

DMAVA Highlights

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Museum stores veterans' oral histories

By Carol Fowler, Sea Girt Museum Oral History Director and Assistant Curator

The National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey archives a repository of veteran oral histories at its main facility in the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, and is an official partner of the Library of Congress. Since the program's inception in 2001, nearly 400 veterans' stories have been filmed – male and female veterans from every recent U.S. war and conflict and every branch of service.

One interview on file is with Margaret Houlday Askew. Mrs. Askew was born in Newark in 1918. In early 1941 she volunteered with the Middlesex County American Red Cross as a member of the South Amboy Women's Motor Corps. As a Motor Corps member, Margaret was required to have a driver's license and qualify for certificates in first aid and basic automobile mechanic skills, the latter included changing tires in the dark. As a volunteer, Margaret's only 'pay' was her satisfaction in helping her country and the gas ration coupons she received.

With the outbreak of war that December, the Motor Corps was assigned to support the N.J. State Guardsmen (the state's Na-



tional Guard had been called up for federal service) posted along the Raritan River bridges. Using her own automobile and driving without headlights due to blackout regulations, Margaret braved the dark and drove hot dinners to the guards camped under the Route 9 bridge. She also served in the Civil Defense Corps.

The oral history program is always in need of volunteers, who provide valuable assistance in viewing and summarizing the veterans' stories for inclusion on our website and in the Library of Congress' online database. Our summaries and transcripts provide a valuable insight and are a resource for historical researchers and families alike. Retired secretaries or court stenographers are especially welcome as their skills are vital to preparing transcripts of interviews.

Individual private interviews are conducted at the museum; on occasion, off-site. A video copy is given to the veteran.

The oral history project is ongoing year-round, and veterans interested in an interview can sign up on our website (<http://www.state.nj.us/military/museum/oralhistory.html>) by completing an online biographical form. Or you can get a hard copy when visiting the museum or by calling 732-974-5966.

Things to do this holiday weekend

Are you ready for some laughs this weekend? For free? Go on down to the Camden Waterfront on Saturday, Sept. 4 and watch Flugtag. The event begins at 11 a.m.

Flugtag, which means "flying day" in German, will bring 34 teams who have designed, built and will pilot their homemade flying machines off a 30-foot high ramp into the Delaware River. These flying machines must be human powered, less than 30 feet wide and weigh no more than 450 pounds, including the pilot.

Distance is important in the competition, but creativity and showmanship are necessary to impress the judges. Previous competitions have shown off a flying taco, an airborne outhouse, a fire engine streaking through the sky, and a Winnebago with wings.

The first Flugtag took place in Vienna, Austria in 1991 and more than 80 Flugtags have been held around the globe since then. Record for the farthest flight is 195 feet set in 2000 in Austria. The U.S. record is 155 feet set in 2007 in Nashville.

For more information, visit www.camdencounty.com/government/flugtag-flying-camden-waterfront-labor-day-weekend.

Soldiers, Airmen and their immediate family members of the New Jersey National Guard are cordially invited to attend Military Appreciation Day at the New Jersey shore. Come to Jenkinson's Pier, 300 Boardwalk Blvd., Point Pleasant Beach on Monday, Sept. 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

You will be required to show a Uniformed Services Military ID to obtain ride bracelets for you and your dependents only. Your bracelet entitles you to: free admission to the aquarium and fun house, free rides until 5 p.m. and free admission to the beach. No bracelets will be available after 2 p.m.

There will be a charge for parking but there is limited free parking in the area. This offer is for members of the NJ National Guard only. If you have any questions, please call Marie Durling at 609-530-6884.

Head on down to Wiggins Waterfront Park, Camden, on Sunday, Sept. 5, from 2-10 p.m. for the 2nd Annual Camden Backyard BBQ. The event will feature a free concert with Ivan Neville's Dumpstaphunk, The Radiators, Marcia Ball and more.

There will be a promotion of health and wellness in Camden County during the day, with information about the health services available from the Camden County Freeholder Board.

Best of all, there will be plenty of Cajun barbecue, Latin food and fun for the whole family. For more information, check out the Camden County web site: <http://www.camdencounty.com/parks/features/events-parks>.

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Go Green! Save Green!

This year, the U. S. Department of the Treasury is eliminating the purchase of paper savings bonds through payroll sales and is encouraging participants to purchase electronic savings bonds online through www.TreasuryDirect.gov. With TreasuryDirect, Treasury can continue to offer employees the convenience of payroll savings while reducing the cost of the savings bond program. TreasuryDirect offers savings bonds for a minimum purchase of \$25 and other treasury securities including T-Bills, Notes, Bonds and Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) in increments of \$100.

As a regular saver through TreasuryDirect Payroll Savings, you can direct your payroll deduction to an individual TreasuryDirect account and make purchases of savings bonds or other Treasury securities when you choose. Or you can have funds deposited into TreasuryDirect from your checking or savings account and then set up recurring purchases. In your TreasuryDirect account, you can set up multiple registrations and convert your paper bonds to electronic bonds through SmartExchange.

Opening a TreasuryDirect account only takes a few minutes and it's free! Go to www.TreasuryDirect.gov and click on "Open an Account." If you want information about TreasuryDirect before deciding to open an account, take the "Guided Tour" or watch the short video, "Opening a TreasuryDirect Account."

Paper savings bonds will remain available for purchase through most financial institutions or with your federal income tax refund using IRS Form 8888.

Retirement workshops

All state employees who are members of the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund (TPAF) and planning to retire before the end of 2011 are invited to take advantage of the retirement workshops scheduled over the next four months.

The workshops are being held at the New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center in Hamilton Township, Mercer County. During the workshop, representatives will explain topics including retirement benefits, beneficiary options, group life insurance, pension taxes and health benefits during retirement.

Register for the workshop date and time of your choice. Go to www.nj.us/treasury/pensions and click on the link for "Retirement Workshops."

Classes will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and are scheduled for Sept. 9, 15, 24, 29; Oct. 4, 21; Nov. 3, 22, 29; and Dec. 10, 17.

When attending, members must bring along a printed version of their Estimate of Retirement Benefits, which they can get using the Member Benefits Online System. To register for MBOS, go to www.state.nj.us/treasury/pensions/mbosregister.shtml and follow instructions.

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DMAVA Green

By Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist
I am looking for you!!

Recently, I received e-mails from a couple readers telling me how they have been green. I am thrilled that you are reading the column and I am glad that people are doing their small piece to save our planet. We cannot do everything, all the time, but we can each do something that makes a difference.

So, what Green thing do you do? Do you have a hint that I haven't written about, or a cool thing you make that you would like to show off to the readers?

Send me a description of your Green work, send a photo of your handicraft (.jpg format please) and I will put you in the column. If you don't want to be identified, let me know and I will only use your first name, but if you are don't mind, I'll let all our readers know who you are and what you are doing to keep our planet Green.

Your comments don't have to be long – a couple sentences will do. But let us know how you, and your family, do more than walk the container with the recyclables to the end of the driveway every week. Maybe you have a great idea that will help other readers in their endeavors to Recycle, Reduce and Reuse.

I don't have any prizes or free gifts for those hints, tips or ideas that I use, simply the satisfaction that you will be able to help others to help the environment.

Here are some environmental quotes to ponder.

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. ~Native American Proverb

The old Lakota was wise. He knew that man's heart away from nature becomes hard; he knew that lack of respect for growing, living things soon led to lack of respect for humans too. ~Chief Luther Standing Bear

Opie, you haven't finished your milk. We can't put it back in the cow, you know. ~Aunt Bee Taylor, *The Andy Griffith Show*
Keep Green!

Quotes

Man was created on the sixth day so that he could not be boastful, since he came after the flea in the order of creation.

--Haggadah

Ignorance is a blank sheet, on which we may write; but error is a scribbled one, on which we must first erase.

--Charles Caleb Colton

Rashness succeeds often, stillmore often fails.

--Napoleon I

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Families

Scholarships awarded to counselors at Youth Camp

Joanne Grieco, president of the National Guard Family Foundation, Inc., along with fellow board members Marie Durling, Bill Woodward and Tom Irving awarded four \$1,000 cash scholarships to college-bound New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp counselors. The awards were made in memory of Command Chief Warrant Officer Randy Niedt who was the Camp Safety Officer since the camp's inception.

The following counselors were surprised to be the recipients of the scholarships:

Taylor Carhart, who will be attending the Fashion of Technology School and is the niece of retired Chief Warrant Officer Five Albert Curving.

Carlin DeVillie who will be attending Rowan University. He is the son of Maj. Yvonne and retired Master Sgt. Walter Mays.

Samantha Hardy will also be attending Rowan University. She is the daughter of Kathy Hardy and late Air Guard Master Sgt. Richard Hardy. She is carrying on the family tradition and is a member of the 108th Wing, New Jersey Air Guard.

Mike Torres is the son of retired Army Guardsman Michael Torres and he will be attending Bergen Community College.

Church sponsoring free 8-week re-employment seminar

The New Providence United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free eight-week re-employment seminar. Held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 13, the seminar will be led by Lloyd Feinstein, founder of Career Marketing Consultants.

The seminar will be helpful to those who are unemployed or who anticipate having to make a job change. Each week will work on a different topic to help those attending prepare for today's unpredictable employment market.

Topics will cover: communicating your value, how to figure where to go in your next career, the resume, mechanics of the job search, and much more.

Feinstein has more than 25 years experience conducting these types of seminars and working as a fulltime career consultant and adviser to everyone from college graduates up to and including senior management executives and entrepreneurs.

Anyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 1441 Springfield Avenue, New Providence. Visit <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/npumcnj/> for more information.

Military and family members health insurance questions should be directed to:

Tricare – Sgt. 1st Class Louis Tuck, 609-562-0865

US Family Health Plans – Pam Worley, 732-977-8531

VA Medical – Michelle Stefanelli, 973-676-1000, ext. 1727

Commissary case lot sales slated for September

Commissaries are conducting "Case Lot" sales. The Defense Commissary Agency's worldwide case lot sale in September usually provides savings of up to 50 percent or more. Drop by your local commissary and save some of your hard earned cash.

Joint Base MDL (McGuire/Dix): Sept. 1-4

Joint Base MDL (Lakehurst): Sept. 3-4

Fort Hamilton, NY: Sept. 3-5

Fort Monmouth: Sept. 17-19

Picatinny Arsenal: Sept. 17-19

The First Tee offers free program to military

Since 1997, The First Tee, a not-for-profit organization, has introduced the game of golf and its values to more than 3.5 million participants in 50 states, five international locations and more than 3,500 elementary schools.

In the summer of 2009, The First Tee formed a two-year partnership with the Department of Defense to extend its programs to children of military personnel worldwide. Special focus is given to providing service to children of National Guardsmen and Reservists. The First Tee programs are being underwritten by the DoD and are available at no cost to military personnel and their families.

There are two age appropriate programs available.

Target is an introduction to The First Tee life skills experience in a fun safe environment.



PLAYer is a progression of small group classes focusing on life skills and golf skills and etiquette.

If you are a National Guardsman or Reservist and want to sign up your school-aged child, you first need to locate your nearest chapter. Go to www.thefirsttee.org. Once you find the chapter, download the military coupon at www.thefirsttee.org/military. Now all you have to do is make contact with the chapter, get their class schedule and bring the completed coupon to the facility. Now you can enroll your child at no cost.

The First Tee Military Affiliate Program is in effect through May 1, 2011.

If you have any problems or challenges with the program – contact Dan Brady, the staff specialist for The First Tee's Military Affiliate Program. You can find him at 904-940-4361 or dbrady@thefirsttee.org.

Et Cetera

Tough Mudder event tests overall fitness of runners

How tough are you? Tough enough for a Tough Mudder?

A tough Mudder is the TOUGHEST one day event on the planet. This is not your average mud run or boring spirit-crushing road race. The seven mile obstacle courses are designed by British Special Forces to test all-round toughness, strength, stamina, fitness, camaraderie and mental grit. Forget about your race time, simply completing the event is a badge of honor. Not everyone will finish, but those who do make it to the post-race party will have truly earned the right to call themselves a Tough Mudder.

The race is 12 miles long with 19 military-style obstacles and an estimated completion time of two hours and 30 minutes.

A Tough Mudder will take place on Nov. 20 and 21 (your choice of days), at the Tri-State, Raceway Park, Englishtown, N.J.

The National Guard partners with the military-style race with obstacles. For those Guardsman who think they are tough enough for the event, there will be a \$30 discount for the fee on Sunday only of the event. If interested, e-mail info@toughmudder.com to get the code for the discount.

Register at www.toughmudder.com

The Tough Mudder is also asking for those interested to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior project. For more information contact Tough Mudder or visit <https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>.

Speaker at Dix Sept. 28 to talk about young Americans and \$\$\$

Improve your financial outlook for the future in a special presentation by Peter Bielagus, "Young America's Financial Coach," at Timmermann Center, Dix on Sept. 28, 1-3 p.m.

Bielagus learned the hard way about debt – more than \$5,000 in credit card debt within six months of entering college. With determination, by graduation his cards were clean and he was on his way to financial freedom. He has written several books for students and young professionals about money and financial education and now also gives more than 100 presentations a year on the subject.

The session is open to all DoD cardholders. For more information, call 609-754-3844.

Recognition Day for POW/MIA and Gold Star Mothers, Sept. 17

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will hold its annual POW/MIA Recognition and Gold Star Mothers Recognition Day ceremony on Sept. 17, at 11 a.m. at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel. The third Friday of September is National POW/MIA Recognition Day. Ceremonies are held throughout the country in honor of America's prisoners of war and missing in action, those returned and those still unaccounted for from our nation's wars. New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation president James S. Cusick of Tinton Falls, New Jersey will speak briefly.

Unity Day at JT2DC, Sept. 16

Start planning now for the New Jersey National Guard 12th Annual Unity Day celebration on Sept. 16, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Joint Training and Training Development Center, Fort Dix.

Start the day off with the Fun Walk/Run at 8:30 a.m. Later you can donate blood at the Blood Drive and Bone Marrow registration in the Stow Bay Parking Lot, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Spend the day celebrating our ethnic and cultural diversity through food, music, entertainment and giveaways.

For information, volunteer opportunities or questions, contact the following people:

Event POC is Maj. Barbara Brown-Wilson, 609-562-0856, Barbara.g.brown@us.army.mil; Fun Run/Walk POC is Staff Sgt. Christina Ermi, 609-562-0941, Christina.d.ermi@us.army.mil; or, Blood drive POC is Sgt. Geraldo Rodriguez, 609-562-0880, Gerardo.rodriguez@us.army.mil.

Gray area retiree health insurance opens

Enrollments begin Sept. 1 for a new Tricare insurance plan aimed at so-called "gray area" National Guard and reserve retirees who are eligible for, but not yet receiving, military retired pay. The program is launching about a month earlier than Tricare Management Agency officials previously had predicted. Called the [Tricare Reserve Retiree Program](#), the new insurance benefit will cost \$388.31 per month for single coverage and \$976.41 per month for family coverage through the end of the calendar year. On Jan. 1, monthly premiums will increase to \$408.01 for single coverage and \$1,020.50 for family coverage. The program is not available to anyone enrolled in or eligible for federal employee health benefits. The premiums are much higher than were expected by military and veterans organizations that had advocated for health care benefits to cover the period between the end of military service and the start of retired pay — which for most Guard and reserve members is age 60. About 180,000 Guard and reserve retirees are in the "gray" area where their service has ended but their retirement benefits have not started. But the high premiums are likely to result in very few sign-ups for the new military health benefits unless individuals have no other available coverage, advocates for reserve health benefits said. Major military groups are hoping to get Congress interested in reviewing the health premiums when lawmakers return to work on Sept. 13 after a summer break. In addition to the monthly premiums, those enrolled in the new program must meet an annual deductible before health costs are covered. The current annual deductible is \$150 for individual coverage and \$300 for family coverage. They also must make a copayment of 20 percent of the negotiated rate for services provided from within the Tricare network and higher fees for out-of-network services. Still, military officials said the program can be helpful to retirees who do not have other health benefits.

Veterans & Military

Dinosaurs holding Fall Gathering on Oct. 20

The New Jersey Air Guard Dinosaurs (those are retirees to all you working folk), are holding their Fall 2010 Gathering on Oct. 20, 1 p.m. at the Town and Country Diner, Bordentown.

The full luncheon menu will have salad, main course, coffee/tea and a dessert for \$20, including tax and tip. Those who RSVP will be obligated to pay even if they do not attend since the group is charged for the number of diners who reserved.

To reserve your space with the Tyrannosaurus Rexes, contact Mel Sylvester at 609-298-5970 or NuffSaidMel@aol.com no later than Oct. 15.

All current ANG/ARNG employees (soon to be retired) and ANG/ARNG retirees are invited.

OIF/OEF veterans offered one year scholarships to computer schooling at Rutgers

Visit <http://www.wforce.org/veterans.php> for information on a program that offers a one-year scholarship for OIF/OEF veterans on Certification and Software Development from Rutgers University. Participants work part-time for three months after six weeks of training and then "full-time" for WorkForce Opportunity Services (WOS). Sponsoring companies can also hire prospective graduates.

Retirees - make sure DFAS has your correct address

Your mailing address is one of the most important pieces of information that you have on file at Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). If you've moved recently or have a new P.O. Box, please notify them to ensure that your Retiree Account Statements, tax forms and other important documents will reach you in a timely manner. If you are a retiree please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Retired Pay
P.O. Box 7130

London, KY 40742-7130

Fax DFAS Retired Pay at 1-800-469-6559

If you are an annuitant please mail your address change to:

DFAS U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
P.O. Box 7131

London, KY 40742-7131

Fax DFAS Annuitant Pay at 1-800-982-8459

Or, both retirees and annuitants may call DFAS Retired and Annuitant Pay directly at 1-800-321-1080.

If submitting your request in writing, please include both your old and new mailing address, along with the effective date for the new address. In addition, please include your name, social security number and signature with date on your request.

Career, education fair for military, Sept. 25

The G.I. Go Fund and Felician College are hosting a Military Career and Education Fair on Sept. 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Felician College.

This fair includes jobs, colleges and support services. It is free for all veterans, military personnel and spouses. Here is an opportunity to explore career options, learn about education programs and opportunities and gather literature. Professional attire is recommended. Bring plenty of resumes.

The fair will be held at Obal Hall, 262 South Main Street, Lodi NJ. For more information, contact 973-802-1614 or manias@ci.newark.nj.ua. Register online at www.gigofund.org.

Troops to Teachers helps military lead in classroom

The Troops to Teachers program is designed to assist separating or retiring military personnel in pursuing a rewarding second career in public education (elementary, secondary or vocational) while also facilitating employment in public schools. Funded by the U.S. Department of Education and administered by the U.S. Department of Defense through DANTES, the long term goal of the program is to help improve American education by providing mature, self-disciplined, experienced and dedicated personnel for the nation's classrooms. New Jersey's Troops to Teachers office has counseled hundreds of interested military personnel, advising them on routes and programs to achieve full teacher certification in New Jersey, and referring them to school districts for employment.

To learn more, consider attending one of the upcoming program briefings at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Contact 800-680-0884 or via e-mail at tttnj@doe.state.nj.us for briefing and program information. You can also visit the program on the web at: www.nj.gov/education/tttnj.

Invitation to join extended by JWV Post 972 to all veterans

An invitation is extended to all military personnel to join the Lt Seth Dvorin Post 972 of the Jewish War Veterans. The veterans meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Marlboro Jewish Center located at 103 School Road West, Marlboro, N.J. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m.

Second Lt. Seth Dvorin was a native of Monmouth County who made the ultimate sacrifice while proudly defending the American way of life and liberty. Lt Dvorin was killed in Iraq Feb. 3, 2004. The post was renamed in May of 2004 to honor Lt. Dvorin.

Post 972 covers Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Anyone interested in joining this post or a similar post should contact Richard Berg at r2d2b2@optonline.net or Richard Dvorin at ltsethdvorinpost972jvw@comcast.net.

Calendar

Warrior run/walk at Rutgers

On September 11, Rutgers Army ROTC will be hosting a 5K run/walk for the Hope For The Warriors foundation.

The race begins at Rutgers Football Stadium on the Busch Campus at 9 a.m. Pre-registration begins at 7 a.m.

The foundation works to ensure the sacrifices of wounded and fallen warriors and their families are never forgotten nor their needs unmet. The foundation offers scholarships and other aid to wounded warriors and the families of the fallen.

All money raised from the race goes to support the foundation and their mission.

For further information and race registration, visit www.hope-forthewarriors.org.

POW/MIA ceremony, Sept. 16

Save the date – The POW/MIA ceremony traditionally held at Lakehurst, will be held on the Dix section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst this year. The event is being hosted by the joint base along with the Navy Lakehurst Historical Society.

The ceremony is scheduled for Sept. 16, 1 p.m. at the Timmerman Center. Guest speaker for the event is former POW, retired Admiral Jeremiah Denton.

Savino golf tourney, Sept. 24

The 14th Annual LTC Dave Savino Memorial golf tournament will be held on Sept. 24 at the Hanover Golf Course, Wrightstown. The tourney begins at 12:30 p.m. with a shotgun start and will be played in a two person scramble format (best ball).

Cost is \$100 donation per person and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments and door prizes. A buffet lunch will be served after the tournament at the course.

Send your payments to 108th WG/MXQ, ATTN: SMSgt Mike Balas, 3333 Wonnacott Blvd., JBMDL, NJ 08641. Make checks payable to LTC Dave Savino Memorial Fund. If you have any questions, call Balas at 609-894-4692.

The course is located at 133 Larrison Road, Wrightstown, 8 ½ miles west of Great Adventure, just off route 537.

Sportsmen host day at Picatinny

The Picatinny Rod and Gun Association is sponsoring National Hunting and Fishing Day, Sept. 11 at Lynn's Pond at the Picatinny Rod & Gun Lodge, building 337. It is free admission and open to all eligible sportsmen, their families, and authorized guests.

Events scheduled include a youth fishing contest, pellet gun and archery ranges, conservation displays, food and refreshments, water fowl retrieving demonstration, and bird dog pointing demonstration.

As an added feature, the Annual Pig Roast will also be held at 5 p.m. at the Rod and Gun Club. The cost is \$35 a couple, \$20 for a single, \$10 for children 12 and under, and under the age of 6 is free. For more information, contact Mike Tutko, Chairman NHFD at mike.tutko@va.gov. *Funding Support Provided by CWC.

Please RSVP to (chris.kunkel@us.army.mil) in advance so we can ensure adequate supplies.

For rules and more information on either event, visit the Rod and Gun Association web page - <http://www.pica.army.mil/out-door/RodGun.htm>.

Run for the Fallen, Sept. 25

For the second year, runners will embark on a 140 mile run to honor every New Jersey service member killed in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. The "Run for the Fallen" will take place Sept. 25 starting at Cape May Lighthouse and ending at the New Jersey Vietnam Memorial in Holmdel.

The runners will mark every mile of the journey with an American flag and a personal biographical card in honor of every fallen service member. Runners are active duty and reserve Airmen and Soldiers from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

The New Jersey "Run for the Fallen" was started in 2009 by Master Sgt. Bubba G.V. Beason who was stationed in the McGuire section of the Joint Base. He is currently deployed to Afghanistan, but has made plans to return to New Jersey for the run.

If you are interested in participating in the run, or for more information on the run, visit www.njrunforthefallen.org.

Soldier Show, Sept. 25

Enjoy a free concert of the 2010 U.S. Army Soldier Show hosted by the Picatinny Arsenal at the Morris Knolls High School auditorium on Sept. 25 at 7 p.m.

All active duty, National Guard and Reservists, along with their families will be given priority and must request tickets by Sept. 3. All other requests will be accepted on a first come, first served basis, including retired military and Picatinny employees. Call 973-724-4014/4186/5515 to reserve your tickets. Tickets can be picked up at Picatinny or will be held at the door on the day of the show.

Veterans Outreach Campaign schedule

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign has kiosk displays at malls throughout the state and other special events to help veterans and their family members discover and apply for the benefits they are eligible to receive.

Sept. 7*, 8, 9 Willowbrook Mall

Oct. 5*, 6, 7 Brunswick Square Mall

*Medal ceremony 10:30 a.m.

Deadline

Want to place an event or article in DMAVA Highlights?

Deadline for articles is noon Wednesday.

Send submissions to barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us.