



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

May 23, 2013



MEMORIAL DAY



We honor the Fallen and

Remember those they left behind.

New Jersey State Ceremony at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Cemetery
May 24 at 10 AM



Red Cross recognized by ESGR with “Seven Seals Award”

By Donna Clementoni, NJ ESGR director of employee outreach

The American Red Cross South Jersey Service to the Armed Forces was honored at a ceremony April 22, at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR).

Part of the internationally recognized humanitarian movement that has approximately 97 million members and volunteers, the local chapter was presented a “Seven Seals Award” by the Department of Defense operational organization in recognition for their service and dedication to the men and women who “wear the uniform.”

The award, depicting the heraldry of the seven branches of service they represent, is given at the discretion of the ESGR State Chairman to honor those employers that are exemplary in their support of the American military, 48 percent which come from the “citizen soldiers” of the National Guard and Reserve.

New Jersey director of employer outreach for ESGR, Donna

Clementoni, presented the award to American Red Cross Regional director, Tim Settles. In attendance to represent the military was Col. Matthew Lissner, Legislative Liason for the Army Reserve 99th Regional Support Command and Capt. Arnold Adams from the JB MDL’s Military Entrance Processing Center.

The Red Cross is tasked with providing a critical service to South Jersey servicemen who are serving overseas. Their emergency communications center quickly and efficiently obtains the required information and sends emergency communications messages to service members of every branch of service, around the globe. Former Marine and Army Reservist, Chris DeMeo, attended the ceremony and personally thanked the Red Cross team members for delivering a message to him about a family emergency when he was deployed. DeMeo is also an ESGR volunteer member.

The American Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) also links military families to local resources and support services, provides resiliency training and supports wounded warriors and military hospitals.

Settles, who accepted the award on behalf of the South Jersey Region remarked, “We consider it an honor to partner with the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and we are humbled to be a recipient of the Seven Seals Award.”

ESGR is a Department of Defense, mostly volunteer organization that seeks to create a culture where all American employers value the military service and sacrifice of their employees. They accomplish this by advocating relevant initiatives, recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and resolving conflict between employers and service members.

“We consider it an honor to partner with the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve....” American Red Cross Regional director Tim Settles

2013 Aviation Warrant Officer Open House



Hosted by NJARNG State Army Aviation Office
and the Warrant Officer Strength Management Office

Take the challenge! Learn what it takes to become an Aviation Warrant Officer in the New Jersey Army National Guard!
We hope to see you there!

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 or (609) 694-2865

Registration Deadline: 5 June



Beneficiaries must sign up for TRICARE automatic payment by May 31

Beneficiaries enrolled in TRICARE Reserve Select or TRICARE Retired Reserve who pay monthly premiums by check must switch to an electronic form of payment by May 31 to avoid losing coverage.

TRICARE will only accept monthly premium payments using recurring automatic payments by credit or debit card, or by recurring electronic funds transfer from a linked bank account. To avoid confusion, beneficiaries should verify that their bank sends EFT payments electronically.

The Defense Manpower Data Center notified current TRR and TRS beneficiaries directly by email, and new beneficiaries were informed in their welcome package information when enrolling.

Electronic payments streamline account management and ensure continuous coverage for beneficiaries. Failure to pay premiums by the due date results in termination of coverage.

Beneficiaries can contact their regional contractor to set up automatic payments and get more information.

“There are still a considerable number of Air Force reservists in the west region who have yet to establish their automated payment option with TRICARE for their monthly TRS/TRR premi-



ums,” said James F. Walsh, the Air Force Reserve chief of Benefits and Entitlements Policy. “Those members who do not have this requirement established by the deadline will have their coverage suspended and possibly terminated for 12 months come June 1.”

Contact information for each region is available online at <http://www.TRICARE.mil/contacts>.

Military Appreciation Day

Place: Casino Pier, Seaside Heights
800 Ocean Terrace
Date: Saturday, 8 June 2013
Time: 1000 – 1430 Hours for bracelet pick-up
Waterpark opens at 1000 Hrs
Rain Date: Saturday, 15 June 2013

Soldiers/Airmen and Family members are cordially invited to attend “Military Appreciation Day” at the New Jersey Shore.

You will be required to show a Uniformed Services Military ID to obtain waterpark bracelets for you and your dependants only. Friends and extended family members will not receive bracelets.

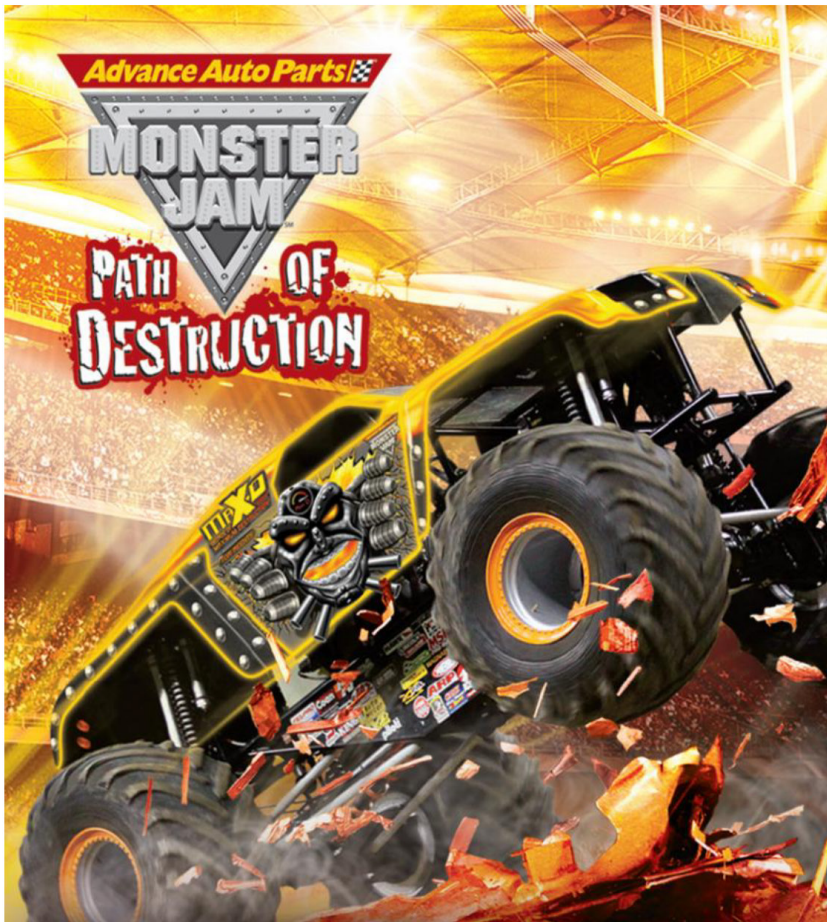
****** *check in through the side entrance of the Breakwater Beach Waterpark on 800 Ocean Terrace off Grant Ave. between 1000 Hrs – 1430 Hours.*

****** *Waterpark opens at 1000 hours and closes at 1800 hours.*

****** *Each Military Family will receive a debit card (one) worth \$25.00 to be used to play games at the Casino Pier. (slot machines, ski ball, pin ball games)*

****** *Due to Hurricane Sandy, the rides WILL NOT be open ☹ The Casino Pier staff are doing their best to restore the rides but it does not look good.*

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SATURDAY
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11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

PIT PARTY
(\$15 per pass with ticket purchase)
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

*Special Pricing: \$30 Adults

Regular Ticket Prices:

\$50 VIP • \$35 Adults • \$15 Kids (Ages 2-12)

\$125 Total Access Pass

(Includes an event ticket, admission to the private meet & greet and admission to the pit party)

\$200 Breakfast with Champions

(Includes breakfast with drivers, an event ticket, admission to the private meet & greet and admission to the pit party)

For more information or to purchase tickets,
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JUNE 5 - 9, 2013

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Highlights submissions to:
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OR
armando.vasquez@njdmava.state.nj.us

HIGHLIGHTS

HURRICANE SANDY GRANT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

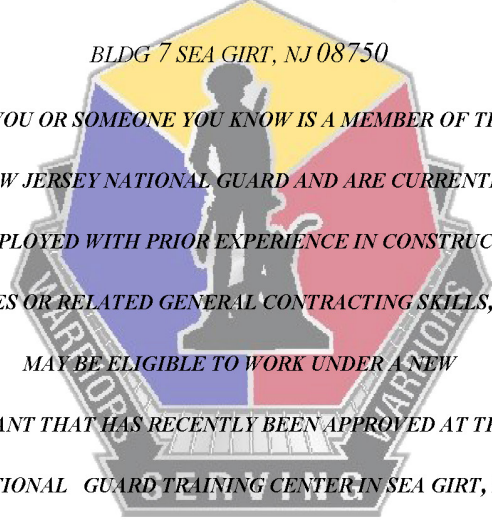
HIRING SCREENING 28TH MAY 2013, 0900

BLDG 7 SEA GIRT, NJ 08750

IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS A MEMBER OF THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD AND ARE CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED WITH PRIOR EXPERIENCE IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES OR RELATED GENERAL CONTRACTING SKILLS, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO WORK UNDER A NEW GRANT THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED AT THE NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTER IN SEA GIRT, NJ

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT

SGT GERMAINE ALFINEZ AT (732)974-6330 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



5th Annual
City of Jersey City

"Honoring our HEROES" A Military & Musical Memorial Day Tribute

Monday - May 27th - 1 p.m.



**Historic Jersey City &
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435 NEWARK AVENUE, JC

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CHERRY HILL MALL

June *4, 5 & 6

* Medal Ceremony at 11:00a.m. on Tuesday, June 4
Kiosk hours 10 a.m. - 8p.m.
200 Route 38, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002
(Camden County)

NJ KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL

COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY ON THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE SIGNING OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE
July *26

* Medal Ceremony at 11:00a.m. will be part of program chaired
by Korean War Veterans Association of New Jersey
Brighton Park Amphitheatre & the Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ
(Atlantic County)



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Senior Airman Ray Casanova performs a training exercise of checking aircraft parts under a black light while looking for defects, April 14, 2013, at Atlantic City International Airport. Casanova is assigned to the 177th Fighter Wing Nondestructive Inspection shop. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew J. Merlock Jr./Released)



Airman 1st Class Michael Berenotto, sands a piece of metal at Atlantic City International Airport, N.J., May 16, 2013. Berenotto is an aircraft structural maintenance technician with the 177th Maintenance Squadron, 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

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