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News For Your Views

2006 CFC - "Every One of Us Can Be the Miracle"

The New Jersey National Guard Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) has officially kicked off its 2006 Campaign which will run until the last week of November 2006.

The CFC provides each of us with an annual opportunity to voluntarily help others and ourselves by donating to the community, national and international level human, health and environmental organizations. With more than 3,000 human and health service organizations listed in the CFC Catalog, there is certainly at least one cause deserving consideration for your personal contribution.

Contributions may be made via easy payroll deductions each year or by check.

Over the years, our Department has been most successful in this endeavor because of your personal generosity and concern. We urge every employee 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.

DMAVA awards ceremony will be held Oct. 25

Attention everyone – the DMAVA awards program is back on track!

There will be an awards ceremony on **Oct. 25**, at 11 a.m. at the Lawrenceville armory on the drill floor. All recipients should report at 10:30 a.m. to the Lawrenceville armory cafeteria.

Ocean County holds Job Fair on Oct. 18

On **Oct. 18**, the Ocean County government and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars posts are sponsoring a Job Fair. The event will be held at the Toms River Armory of the New Jersey National Guard, 1200 Whitesville Road, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will include representatives from nearly 50 public and private organizations. The freeholder board and veteran's bureau are sponsors of the job fair as are the county Workforce Investment Board, the Toms River One-Stop Career Center and the 12 local posts of VFW. Businesses participating in the job fair are expected to include: United Parcel Service, Home Depot, Norkus Foodtown, Lowes Home Improvement, Perlmutter Shoprite, Sears, WAWA, Ocean County College and Ocean County Vocational Technical School, and others.

Thanks to many for job well done in fielding ACUs, field gear

During the month of August, the Lawrenceville USPFO warehouse and Central Issue Facility (CIF) was faced with and successfully completed a dual challenge. Together, the warehouse and the G4 (Logistics) demonstrated superior leadership and teamwork in the receipt and distribution of the new Army Combat Uniforms (ACUs), sleeping bags and other field items to the various field units. The USFPO would like thank Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Loats, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Lynch, and Sgt. Major Israel Garcia along with the help of all warehouse, CIF and G4 personnel for all their positive efforts in a "JOB WELL DONE."



Veterans' Organizations

Contact Information

State Veterans Service
Council

Mr. Richard Clark
RJClark21@msn.com

NJ Advisory Committee
for Women Veterans
Mrs. Anna Hoffman
AnnaMHoffman@gmail.com

BG William C. Doyle
Cemetery Advisory
Council
Mr. William Rakestraw
warjrnj@msn.com

Veterans Hotlines



Benefits & Entitlements

1-888-8NJ-VETS
(1-888-865-8367)

Mental Health
1-866-VETS-NJ4U
(1-866-838-7654)

NJ World War II Memorial



For information or to
make a donation, call
609-530-7049

NJ Cultural Festival is Oct. 22 in Trenton

As an ongoing effort to embrace, educate, elevate and celebrate diversity with our employees, please be reminded that the NJ Statewide Cultural Festival is taking place on Sunday, **Oct 22**. The event is being held from noon to 6 p.m., at the South Riverwalk Park, River View Plaza, Trenton, N.J. (Above the Route 29 tunnel in Trenton.) Rain venue is the Trenton Thunder baseball stadium. Visit <http://www.state.nj.us/state/secretary/sosoffice/festival.html> or call 609-777-0573 for more details. This event is being hosted by Governor Jon S. Corzine and Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells.

STANDDOWN Committee Members needed for CENTRAL JERSEY

StandDown helps the state's homeless veterans "combat" life on the streets by providing a broad range of necessities, including food, clothing, medical, legal and mental health assistance, job counseling, and referrals, but most importantly, companionship and camaraderie.

We are looking for committee members to initiate the start up operation of Stand Down in the Central Jersey area. Membership is open to Veterans and volunteers over the age of 18 who are willing and able to give of their time, efforts and resources in assisting programs for homeless veterans.

If you are interested in becoming a committee member, you may contact Patricia Richter at 609-530-6949.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from a day of unity observed in 1981 by the National Coalition against Domestic Violence to connect advocates across the nation working to end violence. In an effort to address violence that may be affecting military families, the Department of Defense (DoD) has taken aggressive steps to keep victims safe and hold offenders accountable. As part of this effort, DoD issued a Restricted Reporting Policy for Incidents of Domestic Abuse to provide victims with advocacy and medical services confidentially. Options regarding disclosure of abuse enhances victim safety and may encourage unrestricted reports.

DoD has also partnered with the Family Violence Prevention Fund to develop a public awareness campaign focused on the prevention of domestic abuse, and developed a domestic abuse web-based training tool for commanding officers. Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Dr. David S. Chu, has reaffirmed the Department's commitment to preventing domestic abuse, stating, "Domestic violence will not be tolerated in our military communities. It is criminal, it hurts individuals, ruins families, weakens communities, undermines readiness, and is contrary to the institutional values of the Armed Forces." The DoD Family Advocacy Program encourages all those involved in combating domestic abuse to maximize the opportunities October provides to educate others about this important issue and the services and resources available to victims of abuse.

Fill Your Date Book

Military Appreciation Day at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., will hold their second annual Military Appreciation Day on **Nov. 4** from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. This open house is for service members, retired military and family members.

Among the special activities for the day are: liberators speaking at various times throughout the day and opportunity to meet survivors who volunteer at the museum. Families who do not want to take children under the age of 11 to the permanent exhibit will be able to visit, "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story."

The museum is located at 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW., Washington, D.C. Visit www.ushmm.org for more information.



New Jersey Freedom Loans

What is a Freedom Loan?

- * Up to \$10,000
- * Annual APR 6%
- * Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- * Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- * Members of the National Guard or Reserve
- * Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) - excluding routine training.

Or

- * Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routing training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

How do I apply?

- * Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.

112th FA Association 2006 reunion

The 112th Field Artillery Association will hold its 2006 Reunion on **Nov. 11 and 12**. The dinner and awards presentation will be held at the Lawrenceville National Guard Armory on Nov. 11 from 4-9 p.m. Cost is \$45 per person, \$90 per couple. On Sunday, Nov. 12 there will be a memorial service and concert at the armory at 11 a.m. with a free concert by the 63rd Army Band.

"Families For Soldiers" Walk Honors Guardsmen

The 50th PSB Family Readiness Group Auxiliary will honor the Soldiers of the 250th Personnel Services Detachment, Headquarters, and Headquarters Company, 50th Personnel Services Battalion currently serving in Operation Enduring Freedom, with a 3.5 mile walk on Saturday, **Oct. 21**. The walk will take place at the Mercer County Park, 1638 Old Trenton Road, West Windsor, N.J.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. Warm up and walk begin at 9 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by 97.5 FM, The Hawk. Funds raised from the event will be used for holiday gifts for the deployed Soldiers and a homecoming party when they return. For more information or to download a registration form visit www.50thpsb.com/frg.htm.

Honorable Mention

Guard gate now has a phone line

The Guard Booth Telephone Number is 609-671-6623.

Effective immediately all Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Employees that interface with outside personnel for hosting on-site meetings here at the Lawrenceville Headquarters are directed to notify the security guard when expecting scheduled visitors. If you are expecting a large party for a meeting or event please provide a roster of attendees, with the meeting date time and location to the gate guard prior to the event.

Enlisted Association offers new feature

The Enlisted Association of New Jersey has added to their Web Page a new feature called "On-GUARD Business Registry," designed to list businesses owned by current or former National Guard members, and the goods and services they offer. If you are a current or former member of the New Jersey Army or Air National Guard, this is a great cost-effective opportunity for your business to reach your fellow National Guard members. Just go to the Web site: www.eang-nj.org and fill out your application today.

Civil Air Patrol looking for BDU donations

The New Jersey Civil Air Patrol is the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. They perform inland search and rescue missions, aerial reconnaissance for homeland security and disaster relief missions. CAP has an active cadet program and aerospace education program for young people. All of the members are unpaid volunteers and must purchase their own uniforms, although CAP does try to provide uniforms for their cadet members without charge to them.

CAP is looking for donations of BDUs (woodland pattern) in wearable condition for use by their members. They can use pants, shirts, field jackets and caps. They will also accept Air Force Service Dress uniforms for cadet's use.

If you have uniforms to donate, please contact Maj. Rick Ulmer, (732)364-7755 or e-mail: caplawyer123@comcast.net. He will make arrangements for pick-up.

Tax-free in New Jersey!!

Does your shopping list have either a U.S. Flag or New Jersey flag on it? One good piece of news – the sales tax hike does not affect that purchase; in fact the purchase of either flag is TAX FREE in New Jersey. Please visit the following web page to check out the particulars: <http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/index.html?flag.htm>.

* Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with the bank's Freedom Loan application.

Current participants:

- ☺ Commerce Bank
1-888-751-9000
- ☺ Credit Union of NJ
609-538-4061, ext. 401
- ☺ First Morris Bank & Trust
1-888-530-2265
- ☺ Manasquan Savings Bank
732-223-4450
- ☺ North Jersey Federal Credit Union
1-888-78NJFCU
- ☺ Peapack-Gladstone Bank (908) 719-BANK
- ☺ Pennsville National Bank
856-678-6006
- ☺ PNC
1-866-PNC-4USA
- ☺ Sovereign Bank
1-877-391-6365
- ☺ Sun National Bank
1-800-691-7701

Army offers free courses for Soldiers and DA civilians

If you are an Army Soldier or DA civilian, you can access more than 2,600 information technology, business, self-development and 30 foreign language courses for FREE through Army e-Learning. Visit www.us.army.mil and select "my education." In Fiscal Year 2006, almost a quarter million courses were completed. Some of the top 10 courses of the month for July were: Rosetta Stone Spanish and Arabic, Windows XP: Fundamentals, Accounting Fundamentals and Encryption Technologies.

DMAVA Hotline

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Emergency Hotline is:

1-866-232-5798

You will hear the following message:

You have reached the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Emergency Information Number. Please listen to the following menu choices and select an appropriate option:

State employees – press 1
Federal employees – press 2
National Guard employees – press 3

Affordable vacation spots around the world

Are you looking for an affordable vacation spot? The Armed Forces Recreation Center has resorts around the world for members of the Armed Forces, their families and other members of the Total Defense Force. Room rates are based on rank, pay grade, duty status, room size and/or room location. Reservations are required, policies vary by location and guests may not stay more than 30 consecutive days or register again within the following 90-day period. But if you are thinking of Hawaii, Germany, South Korea or Orlando as a possible vacation destination, this just may be the ticket! Visit <http://www.armymwr.com/portal/travel/recreationcenters/> for more information.

Doyle cemetery seeks volunteers

The Cemetery is working toward designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. We are enlisting the support of community volunteers for Outreach & Education. Scouting Groups, Veteran Service Organizations, Youth Groups, and other interested individuals are encouraged to contact Iven C. Dumas 1st Sgt, USMC (Ret) Assistant Superintendent, at (609) 758-7250 ext. 17 or by e-mail at Iven.Dumas@njdmava.state.nj.us.

JT2DC Memorial Walkway offers engraved pavers

The Joint Training and Development Center (JT2DC) recently unveiled the Memorial Walkway to the center. The purpose of the pond and walkway are to serve as a reminder that there are Soldiers in harm's way protecting the freedoms that we all cherish and enjoy.

The concept of the Memorial Walkway was to have Soldiers create a mark by dedicating inscribed bricks. Soldiers have chosen to honor loved ones, family members, friends, and personnel with whom they served.

Anyone interested in purchasing an engraved paver for \$50, should contact Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Maskery at (609) 562-0539.

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey

Membership

Give our state a larger voice by becoming a member of the Enlisted Association. The increased numbers will help us speak on all legislative issues that will benefit you and your families. The association works hard for you at the Federal & State level on all important issues. Visit the web site EANG-NJ.org, click on *Become a Member* for the application and find out more about what the association does.

Conference

Thanks to all who attended and pass the word for next year in Valley Forge, Pa.

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and information
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609-530-7088

For the Families

Guard Family Action Plan

The Guard Family Action Plan (GFAP) identifies issues of concern to Guard members, spouses, parents, children, retirees and civilian employees. The GFAP determines actions necessary to resolve issues and assigns responsibility for actions to the proper staff agency.

The proper staff agency begins at unit level within the chain of command and can include the Departments of the Army and Air Force and the Congress of the United States. You can submit an issue along with your recommendation for a solution through the GFAP website at www.gfap.org. If you have any questions, you can call Marie Durling in the State Family Programs Office at 609-562-0739.

Spouses invited to go on orientation flights

The 108th Air Refueling Wing would like to extend an invitation to the spouses of New Jersey Army and Air National Guardsmen and women who would like to see an aerial refueling up close.

This is a great opportunity for spouses to see the skills needed to fuel an aircraft more than 20,000 feet in the air. Seats will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested, please call Staff Sgt. Beth Pritchard at (609) 754-4173 or e-mail at elizabeth.Pritchard@njmccgu.af.mil for the form needed to request a seat.

Guard members who would like an orientation flight or would like to nominate their bosses for a flight can also contact Staff Sgt. Pritchard for information and forms.

Family Programs on the calendar

Oct. 20, TBA	West Orange FRG get-together, Arthur's, Morris Plains
Oct. 20, TBD	Movie Night, Burlington armory
Oct. 21, 8 a.m.	3.2 mile walk, Mercer County Park
Oct. 21-22	Great Wolf Lodge (outing), Pocono, Pa.
Oct. 28, 1 p.m.	Children's Halloween Party, Toms River FRG, Toms River Armory
Oct 28, 6:30 p.m.	The Bash – dinner and dancing – Newark FRG – L’Affaire, Mountainside, NJ
Oct. 29, 2 p.m.	Halloween party and costume parade, Kenvil VFW Post
Oct. 29, 8 a.m.-noon	Closter Lions Pancake Breakfast, Northern Valley HS, Demarest, NJ
Oct. 31, 6 p.m.	Halloween Parade, Toms River FRG, Toms River, NJ
Nov. 5, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.	Christmas Craft Day, Lawrenceville Armory
<i>Date Change</i> Nov. 18, 7 p.m.	Beef Steak dinner, Saddle Brook VFW

Family Readiness Group Meeting schedule

Bordentown Armory – B Co 250th SBF & Co D 250th BSB – **Oct. 14**, 10 a.m.
Hammonton Armory – 119th SB Corps –

Quote for the week

I could not sleep when I got on a hunt for an idea, until I had caught it; and when I thought I had got it, I was not satisfied until I had repeated it over and over again, until I had put it in language plain enough as I thought, for any boy I knew to comprehend.

-Abraham Lincoln

Jersey City Armory – D Co 2-113th –
Lawrenceville Armory – 50th PSB – **Oct. 19**, 7 p.m.; 50th Fin Bn –
Morristown Armory – 3-112th & 5/117th –
Newark Armory – A, B, E Co's 2-113th Inf – **Oct. 18**, 7 p.m.
Port Murray Armory – 2-102nd Arm –
Teaneck Armory – 50th SBM – **Oct. 19**, 7 p.m.
Toms River Armory – C/3-112th FA –
Vineland Armory – 5/117th Cav – **Oct. 14**, noon (at Woodbury FAC)
West Orange Armory – B Co 5/117th Cav –
Woodbury Armory – Trp C 5.117th Cav – **Oct. 14**, noon

Recreation and Sports

Anheuser Busch extends complimentary ticket program

Anheuser Busch has announced its program offering free amusement park tickets to the service members and their families has become so popular it will be extended another year. The "Here's to the Heroes," is open to active duty service members, active members of the National Guard or Reserve, and up to three direct dependents for one complimentary admission per year. Participants can go online to fill out a form for free admission at <http://www.herosalute.com/>.

The amusement parks participating in the program are: *Sea World* parks in Orlando, Florida; San Diego and San Antonio; *Busch Gardens* parks in Tampa, Florida, and Williamsburg, Virginia; *Sesame Place*, a children's play and water park, near Philadelphia; *Adventure Island* water park in Tampa; and *Water Country USA* water park in Williamsburg.

Operation Oasis vacations for military personnel

Operation Oasis Outreach at Sandy Cove, North East, Md., offers a free, 3-day, 2-night time for rest and relaxation for military personnel who were deployed to the Middle East area during OIF/OEF with their spouse and children. Sandy Cove is located at the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay. If you are interested, contact Carol Lee Lynch: toll free 1-800-287-4843 or e-mail c.lynch@sandycove.org.

Support our Troops Motorcycle Run

The Freedom Riders "Support Our Troops" Motorcycle Run is scheduled for **October 14**, 2006 (October 15 – Rain date). Proceeds benefit the Freedom Alliance Foundation providing: Educational scholarships to the children of American's Military Heroes that have given the Ultimate Sacrifice; pre-paid long-distance phone cards, gift cards for clothing, food, toiletries, books and magazines for the injured in our hospital; and funding for family members to travel to see and encourage their loved one.

For registration and information on the run go to: www.citikids.org/freedom.htm

Charity Golf Tourney benefits injured N.J. Soldier

On Tuesday, **Oct. 17**, (rain date is Oct. 19) HMHTTC will hold their Annual Charity Golf Outing at the Harker's Hollow Golf Course, Phillipsburg, N.J. This year the proceeds will go to Spc. Jim Benoit of Wharton, N.J.

Spc. Benoit was critically injured during his tour in Iraq and not expected to live. After 78 operations, his goal of being able to walk again only using one walking aid seems a possibility. He will need daily physical therapy and a therapeutic resistance pool will be very effective in his road to recovery. The goal of the fund raisers is to raise the \$25,000 needed to build the pool for this Soldier.

If you are interested in participating in the tournament, which includes a shotgun start at 1 p.m. after lunch in the club's lounge and is capped off with dinner and door prizes, please call Chris Harrington at 973-770-6900, ext. 210.

Scholarship News

Grantham University scholarships: Grantham University offers a scholarship program to severely injured service members and their spouses and adult children. Go to

www.grantham.edu for more information. They also have scholarship programs for military veterans, service members, and family members.

Widener University CARES Scholarship: Widener University, Chester, Pa., has a full scholarship program for children of Global War on Terrorism service members who were killed in action. Contact the Office of Admissions at 610-499-4126 for more information.

Veterans Information

DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues.

The DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues with kiosk displays at selected malls throughout New Jersey. The schedule is as follows:

October 12-14	Deptford Mall
November 9-11	Menlo Park Mall
December 6-8	Paramus Park Shopping Center
January 11-13, 2007	Brunswick Square Mall
February 8-10, 2007	Moorestown Mall
Feb. 28, March 1-2, 2007	Hamilton Mall

The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the identified dates.

VA Hotline for identity theft concerns

Veterans having questions about recent incidents involving VA computers and personal information may call 1-800-333-4636 or (1-800-FED-INFO).

Ocean County opens PTSD counseling for vets

Ocean County veterans now have a place to get Post Traumatic Stress Disorder counseling. Once a week, counselors from the Trenton Vet Center will offer office hours at the Ocean County Veterans Service Bureau, 1027 Hooper Ave, Building 2, Toms River.

To schedule an appointment, call 732-929-2096.

Ocean County, with the state's largest concentration of veterans, signed an agreement with the Vets Center, an arm of the Veterans Administration recently.

John Dorrity, director of the Ocean County Veterans Bureau said that he has a waiting list of veterans who will participate in the counseling. He added that they will start off with once a week, but will possibly increase sessions if the need arises.

NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Educational Center's upcoming event schedule.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 14 / 1 p.m. / "Vietnam: A View You Have Never Seen Before," a slide show by New Jersey public school teacher and Sierra Club-NJ outings organizer, Ken Mayberg, featuring his original photography of folklife in modern Vietnam. (click here for more information: http://www.njvvmf.org/category.cfm?SID=23&Category_ID=237&ClearCache=1)

Oct. 20 / 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. / "Coming Home: Vietnam Veterans and Their Families Since the War," the 8th Annual Interdisciplinary Forum on the Vietnam Era, featuring as Keynote Speaker, Vietnam Veteran, Jan C. Scruggs, founder of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Panel-discussion sessions will address recuperation, readjustment, and reconciliation. Fees and pre-registration required (click here for more information: http://www.njvvmf.org/pdf/06_forumbrochure.pdf).

Nov. 4 / 1 p.m. / "Women at War: The Story of Fifty Military Nurses Who Served in Vietnam," book discussion by the author, Elizabeth Norman.

Nov. 11 / 11 a.m. / Veterans Day ceremony in the courtyard of the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

Nov. 30 / 6 p.m. / 4th Annual "Salute to Patriotism" Gala, with special guest Governor Jon S. Corzine; honoring veterans of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi

Freedom. Tickets required. (click here for more information: <http://www.njvvmf.org/pdf/galasponsorlevels.pdf>)

Dec. 2 / 1 p.m. / "The Day It Snowed in Vietnam," poetry reading and discussion by the poet, Vietnam Veteran Jim Scheuckler.

Dec. 9 / 6 p.m. / Holiday Lighting ceremony at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP to (732) 335-0033. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Regular admission is free for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Regular adult admission is \$4; student and senior citizen admission is \$2; and children under 10 are admitted free.

For more information, please call the NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation office at (732) 335-0033 or (800) 648-VETS. The Vietnam Era Educational Center is located adjacent to the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at Exit 116.

Trenton Vets Center open for counseling services

Located at 934 Parkway Ave, 2nd Floor, Ewing, N.J., the Department of Veteran Affairs, Trenton Vet Center, provides free readjustment counseling services to combat zone veterans and their families.

The Vet Center services include:

- Individual readjustment counseling
- Group readjustment counseling
- Screening for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Counseling for PTSD
- Substance Abuse counseling
- Marital and family counseling
- Sexual Trauma counseling
- Community education and liaison
- Referral for benefits assistance
- Employment Assistance

Heading the Trenton Vet Center Staff is James Gordon, team leader. Other staff at the center to help veterans and their families is Jeanne Morrison, Master Social Worker, Rawle Gaskin, Readjustment Counseling Therapist, Darryll Johnson, Readjustment Counseling Technician and Burnice Rice, Trenton Vet Center Office Manager.

The center is open Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with Wednesday and Thursday extended hours by appointment only.

All services provided to veterans and their families are at no cost and clients' rights are protected by HIPPA. For more information call (609) 882-5744.

Part-time opportunities in Military Funeral Honors Program.

The New Jersey Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Program has several part-time employment opportunities immediately available across the state for TDGs and Technicians. Earn one day's base pay and one retirement point for a few hours work providing Military Funeral Honors for our Veterans. If you are interested, please contact Sgt. Maj. Edward Goetschius, Military Funeral Honors Coordinator, at 609-530-7090 or by e-mail at Edward.goetschius@nj.ngb.army.mil.

Mark your calendar...



Oct. 13 – National Peanut Festival

Oct. 14 – Be Bald and Free Day, National Dessert Day

Oct. 15 – National Grouch Day, National Poetry Day

Oct. 16– Dictionary Day, National Boss's Day.

Oct. 17 – Gaudy Day

Oct. 18 – No Beard Day, Sweetest Day

Oct. 19 – Evaluate Your Life Day

A Smile for your weekend

Some facts about the New England states:

- The slogan on New Hampshire license plates is 'Live Free or Die'. These license plates are manufactured by prisoners in the state prison in Concord.
- Maine is the only state that borders on only one state.
- There are almost twice as many people in Rhode Island than there are in Alaska.
- Of all the East Coast States, New Hampshire has the shortest coastline, about fourteen miles.
- New Hampshire is also the only State name that has four consecutive consonants in it (in the same word).
- Montpelier, Vermont is the only U.S. state capital without a McDonalds.