



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

May 16, 2013



*U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Arnold Young, right, assists Army Staff Sgt. Catherine Slimmer in suiting up as part of the Army North external valuation of the 21st Civil Support Team (CST) conducted May 14, 2013 at the Cape May county mosquito control offices in Cape May Courthouse. Every 18 to 24 months the CST undergoes a review of 500 tasks to make sure the unit is ready to assist civilian authorities in event of a chemical-biological or nuclear threat. (Photos by Kryn P. Westhoven. NJDMAVA/PA)*





Receiving the “Seven Seals Award” at the Coliseum Sports Center May 1, is Philadelphia Soul linebacker and former U.S. Army combat veteran, Morkeith Brown, center, from retired Marine Col. Alan

Smith, left, New Jersey State Chairman for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and Donna Clementoni, right, NJ ESGR director of employer outreach. (Courtesy photo)

## FORMER ARMY COMBAT VETERAN HONORED FOR PROMOTING AWARENESS FOR THE HIRING OF VETERANS

Arena Football player, Morkeith Brown, was recognized May 1, by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) with a “Seven Seals Award” for helping to bring awareness to the service and sacrifice of America’s military members and to promote the hiring of citizen Soldiers/Airmen and veterans by the business community.

The award, depicting the heraldry seals of the seven military services, is given at the discretion of the ESGR State chairman to recognize the efforts by a citizen, business, or organization, whose supportive actions have benefited all of the Guard/Reserve components and the U.S. Armed Forces in a significant manner.

Following a regularly scheduled Arena Football practice, New Jersey ESGR Committee Chairman retired U.S. Marine Col. Alan Smith presented the award to the Philadelphia Soul linebacker at the Coliseum Sports Center.

Following the award presentation, Smith said, “Morkeith Brown is a wonderful example of determination and gentlemanly character.”

Brown served with the U.S. Army in Afghanistan in 2005 and his awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Global

War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal.

As part of the Philadelphia Soul and The Judge Group’s - a global professional services firm - Military Appreciation Night at the Wells Fargo Center June 22, Brown will be assisting in the selection of veterans and military members to play in the first ever Army Veterans vs. Navy Veterans Arena Football game. All branches of the Armed Forces are eligible to play including Guardsmen, Reservists and veterans.

The day, set aside for patriotic awareness, will also include a “Speed Career Networking Event” exclusively for transitioning military service members, wounded warriors, veterans and military spouses from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., at the Wells Fargo Center’s Cadillac Grille.

For ticket information visit: [www.philadelphiasoul.com](http://www.philadelphiasoul.com)

For information on the Veteran Career Networking event visit: [www.judgevip.org](http://www.judgevip.org)

To register for the Speed Career Networking Event submit your contact information and resume to [vetjobs@judge.com](mailto:vetjobs@judge.com). Include ‘Networking Event’ in the subject line.

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**Who:** All Current service members (age 18-30) NJARNG, NJANG, USMC, USN, USAF

**What:** *NJARNG Aviation Warrant Officer Open House*

**When:** 22 June 2013 start time 1000 hours (Rain Date 23 June 2013)

**Where:** Building 3601 (JT2DC) Technology Drive, Fort Dix, NJ

**Why:** To learn how to become an Aviation Warrant Officer in the New  
Jersey Army National Guard

**Additional Information:** ACU/Service Uniform **REQUIRED**, with ID tags and ID Card (CAC)

Service Members interested please contact the Warrant Officer Strength Manager

CW3 Jenniffer Rice at [jennifer.rice.mil@mail.mil](mailto:jennifer.rice.mil@mail.mil) or (609) 694-2865

**Registration Deadline:** 5 June



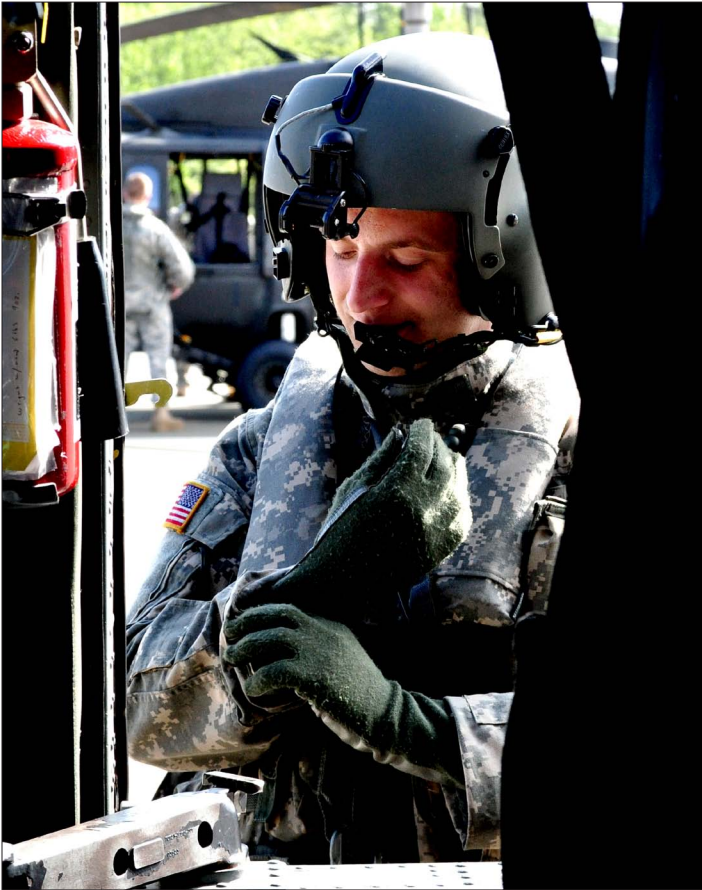
Several members of the New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy participate at the South Jersey Joint Military Service Commander's Cup Competition May 9, 2013 at Pemberton High School in Pemberton, N.J. The competition invites ROTC high schools from New Jersey to compete on five events: The shuttle run, V-sit reach, pull-ups, curl-ups, and a mile run. Cadet Alexandra Seaman, sixth from left, placed first in the female mile run with a 06:29 run-time. (Courtesy photo)



New Jersey Youth Challenge Academy cadets huddle to plan their team strategy at the 87th Force Support Squadron's Memorial Day 5K Run and Fit Walk May 15, 2013 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. The cadets swept the competition by winning first, second and third place at the 5K race: Juan Baute, 1st place; Keion Lewis, 2nd place; and Xytear Wharthen, 3rd place. (Courtesy photo)



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Spc. Justin Blistyak of Toms River, N.J., ensures his gloves are snug before a rare battalion-wide airlift as ten Blackhawk UH-60 helicopters of the 1/150th Assault Helicopter Battalion took off on Mother's Day from the unit's hanger at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. The flight crews will join maintenance and support crews that left JB MDL earlier in the week. Nearly 300 Citizen-Soldiers will conduct two-weeks of annual training at Camp Edwards, Mass. (Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA)



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Resident Joseph Postorino, second from left, 101, a World War II Army staff sergeant and his wife Ola, left, 93, listen to Glen Miller music performed by Ed Coles' Silvertones. The Vineland Veterans' Memorial Home held a centenarian birthday celebration for four residents May 13, 2013. Also celebrating their birthday were Frank Cuccia, 105, Alice Marsh, 101, and Leroy Huffstickler, 100. The centenarians received letters from Gov. Chris Christie and Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey. (Photo by Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA)



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## *NJ National Guard Militia Museum receives helping hand from temp workers*

*Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, NJDMAVA/PA*

*Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, right, gets an update on the restoration efforts at the National Guard Militia Museum in Sea Girt from Capt. Vincent Solomeno, the museum curator, and sisters Stephanie, right, and Amanda Simnor. The Simnor sisters, both history*

*majors at Monmouth University, are among more than two dozen temporary employees hired under a federal grant to repair damage caused at Sea Girt by Superstorm Sandy. The hiring program is being expanded and National Guard members and veterans are encouraged to apply.*

Are you a veteran or traditional drilling National Guard member who is out of work? Picture yourself in Sea Girt this summer.

The New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Department of Military and Veterans Affairs are hiring to fill temporary positions at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt.

The jobs pay from \$18 to \$20 an hour for work refurbishing portions of the facility damaged during Superstorm Sandy. The jobs can last up to a year at total salaries not to exceed \$24,000.

The new positions are in addition to nearly 800 temporary jobs created across the state through a \$15.6 million federal grant associated with Superstorm Sandy Relief. Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, and Commissioner Harold J. Wirths announced the additional jobs during a news conference in Sea Girt on Thursday.

So far, nearly 30 temporary workers have been hired at Sea Girt, including many National Guard members and veterans. One of the hires, Sgt. Katy Cato, was on State Active Duty at Sea Girt during the storm and its response and then made the transition to the temporary job in January.

On a recent day, she was replacing the ropes that secure the display helicopters outside the National Guard Militia Museum.

“No two days are ever the same,” Cato said. “It’s been great.”

Cunniff said the work done by the temporary hires were a major reason the museum was able to reopen in March, even after suffering heavy damage from a five foot tidal surge that swept through the building.

“The ability to make temporary hires has been a win-win for us,” Cunniff said, noting that the staff making repairs at Sea Girt grew from 30 to 60 after the temporary workers were brought in and now another 30 will be added. “To go from 30 to 90 will make a huge difference, particularly at the museum. It’s a part of New Jersey history and everyone has a skill they can add to the fight to bring it back.”

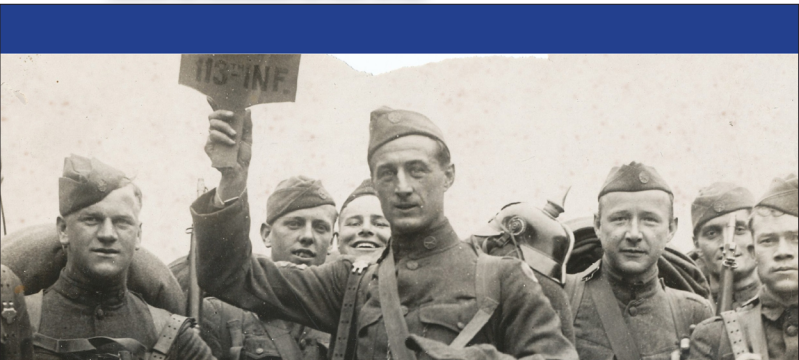
To be eligible for the new positions, applicants cannot have any other source of income from work, disability payments or be collecting Social Security benefits. Applicants are allowed to collect National Guard drill pay and military education benefits.

There will be an applicant screening on May 28 at the National Guard Training Center. For more information, please contact Sgt. Germaine Alfinez at 732-974-6330.





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The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey Foundation

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July \*26

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by Korean War Veterans Association of New Jersey  
Brighton Park Amphitheatre & the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ  
(Atlantic County)



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## CANTARA: SECOND FEMALE TO HOLD CSM RANK IN NJARNG HISTORY

Story and photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDVAMA/PA

It is been about a decade since the New Jersey Army National Guard has had a woman wearing the rank of command sergeant major. Consequently, Paula Cantara is only the second female to achieve this lofty rank following in the path blazed by Command Sgt. Maj. Cora Byrd.

“Cora was one of the first people I met when I came in,” said Cantara, who in March celebrated her 50th birthday and thirty years in the Guard.

“It is ironic that someone who taught me in the beginning. I end up being behind her,” said Cantara.

While she will still be working full-time at the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., on drill weekends she will be found at the Woodbridge armory with the 117th Combat Support and Sustainment Battalion since pinning on the new rank in early May.

“It is an honor and privilege and I never thought I be here,” said Cantara, as she reflected on past sergeant majors that mentored her through the years. “They always said I would make it.”

Now her goal is to prepare the future leaders.

“We need to leave the Guard a better place than when we came in and these kids need to improve on what we started,” said Cantara.



Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, the Adjutant General, attaches command sergeant major rank on Sgt. Maj. Paula M. Cantara at Joint Force Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, May 3, 2013.

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