Assembly; Paulette M. Mason, Delaware chair, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; John Nagl, president of the Center for a New American Security; Sergio A. Pecori, president and chief executive officer of Hanson Professional Services Inc.; Gary E. (Gene) Taylor, former U.S. representative; retired Maj. Gen. Leo V. Williams III, former



deputy commanding general, Marine Corps Combat Development Command; Maria J. Vorel, disaster operations coordinator, Federal Emergency Management Agency; and retired Gen. John W. Handy, former commander of U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command.

These members join the following current members: retired Maj. Gen. Arnold L. Punaro, chairman; Rear Adm. Steven E. Day; Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards; Maj. Gen. Anita R. Gallentine; Brig. Gen. James M. Lariviere; Maj. Gen. James N. Stewart (non-voting); Maj. Gen. Jeffrey W. Talley; and Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger.

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OUR THIRD ANNUAL CEREMONY

Honoring Our Veterans

Thursday, November 3, 2011

11:00am—1:00pm (Rain or Shine)

AristaCare at Whiting
23 Schoolhouse Rd, Whiting

Come join us for a special welcome home tribute to our veterans, including a special guest appearance and speech by Mayor Fressola, refreshments, military salutes, and much more!

Please, please RSVP. . .

To RSVP, please call Alyson, our Receptionist at 732.849.4300 by Mon., Oct 31st.

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

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.

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 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.

Rep. Bill Pascrell to host Veterans Fair

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell would like to invite you to his Veterans Fair on Nov. 12 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6255 in Cedar Grove, N.J.

Come and speak to Veterans Service Officers and learn more about current Veterans issues and your rights as a veteran.

Visit with representatives from Veterans Administration New Jersey Health Care System, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, VFW, and other veterans' organizations

In addition, you can sign up for Congressman Pascrell's veterans' mailing list. For more information, please call 973-523-5152.

VFW Post 6255 is located at 970 Pompton Avenue in Cedar Grove.



Hosted by NJARNG Recruiting and Retention Battalion

Now is the time to advance your career in the New Jersey Army National Guard! Come and meet with the Subject Matter Experts from each Career Progression Path. Ask questions, receive guidance and get started now towards a brighter future!

Who: All Current NJ National Guard Soldiers
What: FREE Career Advancement Luncheon
When: October 23rd 2011 (1100hrs-1400hrs)
Where: Building 3650 (Drill Floor) Ft. Dix, NJ 08640

Why: To explain different career progression options to include:

- *OCS *ROTC *Warrant Officer
- *Chaplain *JAG *Medical Corps

Additional Information:
Please contact SFC Robert Freeman at (609) 703-8686 or robert.freeman6@us.army.mil to RSVP by October 19, 2011.

NOTE: Units may SUTA Soldiers to attend event.
Uniform of the Day or Civilian Attire



General membership meeting for AUSA

The Fort Monmouth and Fort Dix chapters of the Association of the United States Army, and the mid-Atlantic chapter of the Army Aviation Association would like to invite you to their Veteran's Reception and General Membership Meeting on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 5-10 p.m., at the Laurita Winery in New Egypt, N.J.

Cost for this event is \$25 per person, but free for any one signing up as a corporate or individual membership. A buffet and cash bar will be available.

Guest speaker for this event will be Charles V. Maraldo Jr., director of CERDEC Flight Activity at Lakehurst, N.J.

For more information on this event, please contact Kit Roache via email at KRoache@caci.com or at 732-460-7870. For reservations contact Diane Carnes via email at diane.carnes@macb-esi.com or at 732-389-4320.

Laurita Winery is located at 35 Archertown Road in New Egypt. (GPS users enter 85 Archertown Road).

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>.

Tax\$ave open enrollment for 2012

Open enrollment for the 2012 State Employees Tax Savings Program (Tax\$ave) started Oct. 1 and will end on Nov. 11.

Since participation in a Tax\$ave 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\$ave Open Enrollment literature online at: www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/taxsave.shtml

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.

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 or contact Anthony Carney, military marketing specialist, at 513-677-7088.

For events details and directions, visit www.recruitmilitary.com.

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.

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.

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