

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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Empty Sky Memorial at Jersey City's Liberty State Park




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OCTOBER 11 - 13

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Governor's Military Review scheduled for October

The Adjutant General of the State of New Jersey, Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, and members of the New Jersey National Guard would like to invite you to the 26th Annual Governor's Military Review on Oct. 2, at the parade field in the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt, N.J.

A reception at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey at 11 a.m. will precede the Review. In addition, upon completion of the ceremony, a picnic will be open to all attendees.

Please RSVP by Sept. 27, to Elizabeth Schofield at 609-530-6988 or via email at elizabeth.schofield@njdmava.state.nj.us.

DMAVA needs nominations for employee awards

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' State Human Resources Division is currently requesting nominations for the DMAVA Employee Awards.

Please forward all your nominations to Anna Marie Bouchia using the template available on DMAVA's network. It is requested that all nominations be typed when submitted for ease of processing and selection.

Please submit nominations for the 2011 Spring Trimester (May – August) by close of business on Sept. 22.

Any questions regarding the awards process please feel free to contact the Human Resources Division at 609-530-6889.

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Army Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley – Public Affairs Specialist



2011 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event
 Burlington County (City of Florence), NJ
 November 4, 2011
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 The American Legion Post 194
 6th and Broad Streets, Florence, NJ

Join us November 4, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for a hiring fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members and eligible spouses at The American Legion Francis W Robbins Post 194 (6th and Broad Streets) in Florence, New Jersey. This event will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

Employers and job seekers must pre-register for FREE at HoH.GreatJob.net.

This hiring fair is being done in partnership with the Burlington County Chamber of Commerce and The American Legion Post 194 as part of a larger effort by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and The American Legion to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. Other partners for this event include the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services (DOL VETS), the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in New Jersey, and NBC News.

A light breakfast will be provided by The American Legion Post 194.

For registration questions, contact us at HiringOurHeroes@USChamber.com.



2011 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event
 Toms River, NJ
 October 22, 2011
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Join us October 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for a hiring fair for veteran job seekers, active duty military members, Guard and Reserve members and eligible spouses at The American Legion Post 129 (2025 Church Road) in Toms River, New Jersey. This event will be a one-of-a-kind FREE hiring fair for both employers and job seekers.

Employers and job seekers must pre-register for FREE at HoH.GreatJob.net.

This hiring fair is being conducted by the Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce and The American Legion Post 129 as part of a larger effort by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and The American Legion to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment. Other partners for this event include the Department of Labor Veterans Employment and Training (DOL VETS) and the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) in New Jersey.

A complimentary breakfast will be served to all attendees.

For registration questions, contact us at HiringOurHeroes@USChamber.com.



NJ residence requirements for state jobs go in effect

Attention New Jersey state and local government employees of DMAVA: Effective Sept. 1, 2011, all employees of state and local government agencies must reside in the state of New Jersey, unless exempted under the law.

The "New Jersey First Act," N.J.S.A. 52:14-7 (L. 2011, Chapter 70), which was effective Sept. 1, contains new residency requirements for public officers and employees, unless exempted under the law.

Current, new or prospective employees should be aware of the following: as of Sept. 1, 2011, if you already work for the state or a local government and you do not live in New Jersey, you are not required to move to New Jersey.

However, if you began your office, position or employment on Sept. 1, 2011 or later, you must reside in New Jersey. If you do not reside in New Jersey, you have one year after the date you take your office, position or employment to relocate your residence to New Jersey.

Consequently, if you choose not to meet the residence requirement, you are subject to removal from your office, position or employment

AUSA to hold fall meeting at Rutgers University

The Northern New Jersey Chapter 1502 of the Association of The United States Army will host their Fall 2011 Muster on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at The Rutgers Club in Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

Guest speaker at the event will be Lt. Col. Kenneth A. Patterson, professor of Military Science, Rutgers University ROTC program, and cadet Lt. Col. Tim Farrell of the Scarlet Knight Battalion.

Both speakers will host a discussion on the role and mission of the Army ROTC program and how it develops the future leaders of the United States Army.

Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Dress for the event is Army service blues or civilian business attire.

Cost to attend is \$35 per person, with checks being made payable to the AUSA and mailed to LTC Robert H. Hasanoedin AUS (Ret.) AUSA, P.O. Box 553, Matawan, N.J. 07747.

Please RSVP by Sept. 23 to retired Col. Richard F. Plechner, AUS at 732-549-1535.



Jersey Cares' volunteers help out Vets

Photos and story by Christine A. McNulty, supervisor of recreation at Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

MENLO PARK, N.J. -- To mark the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on 9/11, the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park hosted the Jersey Cares' 9/11 National Day of Service and Remembrance here on Sept. 11, 2011.

Jersey Cares is a nonprofit organization, established in 1993, who recruits and engages volunteers in efforts that address community-identified needs.

At this event, Jersey Cares

organized close to 300 volunteers to come to the Veterans Home to complete various projects that would help improve the quality of life for the residents of the Veterans Home.

The projects included beautification of the courtyards of the Stars and Stripes and Old Glory Units; beautification of the main entrance with the repair of the lamppost gardens, weed trimming and the painting and placement of colorful planters filled with mums.

In addition, volunteers added thematic mural painting on the Stars and Stripes and Old Glory units to provide sensory stimulation for the residents.

Other projects included individual canvas painting to be hung around the facility; a baking and exercise class; veteran's stories project; and arts and crafts objects that will be sent to the families of active military personnel.

Joseph Brandspiegel, chief executive officer at the Veter-

ans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, thanked the Jersey Cares' volunteers and staff for making this day so memorable for the Veterans Home's residents.

Also, he extended special thanks to Christine McNulty, supervisor of recreation, and her staff for coordinating the event.

The event culminated a perfect way to pay tribute to the victims of 9/11 by helping others and making a difference!

Senator Menendez presents Distinguished Service Medal to NJ Veteran

By Christine A. McNulty, supervisor of recreation at Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park

On Sept. 2, George Cameron, a WWII veteran, was presented with the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal by U.S. Senator Robert Menendez at the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

Alexander Manis, department director of the G.I. Go Fund was the master of ceremonies, while Joseph Brandspiegel, chief executive officer at the Veterans Memorial Home, welcomed Cameron's family and honored guests.

In attendance were the Mayor of Edison, Antonia Ricigligiano; Esmeralda Diaz-Cameron, press secretary for the Office of the Mayor of Newark and Cameron's granddaughter, and the Executive Director of the G.I. Go Fund, Jack Fanous.

Brandspiegel gave a brief history of Cameron's time in the service, which consisted of a tour in the Air Force from 1942 to 1945 in the 91st Bomb Group, 324th Squadron. Cameron flew 25 missions over Germany during the war. Over the years, Cameron has kept in touch with his entire crew, and three are still living. On several occasions, the group has had reunions at the White House.

Ricigligiano presented Cameron with a proclamation from the city of Edison. In addition, a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Jeremiah Healy of Jersey City was also presented.

Furthermore, Fanous spoke about the G.I. Go Fund and how it helps Veterans. The G.I. Go Fund is a nonprofit charitable organization that provides transition assistance to all military veterans, securing educational and health benefits, and providing aid and assistance to low income and homeless veterans.



George Cameron, center sitting, was presented with a New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal by U.S. Senator Robert Menendez on Sept. 2, for his service during WWII. From right to left: Joseph Brandspiegel, Alex Manis, Jack Fanous, Sen. Robert Menendez, George Cameron Jr., Edison Mayor Antonia Ricigligiano and Esmeralda Diaz Cameron. Sitting are George Cameron and his wife of 70 years, Muriel. (Courtesy Photo)

Senator Menendez expressed his appreciation, as well as those of a grateful nation regarding Cameron's bravery during WWII. He then presented Cameron with the medal and a proclamation from Gov. Chris Christie.

With a smile on his face, Cameron proudly received the medal from Senator Menendez and was very happy that his family was in attendance to witness this very special event.

108th MXS help local museum repair aircraft displays



Members from the 108th Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., recently assisted the Air Victory Museum in Lumberton make repairs to two of their display aircrafts. From left to right are Staff Sgt. Anthony Parillo, structural shop; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Balint, metal shop, Leon Jackson, structural shop, and Kevin Klingaman, metal shop; and Staff Sgt. Murray Burgan, structural shop. (Courtesy Photo)

By 2nd Lt. Cynthia M. Cano-Hewitt, 108th Maintenance Squadron

Needing to repair two nose landing gear doors for their F-86D and T-34 aircrafts, the Air Victory Museum (AVM), in Lumberton, N.J. contacted the 108th Wing and requested assistance from their Maintenance Squadron's Structural and Metals Tech shops this past July.

Not surprisingly, several Airmen from these two maintenance shops eagerly volunteered to assist the Air Victory Museum with this task and completed the repairs.

"Although we have talented volunteers, we did not have the expertise to repair these two doors and the 108th Maintenance team accomplished our mission for us," said Ernst Linnemann, AVM treasurer.

The Museum is an educational organization dedicated to inspiring today's youth through the technology and achievements in aviation history. The museum displays: uniforms, airplane models, a "Kids-Port", jet and reciprocating engines including Pratt & Whitney 4360 manufacturers cut-away.

In addition, a P&W 2800 with propeller mounting, a Junkers JUMO 004 jet engine from a Messerschmitt Me-262 Schwalbe aircraft, navigation instruments, Norden Bomb Sight and a novice friendly History of Flight, a pictorial display of the first one hundred years of flight, can also be found at the museum.

The Air Victory Museum is a non-profit 501 Corporation and is 100 percent run by volunteers. Please visit the Museum's Web site at <http://www.airvictorymuseum.org/> for more information.



We invite you to share this special occasion as

*CW5 Robert Richardson
State Command Chief Warrant Officer*

celebrates his retirement after more than 43 years of service.

**Friday, Sept. 30, 2011
4 to 8p.m.**

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**Lawrenceville Armory (Drill Floor)
151 Eggerts Crossing Road
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648**

Cost: \$22 [Includes dinner, drinks (soda, beer, wine), and gift]

If you are unable to attend, donations can be made towards the gift

Please make checks payable to: *JFHQ Officer's Assn*

**Mail checks to: LTC Bill Morris
Office of the Chief of Staff
3650 Saylor's Pond Road
Fort Dix, NJ 08640**

RSVP BY: Sept. 22, 2011

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(609) 562-0799

Military: Duty Uniform

Civilian: Business Casual

**Reservations can be accepted after the RSVP date on case by case basis by contacting
WO1 Katherine Bendel at 609-530-7033 or katherine.bendel@us.army.mil**