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## New Generation Of DSM Recipients



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAV/PA

(Left to right) Sgt. Victor Hernandez, Cpl. Paul Lazaro (who also received a Purple Heart), Staff Sgt. Elias Rivera and Cpl. Karl Von Der Heyde proudly display their New Jersey Distinguished Service Medals. On April 2, the 1-150th General Support Aviation Battalion and Detachment 1, 642nd Division Aviation Support Battalion held a Welcome Home and Freedom Salute Ceremony at the National Guard Armory in West Trenton. At the Ceremony, 162 Citizen-Soldiers received New Jersey's highest military award. The New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal was originally issued in 1858 for those who had distinguished themselves in the New Jersey Militia. It was

reauthorized in 1988 and is New Jersey's highest military award. For more information or application forms contact your local Veterans Service Officer or go online to: [www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/index.html](http://www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/index.html) for a list of the medals and their eligibility requirements. Those interested in applying should send a completed application together with copies of all pertinent information, discharge document award citation, honorable discharge, etc. to:

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# DCVA's Message



My attendance at the Volunteer Appreciation ceremonies at the three Memorial Homes recently made me reflect on the important contributions that veterans make every day to fellow veterans.

While the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs provides the bricks and mortar, the nourishment and healing hands of modern medicine fulfilling the mandate that is 140 years old, it is the veterans helping fellow veterans that fill the heart and soul of the homes. The circle of care that DMAVA

provides is not complete without these wonderful volunteers.

The Veteran Service Organizations are partners in providing the quality of life that our fellow veterans deserve. A partner that puts the veterans families minds at ease knowing that their loved one has people actively participating in their well-being every day.

Veterans groups large and small, from state headquarters to the local posts, have donated thousands of dollars each year that make life comfortable for their fellow veterans. One example is the donations from several organizations that allowed for the purchase of TVs with DVD players for every room at Veterans Haven.

The list is endless of how the veterans' organizations have financially stepped up across the state. From supporting small projects like clock radios in the homes, to the massive financial effort that will be needed to construct the World War II Memorial across from the State House in Trenton.

There is a line in the Beatles song "Can't Buy Me Love" that comes to mind to describe the generosity of vet groups. "I may not have a lot to give but what I got I'll give to you" certainly tells the story about how the service organizations and veterans in general have reached deep into their pockets to help our fellow veterans.

Money is a wonderful gift, but time is the gift that is truly priceless. When it comes to time, veterans spend that resource without limits.

At the memorial homes, in the hearing rooms of the legislature and at the armories welcoming home our service members from the ongoing conflict, I see veterans in action. Volunteering their time to make sure everyone that has worn the uniform receives the recognition and services due for their sacrifice to this state and nation.

This partnership of DMAVA and the service organizations is a shining example of public and private entities working together for the greater good.

"Serving Those Who Served" is the department motto, but it is also the driving force behind the support that Veterans provide every day.

With regards,

Stephen G. Abel



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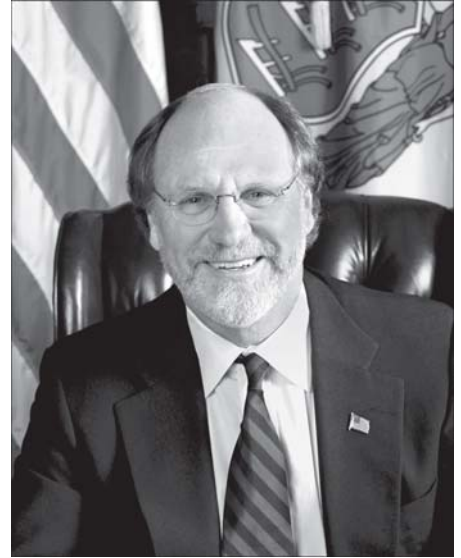
# Message From The Governor

Dear Friends,

Our state and country has greatly benefited from those who have served in the Armed Forces. We as a state take pride in the service of our veterans, as well as those who currently serve. In the coming weeks and months we will all take time out to reflect and honor those who have given of themselves on Memorial Day and at our Flag Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations.

We are indebted to our noble men and women veterans, and my Administration is devoted to providing the support and services they deserve.

I believe the protection of our citizenry is paramount. It was with this in mind I recently created the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. This office will be an integral part of our state's domestic security which is a coordinated effort with the New Jersey State Police and New Jersey National Guard. We have entered a new threat era requiring a new operational approach to our security and preparedness. As your Governor, I am committed to insuring the safest possible environment for New Jerseyans.



On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I extend my sincere appreciation for your service to our country. My Administration is dedicated to improving the lives all of New Jersey residents and making our great state better.

With best wishes,

Jon S. Corzine

## **COMMUNITY BANKERS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION EXTENDED**

The deadline for applying for scholarships for dependents of service members who lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq has been extended to June 30, 2006 by the New Jersey League of Community Bankers.

The 75 members of the New Jersey League of Community Bankers supports the fund through the Association's Education Foundation.

Scholarship funds will be considered for ap-

plicants with a high school or equivalency diploma in pursuit of higher education, including technical or vocational training, and demonstrate a financial need. Either the dependent or the service member must have a geographical connection to New Jersey.

For more information visit the New Jersey League of Community Bankers website [www.njleague.com/scholarship.htm](http://www.njleague.com/scholarship.htm).



# VETS LEADERS CALL GETS THE WORD OUT

Photo and story by Kryn Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA

More than three-dozen leaders from Veterans Service Organizations attended a Veterans Leadership Call hosted by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) on May 20.

The goal for the various veterans groups is to be updated on current DMAVA programs and discuss mutual legislative goals so that information could be passed along to the membership at the upcoming state conventions.

Brig. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, Deputy Adjutant General, briefed the attendees on the current deployments of the New Jersey National Guard and discussed the still ongoing developments of the BRAC decisions, to include status of the VA clinic located on Fort Monmouth. Dodson stated that VA health care should remain on the soon to be closed post and everyone was working towards that goal.

One idea DMAVA is looking into is the possibility that the VA clinic could be relocated to the Patterson Army Hospital. The idea is to convert the rest of the hospital into a Veterans Haven, expanding on the success of the transitional housing program in Winslow Township, while adding up to 200 beds for homeless veterans who would like to enter the program according to Col. (Ret.) Stephen G. Abel, Deputy



*American veterans (AmVets) State Commander Barbara Horowitz, left, is joined by Col. (Ret.) Stephen G. Abel, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, center to welcome Beryl Love, AmVets National Program Director, right, to the Veterans Leadership Call. Love outlined the AmVets National Symposium for the Needs of Young Veterans that will be held in Chicago on October 18 to 21. Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks will be the keynote speaker at the event which will bring upwards of 1500 people together to discuss how the current veterans program can be modified to better assist the newest veterans from the Global War on Terrorism. For more information and details on how to attend the event visit [www.veteransnationalsymposium.org](http://www.veteransnationalsymposium.org) or [www.amvets.org](http://www.amvets.org).*

Commissioner for Veterans Affairs.

The department has visited the facility and will determine if the former Army hospital will work for such a program before formally requesting that the property be turned over to the state as part of the BRAC process. "We are looking four or five years from now, this is a long range plan," noted Abel.

The veterans share a concern to see the passage of legislation that would realign state regulations to mirror federal guidelines on how to determine eligibility for veteran benefits. DMAVA Director of Government Relations, Dr. Wayne Girardet explained the potential cost to the state and local governments should legislation referred to

as 'Vet Is A Vet' is approved.

There would be a nearly \$24 million dollar cost to the state to pay for the \$250 property tax deduction if state eligibility matched the federal rules. It is estimated by Girardet that local governments could lose more than \$29 million dollars for property tax exemptions for 100 percent disabled veterans. The Veteran's Retirement Allowance and Civil Service preference would have a minimum financial impact especially the preference provision, which is where the department would like to start the 'Vet Is A Vet' process.

"Take one bite of the apple at a time," said Abel, as he spoke about breaking down the 'Vet Is A Vet' issue into smaller pieces.

At the Veterans Leadership Call in December, then Governor-elect Jon Corzine indicated his support for the 'Vet Is A Vet' legislation.

Next up to speak was Brig. Gen. Frank Carlini, Director of Veterans Healthcare as he addressed several issues pertaining to the three Veterans Memorial Homes. Currently the homes are all above a 96 percent occupancy rate with Menlo Park and Paramus housing more than 300 veterans each and with Vineland moving towards that number as the new wing is populated. While that is good news for the homes, the bad news is that no

# NEW INFO IMPACTS VETS ACROSS THE STATE

New Jersey projects made the VA construction list for this year. The replacement of the heating and air conditioning system at Paramus is a department priority, and every effort will be made to move that project up the VA's list for funding for this year or next.

The public comment period on changes to New Jersey Administrative Code 5A-5, that covers DMAVA facilities, has closed according to Carlini. One of the major changes to the code, was to liberalize the admissions policy. This makes additional former service members eligible to apply for admission to the memorial homes. The percentage of non-veterans who can apply to the homes, which covers spouses and Gold Star parents, will be increase from five to twenty percent.

Carlini noted that the current application is being standardized and streamlined for all three memorial homes and will be published on the DMAVA website.

The department continued to stress the need for veterans' orga-

nizations to encourage their members to get their VA disability claims reevaluated. "A bad knee doesn't get better with age," added Abel.

The \$35-million dollar expansion at the Brig. Gen. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery continues to move forward as the new administrative and maintenance facility construction is on schedule. The plans to covert the old maintenance building near the entrance to the cemetery into a public information center will be several years away as the more pressing issue of providing additional burial plots or crypts are a priority for the next four to five years.

The veteran leaders talked about the annual Stand Downs for homeless vets. The Veterans of Foreign Wars proposed that the Stand Down be longer than a single day, more like the three-day Stand Down event previously held at Fort Dix.

The department will ask the groups that coordinate the North and South Jersey Stand Down's to

consider combining the two into a single multi-day event to service the estimated eight thousand homeless veterans in the state.

One of the key concerns with the Stand Downs in any format is how to get the information out to the veterans you are trying to help.

"These veterans do not have cable TV or have the newspaper delivered to their door every day," said Gary Englert, Director of Veterans Services.

When asked about how to track the wounded or Killed In Action service members in the ongoing Global War on Terrorism, Englert recommend a website, [www.thefinalrollcall.us/](http://www.thefinalrollcall.us/), as a good source for the latest information.

By the end of the half day session the veteran organizations commanders were better informed on the current status of programs in the state and agreed that working together is the best way to leverage the power of membership, because the bottom line is every one is a veteran first.



## Governor Visits Vets Call

*Before talking the oath of office in January, then Governor-elect Jon S. Corzine addressed the Veterans Leadership Call in December 2005 at the National Guard's Lawrenceville Armory. Corzine related his experience as a sergeant in the Marine Corps Reserve and expressed his support for the 'Vet Is A Vet' legislation. After his speech the Governor-elect made the rounds of the drill floor to personally greet all the veteran service organization leaders. The Veterans Leaders Call is a bi-annual event to bring together senior veterans group representatives and the senior leaders of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to discuss issues and programs. Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, DMAVA/PA*



## Volunteers Honored

New Jersey Veterans Memorial Homes conducted their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheons in April at Vineland on the 20th, Paramus the 24th and Menlo Park on the 28th (pictured above). The luncheons honor the veterans organizations and the role they play in the volunteer support to the homes. Photo courtesy New Jersey Veterans memorial Home at Menlo Park.

## VA Announces Site For National Cemetery

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has selected a 214-acre property near Dolington in southern Bucks County as the site for a new national cemetery 25 miles north of central Philadelphia.

VA plans to begin burials in a small section of the cemetery as soon as late 2008.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from a VA Web site at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov) or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

## Iraqi Vet VA's 18 Millionth Home Loan Guaranty

One of the most widely used veterans benefits in America reaches a major milestone May 13 when Secretary of Veterans Affairs R. James Nicholson will announce that an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran from Texas is the recipient of the 18 millionth home loan guaranteed by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

"VA's home loan guaranty program has been helping veterans purchase homes for more than 60 years," Secretary Nicholson said. "This VA no-down payment loan program reflects our nation's appreciation of the brave men and women who put on our country's uniforms in defense of freedom and our way of life. It

also highlights VA's contribution to turning the United States into a nation of homeowners."

Since 1944 when President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Servicemen's Readjustment Act into law, the GI Bill, as it is popularly known, has secured more than \$892 billion of financing for veterans' and service members' home loans. In fiscal year 2005 alone, VA guaranteed more than 165,000 loans for mortgages valued at more than \$24.9 billion.

VA-guaranteed home loans are made by banks and mortgage companies to veterans, service members and eligible reservists. With VA backing a portion of the loan, veterans can receive a competitive interest rate without a down payment, making it easier to buy a home. On Jan. 1, 2006, the VA loan guaranty limit for no-down payment loans was increased to \$417,000. The previous ceiling was \$359,650.

Information about VA home loan benefits is available on the Web at [www.homeloans.va.gov/](http://www.homeloans.va.gov/) or by calling 1-800-827-1000.

## Records Added To Online Gravesite Locator

The burial locations of more than five million veterans for whom the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has provided grave markers are now available on the Internet.



## Legion Buys Beds For Vets

Joseph M. Gugliuzza (left), Department Commander, American Legion, presents a check for \$7,500 to Joseph Brandspiegel (right) Chief Executive Officer, Veteran Memorial Home at Menlo Park, for the purchase of low beds.



Online since April 2004, the nationwide gravesite locator (<http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov>) helps veterans' families, former comrades-in-arms and others find the graves of veterans.

VA recently added 1.9 million records for veterans buried primarily in private cemeteries to its database. The gravesite locator previously carried records on 3 million veterans buried in VA national cemeteries since the Civil War, and in state veterans cemeteries and Arlington National Cemetery.

Information on VA burial benefits can be obtained from national cemetery offices, from a VA Web site at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov) or by calling VA regional offices toll-free at 1-800-827-1000.

## VA Traumatic Injuries Payments Begin

Troops and their families now have more financial security, thanks to the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) new Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection (TSGLI) program. Prudential Financial Inc., the insurer, has begun making payments under the program.

The TSGLI payments, ranging from \$25,000 to \$100,000, are made to service members who have suffered certain traumatic injuries while on active duty.

The new insurance program became effective December 1, 2005, and is designed to provide financial help to military families through extended periods of medical care and healing. Benefits are also payable retroactively to October 7, 2001 for service members and veterans who suffered certain traumatic injuries while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

For more information visit the VA's website at [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov) or call the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance at 1-800-419-1473.

## Doyle Cemetery Seeks Volunteers

The BG William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery is working toward designation as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. They are looking for volunteers for outreach and 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](mailto:Iven.Dumas@njdmava.state.nj.us)

## National Purple Heart Hall Of Honor To Open Nov. 11

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is scheduled to open on Nov. 11 at the New Windsor Cantonment State Historical Site located at Vails Gate, N.Y.

Servicemembers who have received a Purple Heart and wish to be listed should send a **copy** of their DD-214 to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, P.O. Box 207, Vails Gate, NY, 12584.

## Expanded VA Coverage For Southern New Jersey

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center (VAMC) in Wilmington, Del., has expanded its services to southern New Jersey. These services, which include emergency care and specialty services, are available to eligible veterans enrolled at the Wilmington VAMC.

Veterans seeking these services must first obtain a referral from a Wilmington VA provider. Primary care services are offered at the Vineland and Ventnor Community Based Outpatient Clinics. Both are currently enrolling new veterans. For more information call 1-800-461-8262, extension 5212. For authorization of services call 1-800-461-8262, extensions 4154 or 5217.



## Statues Presented To Homes

On March 17, the New Jersey Advisory Committee for Women Veterans presented the Minuteman Statue to the chief executive officers (CEO) of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Homes. From left to right: Helen Brudner, Committee Member, Dorothy Dempsey, designer of the statue and former Committee Member, Joseph E. Romano, CEO, Vineland; Doris R. Neibart, CEO, Paramus; Joseph Brandspiegel, CEO, Menlo Park; and Anna Hoffman, Committee Chairperson. Photo by Kryn Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA.

# Vietnam Remembrance Day 2006

By Sibley Smith, New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Era Education Center

Since 1991 the state has set aside a day to honor all those from New Jersey who served in the military during the Vietnam Era, from 1959 to 1975, when more than 200,000 New Jersey residents served.

On May 7, the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, with assistance from the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, held its annual New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Remembrance Day ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel.

Approximately 400 people attended the commemorative event, which was held in the Memorial's courtyard, surrounded by the circular, black granite wall bearing the names of 1,560 New Jerseyans whose lives were lost in the Vietnam War.

The ceremony began with a welcome address by Beverly Fedorko-Ott, President of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation. The colors were posted by three color guard units, Chapter 800 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the North Jersey Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and Boy Scout Troop 155 of Freehold. The invocation was given by Joseph Formola, Chaplain of the New Jersey State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Remarks were given by Congressman Scott Garrett (R., 5th District), Director of Veteran Services Gary Englert (NJ-DMVA), and New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine. Wreaths were placed accompanied by music played on bagpipes by Bernie Snyder of Forked River.

John F. McCourt, Director, Regional Office, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), served as the keynote speaker. McCourt served in the Army from August 1967 until March 1969, including a 14-month tour of duty in Vietnam. His awards and decorations include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Bronze Star for meritorious service, and a Bronze Star for Valor. He began his career with the VA in 1973 and was named the Director of the Newark Regional Office in 2003.

It was announced that the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation recently added three more names to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memo-



*Chapter 800 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the North Jersey Chapter of the 82nd Airborne Division Association, and Boy Scout Troop 155 of Freehold posted the colors at the Remembrance Day Ceremony. Photo courtesy New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Era Education Center.*

rial, bringing the total of 1,560.

First Lieutenant Harold L. Cheadle Jr. of Millburn served with the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. He was killed in action on August 23, 1968 in Quang Tri.

Second Lieutenant Robert H. Crum, Jr. of Essex Fells served with the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry and was killed in action on May 22, 1966 near Binh Dinh Province.

Private First Class Douglas J. Weiss of Upper Saddle River served with the 1st Cavalry Division's 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry. He was killed in action on May 6, 1966 near Bong Son.

These names were added to the Memorial after the Foundation was informed that the serviceman had connections to New Jersey, but their military records did not list the state as the home of record.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and the Vietnam Era Educational Center are located on the grounds of the PNC Bank Arts Center, at Exit 116 on the Garden State Parkway in Holmdel. The Memorial is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Regular admission to the Center 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.



# A Letter From The Regional VA Director

By John F. McCourt, Director, VARO, Newark

Hello New Jersey veterans, and greetings from the VA Newark Regional Office. This is the first in a series of articles that will appear in this newsletter outlining the Newark Regional Office's efforts to have more veterans file claims for compensation benefits.

As Col. (Ret.) Stephen Abel mentioned in the Winter 2005 edition of the *Veterans Journal*, only eight percent (50,000) of New Jersey's 600,000 veterans currently receive monthly compensation from the Veterans Benefits Administration. Nationally 10 percent of our 25 million living veterans receive monthly compensation for their service connected disabilities. While two percent may not seem like a large number, that translates into 12,000 veterans.

Our goal is to bring as many of those veterans onto the rolls as possible. To do this we are partnering with NJDMVA to encourage veterans to apply for service connected compensation or non-service connected pension. We will also explore all possible ways and opportunities of reaching those 550,000 veterans who live in our state who are not on the compensation rolls.

We are also interested in getting more claims from the 50,000 veterans already receiving monthly compensation. Statistics show that we are not receiving enough claims from these veterans as a group, which includes combat injured veterans.

Recent reviews of these veterans' records shows that the majority of these combat injured veterans have not filed claims for increases since they were initially awarded compensation benefits many years ago. In most cases, 30, 40 and 50 years have gone by since they were awarded benefits. These reviews included combat injured from all wars, including WW II, Korea, and Vietnam. If you are one of these combat injured and your disabilities have worsened over the years, you may be entitled to increased compensation.

The good news is that the VA can't decrease your compensation by law once you have received it at the same level for 20 years. The VA recognizes that certain disabilities grow more severe as time progresses and have a greater affect on veterans as they age. We are encouraging all veterans, but particularly those combat injured, to review their current disability compensation rates and apply for an increase if their conditions have worsened.

We also encourage veterans to involve their accredited Veteran Service Officers (VSO) when they apply to the VA for compensation. Ideally veterans should allow their VSO to file their paperwork for them at the Regional Office. Veterans who actively involve their VSO's in the advocacy of their claims receive higher awards and in less time than veterans who do not. You do not need to personally visit the Regional Office, but may call your representative at the following phone numbers:

American Legion	973-297-3377
American Vets	215-381-3294
Disabled American Vets	973-297-3378
Jewish War Vets	973-297-3388
Military Order of the Purple Heart	973-297-3389
NJ Dept. of Military & Vet Affairs	973-297-3230
Paralyzed Vets of America	973-297-3228
Veterans of Foreign Wars	973-297-3226
Vietnam Vets of America	973-297-3227

If you don't have an accredited VSO or don't remember if you have one, you can call the Regional Office toll free at 1-800-527-1000 for information.

I look forward to providing additional information about compensation benefits to my fellow veterans in the coming weeks and months and partnering with NJDMVA to ensure that all veterans know about how to file for the benefits that they have earned.

## New Veterans' Preference Criteria

The Office of Personnel Management recently stated that servicemembers are entitled to veterans' preference if they have the following medals:

- \* Iraq Campaign Medal
- \* Afghanistan Medal
- \* Korea Defense Service Medal

Even though servicemembers who have received

the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal (for service in Operation Enduring Freedom) do not qualify for veterans' preference, they do qualify for veterans' recruitment appointment.

Medal holders are required to have served continuously for 24 months or the full period called or ordered to duty.

# OUTREACH ACROSS THE STATE

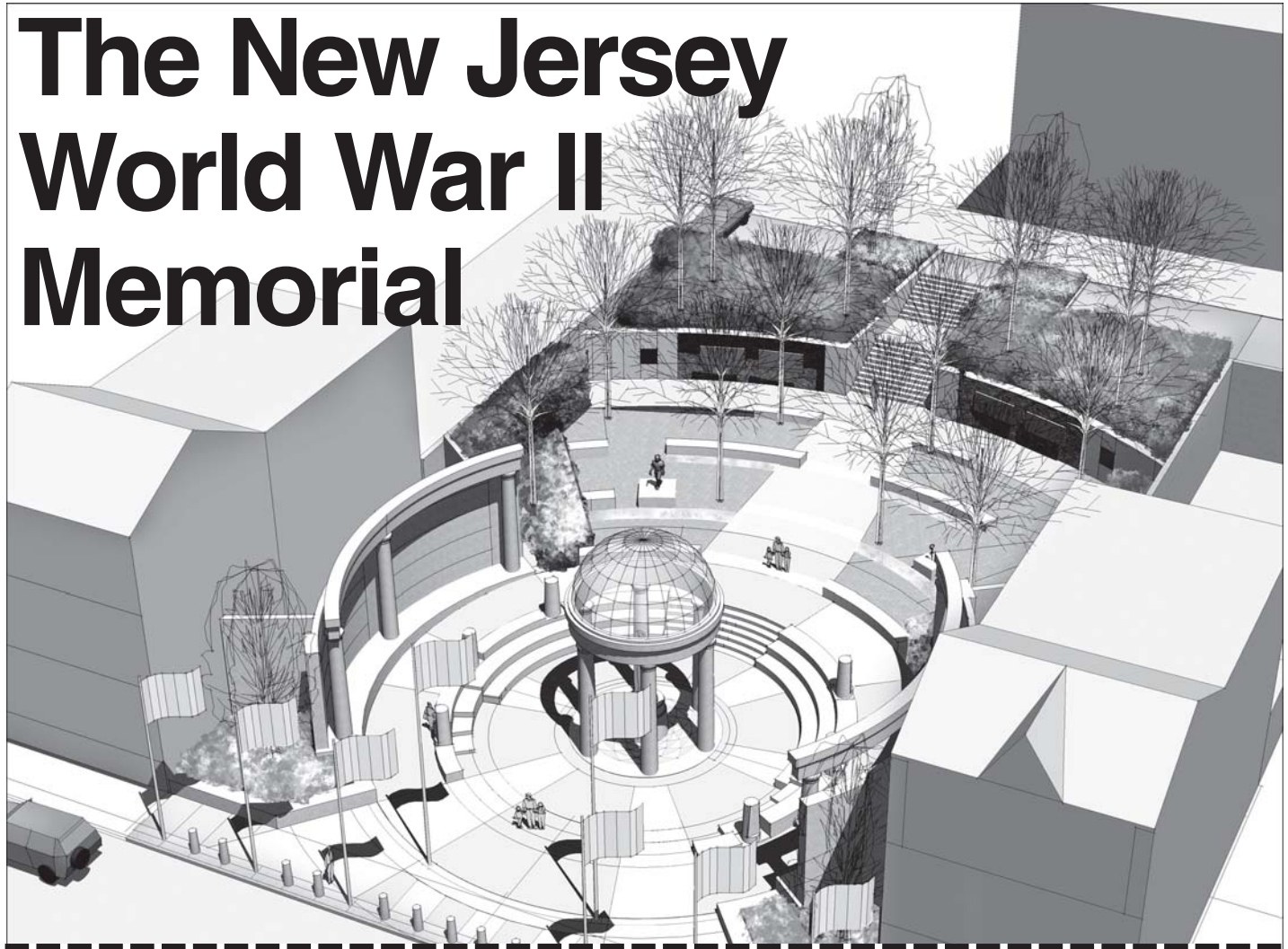


The Veterans Outreach kiosk has been popular with crowds at Brunswick Square Mall, above, Moorestown Mall, upper right and Menlo Park Mall in Edison. The kiosk stop at the Ocean County Mall in Toms River on May 18 to 20 included a ceremony to present the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal to veterans. A large crowd attended the ceremony held in the center court of the mall, lower right, veterans honored included a World War II veteran William G. McCarrick of Toms River, below right, as Col. (Ret.) Stephen G. Abel, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, left, presents the medal. Photos by Kryn Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA. The Kiosk will visit the following locations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m: Cherry Hill Mall, July 13-15, Quakerbridge Mall, Aug. 10-12, Livingston Mall, Sept. 14-16, Deptford Mall Oct. 12-14 and the Menlo Park Mall Nov. 9-11.





# The New Jersey World War II Memorial



## State of New Jersey World War II Memorial at Veterans Park (Trenton)

*Today fewer and fewer Americans have a personal connection or awareness of the sacrifices and courage of New Jersey's World War II Veterans and Generation. It is the Commission's goal to dedicate the WWII Memorial in the Fall of 2006. Time is quickly passing. We urge you to support the New Jersey World War II Memorial through a tax-deductible contribution.*

**Individual Donors:**  
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**Memorial donations are payable to: Treasurer, State of New Jersey\***

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### **Fort Monmouth Clinic**

8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
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732-532-4465

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