



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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## Class# 39 Reports to Life Changing Program

More than 160 at-risk youths began a five month journey at the New Jersey Youth ChalleNge Academy that will end with their receiving a high school diploma and the skills to help them in college, the military or the job market.

The academy is run by the New Jersey National Guard at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst using state and federal funds.

During in-processing on Oct. 7 at the National Guard Armory in Mount Holly, the cadets were issued uniforms and linens and the males received military-style haircuts.



Monique Christian, counselor at the New Jersey Youth ChalleNge Program records Shane Wisniewski's, a resident of Matawan, height and weight during in-processing at the Mount Holly Armory in Mount Holly, N.J. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young)



Photo above, New Jersey Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Sean Donachy, left, Bravo Company 1-114th Infantry, demonstrates the proper wear of a military style patrol cap to a new cadet in the New Jersey Youth ChalleNge Program at the Mount Holly Armory in Mount Holly, N.J. Photo right, Jeff Washington, owner of Cutting Edge Barber Salon in Pemberton gives a New Jersey Youth ChalleNge Cadet a "military" haircut at the Mount Holly Armory. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Nicholas Young)





## CONGRATULATIONS COLONELS

From left to right, Cols. Edward J. Chrystal, Daniel T. Mahon and Christopher L. Perron pose for a group photo at their promotion ceremony at the Joint Military and Family Center in Bordentown, N.J., Oct. 9, 2013. (Photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA)

## Working to maintain and grow the force

Story and photo by 1st Sgt. David Moore, 444th MPAD

Newly assigned New Jersey Army National Guard company commanders and first sergeants will return to their units with the latest information and technical skills to care for their organization after completing leadership training Sept. 21 at the 254th Training Regiment (Combat Arms) in Sea Girt, N.J.

Senior Army National Guard leaders from the Joint Force Headquarters directorates came together for the Company Level Leadership Seminar to provide the latest information on unit readiness indicators and personnel development to Soldiers assigned to the Guard's major commands.

The course defined the roles of the company commander and the first sergeants during a training year, as their units hone their skills at providing support to civilian authorities or prepare for contingency operations around the world. About 60 company-level leaders attended the course.

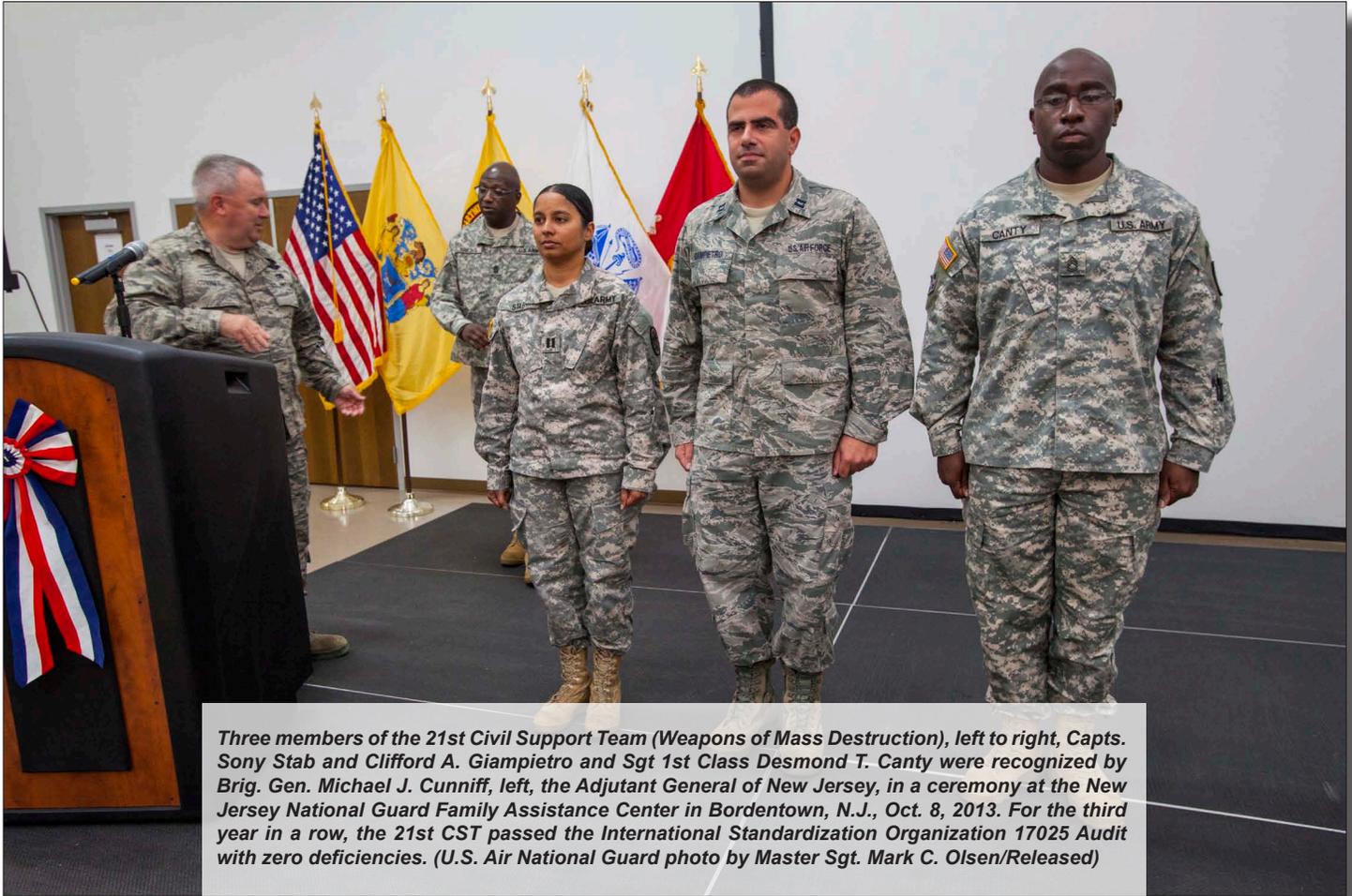
"You need to know your Soldiers, whether it's four or 400," said Col. Walter L. Alvarado, New Jersey Army National Guard Chief of Staff. "The first sergeant and the company commander are going to come together as one team. The first sergeant will make the commander successful and visa a versa. Know the standards and enforce them together."



Col. Walter L. Alvarado, New Jersey Army National Guard Chief of Staff, opens the Joint Forces Headquarters Company Level Leadership Seminar, hosted by the 254th Training Regiment, Sea Girt, N.J., Sept. 21.

One of the many highlights of the training included personnel being computer trained on the Army National Guard G1 gateway Director's Personnel Readiness Overview web program that allows commanders and first sergeants to see personnel in the unit and continue to have leadership grow the New Jersey Army National Guard force.

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Three members of the 21st Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction), left to right, Capts. Sony Stab and Clifford A. Giampietro and Sgt 1st Class Desmond T. Canty were recognized by Brig. Gen. Michael J. Cunniff, left, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, in a ceremony at the New Jersey National Guard Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., Oct. 8, 2013. For the third year in a row, the 21st CST passed the International Standardization Organization 17025 Audit with zero deficiencies. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



The construction of a columbarium at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery is ongoing. A columbarium is a respectful place for urns. (Photo courtesy of Edward R. Sain)

# THE POWER TO SAVE LIVES

Story by JoAnne Castagna, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District

After the water receded and wind settled after Superstorm Sandy, the New Jersey National Guard was out rescuing citizens. Whether they found that young child under the rubble or safely guided an elderly man out of his home, was a direct result of the work being performed by the task force at the Homeland Security Center of Excellence, Headquarters in New Jersey.

“Emergencies are our number one priority,” said Sgt. 1st Class Richard E. St. Pierre, who works at the center that is part of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. “It’s our responsibility to find roads that are safe for our teams to go out on to rescue people. Without an emergency operations center like ours, quick and efficient response to any emergency would be hindered if not incapacitated completely.”

The effective operation of this center includes making sure it has power. This summer the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District completed the construction of a solar power project to provide power to the center. This is the fifth solar power project the Army Corps has helped construct for the New Jersey Army National Guard.

The project is not only supporting a center that is saving lives during natural and man-made disasters, but also providing the center 40 percent of its annual energy needs and saving the National Guard and taxpayers’ considerable money.

“This project is enhancing homeland security,” said Jose Diaz, project manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District. “The overall effort in the use of renewable energy resources is to provide a level of energy security that will allow operation of our military facilities against any future fuel shortages, embargos, as well as natural disasters.”

Army Corps contractor P&S Construction, Inc. of Lowell, MA performed the work that involved installing 300 solar power panels on a 16,775 square foot area of roof on a warehouse adjacent to the center.

These panels were added to a panel system that was already on the warehouse roof, boosting their renewable energy capabilities from 321 Kilowatts to 550 Kilowatts.

Panel arrays are composed of modules made up of several solar cells or photovoltaic cells that absorb sunlight that produce



electricity. The larger the panel, the more electricity is produced.

Electricity in the form of direct current is produced by the panels, which is not directly usable energy for a building. Most buildings require alternating current at a higher voltage. To make usable building power, the solar panel’s direct current is fed into an inverter that transforms it into alternating current at a higher voltage.

This alternating current power is then sent to the building’s main transformers where it can be used by the building for its energy needs.

The enhanced solar power system is providing the center approximately 40 percent of its annual energy needs and reducing the center’s demand on the electrical grid during the highest and most costly energy demand days during the peak summer months.

“These roof mounted systems will save the National Guard and taxpayer’s approximately \$110,000.00 annually,” said Diaz.

This project is also tied to the public power grid so that excess energy can be shared with the community.

Like all of the New Jersey National Guard’s solar power projects, this project is under the State of New Jersey’s Solar Renewable Energy Certificate Program. Under this program, solar system owners that generate over 1,000 kilowatts of electricity per year that’s connected to the public power grid, receive certificates.

These certificates are then publicly sold and traded to New Jersey businesses and individuals, enabling them to receive solar power benefits without building a solar power system themselves. The revenue is returned to the solar system owners.

This won’t be the last solar power project the Army Corps creates for the New Jersey National Guard. They are starting another project at the New Jersey National Guard’s National Training Facility Headquarters in Sea Girt. They are constructing a 500+ Kilowatt carport system to help create a net zero installation, an installation that produces as much energy on the site as it uses over the course of a year.

“These projects are helping the New Jersey National Guard reach its renewable energy goals. The Guard wants 25 percent of its power to come from renewable energy sources by 2020,” said Diaz.

Diaz added, “In addition, this solar power system will also help conserve valuable natural resources, improve air quality due to the fuel free nature of solar electricity generation and serve as a showcase for integrating renewable energy into military facility operations.”

To learn more about this and other New Jersey National Guard solar power projects visit: [www.sunviewer.net/portals/NJNG/](http://www.sunviewer.net/portals/NJNG/)



Sgt. Maj. Terrence Taylor, left, and Sgt. 1st Class Richard St. Pierre update hurricane response plans in preparation for Hurricane Sandy at the Homeland Security Center of Excellence in Lawrenceville, N.J., Oct. 26, 2012. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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## OPERATION STAND DOWN OF NORTH JERSEY

### 2013

# OCTOBER 12

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



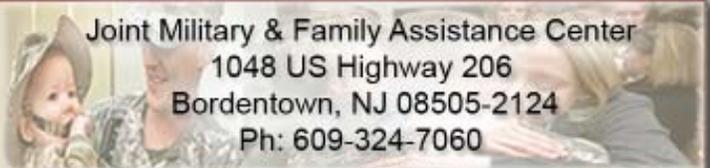
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John F. Kennedy Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street, Newark, NJ 07102



New Jersey

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Joint Military & Family Assistance Center  
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Legal Assistance  
Behavioral Health Assistance  
Personal Financial Consultants  
ID Cards / DEERS  
TRICARE  
Child and Youth Program  
Survivor Outreach

For more information call 609-324-7060 or visit:

<http://www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport>

<https://www.facebook.com/NewJerseyMilitaryFamilyAssistanceCenters>

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# *Helpful Links for Guidance and Information about the Government Shutdown*

**National Guard Bureau**

<http://www.nationalguard.mil/features/shutdown/default.aspx>

**DOD**

[http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0913\\_govtshutdown/](http://www.defense.gov/home/features/2013/0913_govtshutdown/)

**Army**

<http://www.army.mil/article/112425/>

**Air Force**

<http://www.af.mil/AboutUs/PotentialGovernmentShutdown.aspx>

**Department of Veterans Affairs - Veteran's Shutdown Field Guide**

[http://www.va.gov/opa/docs/Field\\_Guide\\_20130927.pdf](http://www.va.gov/opa/docs/Field_Guide_20130927.pdf)

**Office of Personnel Management Government Shutdown-Furlough Guidance.**

<http://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/pay-leave/furlough-guidance/#url=Shutdown-Furlough>

**Washington Post - Consumer Guide for Government Shutdown**

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/government-shutdown-a-consumer-guide/acf1e006-2a25-11e3-b139-029811dbb57f\\_topic.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/government-shutdown-a-consumer-guide/acf1e006-2a25-11e3-b139-029811dbb57f_topic.html)

**CNN What's Open/Closed**

<http://www.cnn.com/interactive/2013/09/politics/government-shutdown-impact/index.html>

**Federal News Radio - Agency Shutdown Guidance**

<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/153/3468370/Agency-by-agency-shutdown-guidance>

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1-888-859-0352

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November 5, 2013

**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 9:00 A.M.**

This American Legion-sponsored hiring event is being hosted by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA); conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; the NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development; the Morris County Chamber of Commerce; NJ Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 3401; NJ AMVETS; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS); the NJ State Parole Board; NJ State Libraries; the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; NBC News, and other local partners.

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A workshop for veterans and military that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 9:00 A.M.

For registration questions, please contact [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com) or call 202463-5807.



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US Family Health Care, a Tricare Prime option providing a civilian based managed care network, will be holding Question and Answer sessions to provide information for servicemembers and families.

USFHP pushes forward effective Jan. 1, 2014, and they are adding an extra benefit to their already robust benefit package! Eye glasses for \$0 to low cost. To hear more about USFHP and this added benefit, come to one of their upcoming information sessions listed below:

**Joint Military and Family Assistance Center**

1048 US Highway 206, Bordentown  
October 17, 24 & 31  
12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**JB-MDL McGuire Library**

2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave, JB-MDL  
October 29  
3 - 7 p.m.

**Pemberton Community Library**

Brownmills, NJ 08015  
October 23  
3 - 7 p.m.

**Mount Laurel Library**

100 Walt Whitman Ave, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054  
October 11  
12 to 4 p.m.

**Camden County Veterans Affairs**

3 Collier Dr., Lakeland Complex, Blackwood, NJ 08012  
October 21, 28  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**177th Fighter Wing**

Bldg. 229, 400 Langley Rd., Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234  
October 22  
12 - 4 p.m.

Call 1-800-241-4848 option 3 or visit [www.usfhp.net](http://www.usfhp.net) for more information.



Homes Now, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation providing affordable housing and services to municipalities throughout the state of New Jersey.

Homes Now, Inc. is currently accepting applications from veterans looking for affordable housing at their Tudor Village location in Brick Township.

To download the application, please follow this link: [http://homes-now.org/PDF\\_files/Affordable\\_Housing\\_Application.pdf](http://homes-now.org/PDF_files/Affordable_Housing_Application.pdf), or contact Casey Duffy at 732-295-7380 for more information.

Founded in 1997 by President and CEO Carol A. Wolfe, Homes Now is dedicated to building, rehabilitating, financing and monitoring new and existing deed restricted affordable housing in compliance with each municipality's certified COAH (Council on Affordable Housing) plan.

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