



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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## Happy 100th Birthday, Joe!!



*Joseph Imperato celebrates his 100th birthday with fellow veterans, friends and staff at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus July 8, 2014. Imperato is a Navy veteran who served during World War II and is currently a resident of the Home. (NJDMAVA photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez/Released)*

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**Six Flags HURRICANE HARBOR!**

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**Six Flags Great Adventure**  
JTZDC Association is sponsoring Six Flags Summer Picnic for Soldiers and their families.

Ticket cost is:

**\$43.99** per person (includes children 2 and above)

Ticket price also includes a 2-hour unlimited buffet: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Salad, Fixin's Bar, Ice Cream or Cookies and Cold Beverages.

Contact for ticket sales: Trudi Deyoung 609.847.5325  
[Trudi.c.deyoung\\_ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Trudi.c.deyoung_ctr@mail.mil)

SFC Paul Rein 609.562.0644 [paul.j.rein.mil@mail.mil](mailto:paul.j.rein.mil@mail.mil)

**Friday**  
**August 22, 2014**

[sixflags.com](http://sixflags.com)

Due to maintenance circumstances, certain rides, shows and attractions (including new rides, shows and attractions) may not be open to the public. © 2014 Six Flags Theme Parks Inc. 2014091409: 766 41 DC Comm. 2014.

**Boo! Blast**  
**at Dorney Park**

JTZDC Association is sponsoring Halloween Fun for Soldiers and their families Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Activities include:** Mask Making, Pumpkin Painting, Halloween shows with the Peanuts Gang, Children's rides, Scavenger hunts, and Petting Zoo.

Ticket cost is:

**\$40.00** per person (includes children 2 and above)  
Parking Fee: \$15.00 per vehicle / Paid at Park

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## Energy Conservation

### Energy Conservation Tip of the Week

Sources of low-wattage energy usage, such as small appliances and gadgets, use energy even when turned off and can account for as much as 20 – 30 percent of energy consumption. Remember to unplug your household gadgets while not in use!

#### Did You Know?

Vampire Energy, also known as Phantom Energy, is the energy wasted by leaving appliances (such as a cell phone chargers, DVD players, toaster ovens, etc.) plugged in while not in use.

If you would like more information about our energy and water conservation efforts, please contact Christopher Moore, Energy Manager at [christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov](mailto:christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov).



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*Theresa Chrystal, center, scans documents and photographers at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey as Monmouth County Freeholder Serena DiMasio, left, and Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, listen to Capt. Vincent Solomeno, museum curator, explain the ongoing work to digitize the history of the New Jersey National Guard. Department of Labor Commissioner Harold Wirths, right, came to the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt to see the Superstorm Sandy recovery progress by workers hired under the Workforce Development program. (NJDMVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)*



*New Jersey Veterans Haven - South participated at the "Really Cool Carnival" held at the Voorhees Care and Rehabilitation Center June 25, 2014. (Courtesy photo)*



# HIRING OUR HEROES<sup>®</sup>

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

2014 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event – Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ  
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 316<sup>TH</sup> ARMY RESERVE OPERATION SUSTAINMENT WARRIOR  
 The Navy Hanger, Fleet Logistics Support Squadron 64  
 3370 Wonnacott Ave, Joint Base MDL, NJ 08641  
**Monday, July 28, 2014**

<b>EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS: 9:00AM - 11AM;          11:00AM -1:00PM; 1:00PM - 3:00PM</b>
<b>HIRING FAIR: 9:00AM – 4:00PM</b>

A University of Phoenix-sponsored Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair for all veterans, military members and spouses will be proudly hosted in conjunction with the 316<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Reserve Operation Sustainment Warrior. This job fair is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the New Jersey Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, The American Legion, Goodwill Industries International, NBC News, and other local partners.

<b>EMPLOYERS</b> Must register for <b>FREE</b> at <a href="http://HiringOurHeroes.org">HiringOurHeroes.org</a>	<b>JOB SEEKERS</b> Register for <b>FREE</b> at <a href="http://HiringOurHeroes.org">HiringOurHeroes.org</a> to guarantee admission. Walk-ins welcome but space not guaranteed.
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## NEW REGULATIONS AUTOMATE BURIAL PAYMENTS FOR VETERAN'S SURVIVORS

WASHINGTON – New burial regulations effective July 7 will now allow the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to automatically pay the maximum amount allowable under law to most eligible surviving spouses more quickly and efficiently, without the need for a written application.

Under former regulations, VA paid burial benefits on a reimbursement basis, which required survivors to submit receipts for relatively small one-time payments that VA generally paid at the maximum amount permitted by law.

“VA is committed to improving the speed and ease of delivery of monetary burial benefits to Veterans’ survivors during their time of need,” said acting VA Secretary Sloan Gibson. “The recent changes allow VA to help these survivors bear the cost of funerals by changing regulations to get them the benefits

more quickly.”

This automation enables VA to pay a non-service-connected or service-connected burial allowance to an estimated 62,000 eligible surviving spouses out of a projected 140,000 claimants for burial benefits in 2014. Surviving spouses will be paid upon notice of the Veteran’s death using information already in VA systems. The burial allowance for a non-service-connected death is \$300, and \$2,000 for a death connected to military service.

This revised regulation will further expedite the delivery of these benefits to surviving spouses, reduce the volume of claims requiring manual processing, and potentially make available resources for other activities that benefit Veterans and their survivors.

For more information on monetary burial benefits, visit <http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/claims-special-burial.asp>.



*The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park was the location where the New Jersey Lottery Commission introduced its new lottery hostess, Erica Young, and the unveiling of the State’s largest lottery check - signifying the lottery’s contribution to education and institutions over the past 45 years. At the ceremonial signing of the \$25 billion check June 30, 2014, were,*

*from left to right, Brig. Gen. Steven Ferrari, director of Veterans Healthcare Services at New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Joseph Brandspiegel, chief executive officer at the Veterans Home; Raymond Zawacki, deputy commissioner for Veterans Affairs at NJDMAVA; Carole Hedinger, NJ Lottery commissioner; and Erica Young. (Courtesy photo)*

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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:

#### **Fort Dix Housing Community Center**

Bldg. 1134 Hemlock Street, JB-MDL  
July 21, Aug. 11 and Sept. 15 / 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

#### **JB-MDL McGuire Library**

2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave, JB-MDL  
July 21 and Sept. 8 / 3 to 7 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

#### **JB-MDL McGuire Housing**

**Jim Saxton Community Center**  
3811 South Boiling Street, JBMDL  
July 10, Aug. 22 and Sept. 25 / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

#### **108th Wing Airmen & Family Readiness Office**

3327 Charles Blvd, JB-MDL  
Aug. 7 and Sept. 17 / 1 to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

#### **Picatiny Arsenal Army Community Service**

Bldg. 119, Dover, NJ  
Aug. 19 and 26 / 10 am. - 12 p.m.  
Contact Darrel Hutchinson at 646-354-0126

#### **Pemberton Community Library**

16 Broadway Street, Brownmills, NJ  
July 29 and Sept. 22 / 3 to 7 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

#### **Mount Laurel Library**

100 Walt Whitman Ave, Mount Laurel, NJ  
July 25, Aug. 15 and Sept. 12 / 4 to 6:45 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

#### **Camden County Veterans Affairs**

3 Collier Dr., Lakeland Complex, Blackwood, NJ  
July 14, 28; Aug. 11, 25; and Sept. 8, 15 and 22  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Wil Acosta at 646-300-1312

#### **NJDMAVA Bldg**

IASD Section,  
101 Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ  
Aug. 12, 19 and Sept. 9, 23 / 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

#### **177th Fighter Wing**

Bldg. 229, 400 Langley Rd., Egg Harbor Twp, NJ  
July 15, Aug. 7 and Sept. 18 / 12 - 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

#### **NJNG Jersey City Armory**

678 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ  
July 10, 17; Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28; Sept. 4 and 11  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson at 646-354-0126

#### **NJNG Toms River Armory**

1200 Whitesville Road, Toms Rive, NJ  
July 16, Aug. 18 and Sept. 4 / 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

#### **NWS Earle**

Bldg. C29, 201 Highway 34 South, Colts Neck, NJ  
July 18, Aug. 8 and Sept. 18 / 7 - 11 a.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

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

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