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**Happy July Fourth – Celebrate
the Independence of our great
nation!**

News For Your Views

New Jersey welcomes home Soldiers from deployment in Iraq

Governor Jon S. Corzine joined hundreds of family members and friends to Welcome Home the Soldiers of Troop C, 117th Cavalry and Company D, 250th Brigade Support Battalion on Saturday, June 23 at the Joint Training & Training Development Center, Fort Dix.

The units were attached the 1-34th Brigade Combat Team, Minnesota Army National Guard, which was extended for the troop surge to stabilize the security situation in Iraq.

The Soldiers, who were mobilized in September and October of 2005, spent nearly 100 extra days away from family, friends and employers.

Hammonton honors 177th Security Forces at festival

The 177th Fighter Wing Security Forces are participating in the Red, White and Blueberry Festival in Hammonton, N.J. on Sunday, July 1. In March, 13 members of the SF Squadron deployed to Iraq for six months and were assigned to a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) at Kirkuk Air Base.

The wing is stationed at the Atlantic City Air National Guard Base in Egg Harbor Township.

A QRF is responsible for unexploded ordnance sweeps after mortar attacks, casualty evacuations, blocking force in event of attacks, protection for personnel on missions outside the base perimeter and personal protection for visiting dignitaries.

Fireworks safety for the July Fourth holiday!

When it comes to fireworks, there's a "child" hidden inside every one of us. Never mind how old you are; there is something about the boom and brightly colored flashes that brings the child out in us. There are 9,000 injuries each year through fireworks-related accidents. Enjoy your Fourth of July, but do it safely.

ALWAYS REMEMBER:

- ❖ Use fireworks and sparklers only outdoors.
- ❖ Only persons over 12 years of age should handle sparklers of any type.
- ❖ Fireworks and alcohol do not mix. Have a designated "shooter."
- ❖ Obey local laws. If fireworks are not legal where you are, don't use them.
- ❖ If drought conditions mean a ban on fireworks, follow the law.
- ❖ Only use fireworks as intended. Don't try to alter or combine them.



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

- ❖ Don't allow young children to play with fireworks.
- ❖ Supervise older children.
- ❖ Light fireworks away from homes, dry leaves, grass or flammables.
- ❖ Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies and pour on "dud" fireworks.
- ❖ Be sure people are out of range before lighting fireworks.
- ❖ Never ignite fireworks in a container - especially one made of glass or metal.
- ❖ Never lean over skyrockets or other flying fireworks as you light them.
- ❖ Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.

Camp for children who have lost a loved one

The Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey Hospice Program is sponsoring the Hearts of Remembrance Children's Day: "A Celebration of Life", a free grief support camp designed for children ages 6-12 that have experienced the loss of a loved one. The camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on Saturday, July 14, 2007, rain or shine.

This day of celebration and hope allows children to express their feelings related to the loss of their loved one through many different outlets, including crafting, planting, and storytelling. Music therapy, pet therapy, and games provide additional ways for children to express their thoughts and feelings in an environment of care, compassion, and support.

Social workers who specialize in bereavement counseling, as well as trained volunteers and other hospice professionals are available to support the children throughout the day.

Parents are welcome to stay. Supportive counseling, Reiki and Massage therapy are offered throughout the day for parents.

Light morning refreshments and a picnic lunch will be served. The Children's Day will be held at the Visiting Nurse Association's Hospice Program headquarters, 1100 Wayside Road, Tinton Falls.

For more information about the camp or other hospice services, call Kerryann Silvestri, MSW or Staci Metz, MSW at 732-493-2220. Advance registration for military children is not absolutely required but would be helpful. RSVP and registration is due by June 30.

Baseball, food and supporting the Fisher House Foundation

Come watch the Lakewood Blue Claws play baseball, eat lots of hot dogs and hamburgers and support the Fisher House Foundation all at the same time.

On Aug. 6 The Fort Monmouth chapter of the Association of the United States Army is sponsoring a "Night at the Baseball Park" to salute disabled service members and their families.

For the cost of \$20 for adults or \$15 for children, you can get all you can get all you can eat hot dogs and hamburgers. Sponsors at various levels are also needed.

To make payment, reservations or for sponsorship, contact Kit Roache at 732-380-9500 or kit.roace@gdc4s.com.

Proceeds from the night are being donated to the Fisher House Foundation. The Fisher House Foundation supports America's military in their time of need; the Foundation provides "a home away from home" that enables family members to be close to a loved one (military member) at the most stressful time -- during hospitalization for an illness, disease or injury.

State employees will start new deduction from paycheck

Effective July 7, 2007, employees covered under labor agreements with the CWA, AFSCME, and IPFTE, and employees not covered by a labor agreement, are required to contribute 1.5 percent of their annual base salary for health and/or prescription drug coverage under the State Health Benefits Program. Employees affected by this agreement will see the new deduction beginning with pay period #15, and a check date of July 27, 2007.



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 routine 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.

Lowe's offers military discount over July Fourth holiday

Lowe's Companies, Inc. announced it will offer all active, reserve and retired military personnel and their immediate family members a 10 percent discount on in-store purchases made during the July Fourth holiday. The discount is available June 28-July 8.

The discount is available on in-stock purchases up to \$5,000. To qualify, individuals must present a valid military ID or other proof of service such as a VA card, VFW card, veteran's ID or discharge papers. Excluded from the discount are online sales, previous sales, installation and delivery fees, extended protection plans, gift cards, select Fisher & Paykel appliances and John Deere.

In addition to offering military discounts throughout the year, Lowe's has extended benefits for its employees serving in the military and offers employment opportunities to military personnel after their military service has ended.

MRE show from "Dave Does" on FoodNetwork is online

If you have never seen the MRE show filmed by the Food Network at Fort Dix with the National Guard Soldiers, here is your chance. Go to www.foodnetwork.com, select TV from the top links, select TV shows from the links on the left, select the show "Dave Does," and select episode (Webisode) number 8. Take the time to click on the bonuses for some good smiles.

HBO film looking for Soldiers, Marines to be extras

The HBO film "Taking Chance" starring Kevin Bacon and based on the short story by Lt. Col. Mike Strobl is looking for members of the Army and Marines to be extras. We are looking for men and women of all ethnicities, between the ages of 18 and 50. You must make yourself available all day and be able to transport yourself to location.

Army personnel are needed on Monday, July 2 at McGuire Air Force Base OR Friday, July 20 in Paramus, N.J.

Marines are needed on Thursday, July 5 and Friday, July 6 at The Meadowlands in East Rutherford. You will work both days.

Marines are also needed on Friday, July 13 OR Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19 OR Friday, July 20 in Paramus, N.J.

If you are either a current or retired member of the Army or Marines and interested in being an extra on this film please e-mail name, contact phone number, military title, and a recent photo ASAP to Chance@GWCNYC.com or call Renee at 646-747-1564.

Freedom Salute honors 1,000,000th veteran

The American Legion Bustleton Memorial Post #810 and The Walter L. Mason Federal Post #152 are honored to host a United States Army Commendation Ceremony in recognition of Freedom Team Salute's One-Millionth Honoree. Vietnam veteran Bill Beck will be the veteran honored at the ceremony and would like to have other veterans, especially those from OIF and OEF join him in this ceremony.

It will take place on July 4, at 11 a.m., at the Bustleton Memorial Post #810, 9151 Old Newtown Road, Philadelphia, PA 19115. For further information contact: Ernie Landers, 5th District Commander, American Legion, Department of Pennsylvania, 215-425-7989. Uniform is military duty uniform.

Traveling Vietnam Wall in Long Branch July 26-29

The city of Long Branch will host the traveling Vietnam Wall, "The Wall that Heals," July 26-29. During the opening ceremony, retired Col. Stephen G. Abel, Deputy Commissioner for NJDMAVA will be one of the speakers.

The Wall that Heals has been traveling around America, Canada and Ireland for more than 10 years. Along with the ½ scale replica of the monument in Washington, D.C., a traveling museum and information center completes the exhibit. The museum reports

* 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

the history of the Vietnam War Era and the interesting healing powers of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The information center gives visitors the opportunity to learn about friends and loved ones lost in the war.

The "Wall" is open 24 hours a day during its stay.

For Your Calendar

Military Appreciation Day tickets available after July 3



The tickets for Military Family Appreciation Day at Great Adventure on August 27 are available at any of our Family Assistance Center locations (Teaneck, Somerset, Pomona, Lawrenceville, Toms River, Woodbury or Jersey City) or the Family Programs Office at Fort Dix. Tickets will not be available until July 3. Tickets will be \$20 each (regular price is \$69.99).

Tickets are for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen and civilian employees of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Parking at Great Adventure will be \$15 per car. For more information, contact Marie Durling at 609-562-0739 or Amanda Balas at 609-562-0742 in the State Family Programs Office.

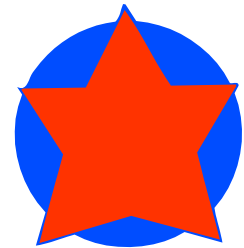
N.J. Korean War Commemoration Ceremony, July 27

The 2007 Korean War Commemoration Ceremony will take place on July 27 at 11 a.m. at the New Jersey Korean War Memorial, at Park Place/Boardwalk, near Brighton Park, Atlantic City. Hosted by the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Association in cooperation with the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, it will be the 54th Anniversary Commemoration Signing of the Korean War Armistice. There will also be a presentation of the New Jersey Korean War Commemorative Medal to local Korean combat veterans.

Honorable Mention

New HRDI course listings available on DMAVA Intranet

The new HRDI Course Listing is now available on the DMAVA Intranet – go to Human Resources, then Training Forms to find the listing. There are two listings, one is the Course listing (dates and location data) and the other is the Course Description (a brief description of the course). The lists are good from now until December 2007. If you have any questions, contact Paul Serdiuk, Training Coordinator, at 609-530-6878 or paul.serdiuk@njdmava.state.nj.us.



New Jersey Helmets to Hardhats helps military personnel find careers

The New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council's Helmets to Hardhats Program (NJ H2H) is designed to help transitioning military personnel, National Guardsmen and Reservists find the best careers in the building and construction industry. Our program seeks to honor and reward military service with a solid, family-sustaining career in one of our 15 affiliated trades:

- ❖ Boilermakers
- ❖ Carpenters
- ❖ Electrical workers
- ❖ Elevator constructors
- ❖ Insulator and asbestos workers
- ❖ Iron workers
- ❖ Laborers
- ❖ Operating engineers
- ❖ Painters
- ❖ Pipe trades
- ❖ Plasterers and cement masons
- ❖ Roofers
- ❖ Sheet metal workers

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state.nj.us](mailto:barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us)
Or Call
609-530-7088

Wounded
Soldier and
Family
Hotline
1-800-984-
8523

❖ Teamsters

We work in cooperation with the national Helmets to Hardhats program, adding a personal component to the program's on-line services. NJ H2H offers veterans preparation for successful application to any of New Jersey's registered apprenticeship programs in the building and construction trades. Services include:

- ❖ Personal career counseling
- ❖ Review of apprentice entrance requirements
- ❖ Interview coaching
- ❖ Guidance through the application process
- ❖ Entrance test preparation
- ❖ Referral to supportive services

For program registration and information, visit us online at www.njbctc.org/h2h or contact us at 732-499-7295 or at H2H@njbctc.org.

New Jersey State Library offers good reading

Are you looking for your next book to read? Look no further than the New Jersey State Library. Visit www.njstatelib.org to find a list of selected new books that you may request to borrow. The list of new books can be found by clicking the "What we have" button. You can find best sellers, books on history, science, Jerseyana, biographies and lots more to keep your mind muscles working hard. If you have questions, you can call the General Reference Desk at 609-292-6220 or e-mail them at refdesk@njstatelib.org.

AFRC adds location in Virginia Beach area for vacationers

The Armed Forces Recreation Center in Virginia Beach joins locations in Orlando, Fla., Germany, Hawaii, and Korea. The Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command assumed responsibility of the 93-room set of cabins and bungalows at Fort Story, Va., in April, but plans to expand the property over the next two years with additional rooms and conference facilities. The resort is open to active duty, reservists, retired military, DoD civilians, delayed-entry recruits and family members. Prices range from \$59 to \$273 per night based on the resort, rank, paygrade, duty status, room size and location. For more information go to www.capehenryinn.com.

Honor Guard program searching for people

Looking for a way to serve and get some satisfaction at the same time? The Honor Guard program is looking for members of the Army and Air Guard to join the team to perform honor guard duties at the funerals of veterans. There is an initial eight hours of training for all new enrollees, with on-going sustainment training. As an honor guard member, you will receive a day of pay for each day's mission, minimum of \$50, and traditional drilling Guard members receive a retirement point for each day's duties.

Teams are split geographically throughout the state and volunteers can stay busy. In April 2007, the teams conducted 205 services for deceased veterans. By May 15, there were 120 funerals where the team performed their duties. Retired Sgt. Maj. Ed Goetschius, who oversees the program, believes that there will be at least 2,000 services where the honor guard has served by the end of the year.

If you are interested in applying for the Honor Guard program, call Goetschius at 609-530-7090.

Discounts offered for State employees

Are you a state employee looking to save a few \$\$\$?

Visit www.state.nj.us/personnel/discounts/index.htm and you can find a number of businesses who offer discounts to New Jersey state employees. From amusement parks to fitness to computer to phones and lots of other discounts between, you will find many ways to save money. For more information, please contact Cindy Leese at cindy.leese@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-7056.

For the Families

Phone numbers and Web sites to remember

Directory Assistance:

1-602-293-4907

Verizon Super Pages:
<http://www.superpages.com/>

AT&T:
<http://www.anywho.com/>

SBC Yellow Pages:
<http://www.yellowpages.com/>

Telephone and contact information on state employees can be found at
<http://njdirect.state.nj.us/>

DMAVA Emergency Hotline:

1-866-232-5798

ESGR office

JFHQ
3650 Saylor's Pond
Road
Fort Dix, NJ 08641
Hank Pierre, 609-
562-0156,
hank.pierre@njdma
va.state.nj.us
Tammy Cartagena,
609-562-0157,
tammy.l.cartagena
@us.army.mil
Fax
609-562-0158

FRG looking for "web savvy" volunteer

The New Jersey National Guard Family Readiness Council is looking for an IT or "web savvy" individual to donate their services. Your talents are needed to set up and maintain a Web site for the Family Readiness Council. Anyone who is interested should call Terry Dearden at 609-530-6893 to set up a meeting with the members of the Council.



The National Guard State Family Readiness Council is a nonprofit organization developed to assess and implement solutions to challenges that our Guard families experience during their Soldier's or Airman's deployment. One of the functions of the council is to add support to the Family Assistance Centers scattered throughout the state. The council is accessible to individual families and other military organizations. Financial support is provided by the council to military activities through generous donations and fundraising activities. Resource services and emotional support are also available.

Grants offered to help military children attend summer activities

Summer is coming and now is the time that many kids will be signing up for camps, recreational activities and lessons, etc. Unfortunately, because of increased deployments and the financial and emotional stress associated with them, many military families might find these activities difficult to arrange. This is why The Women's Opportunity Center at the YMCA of Burlington County in Mt. Laurel, N.J., is pleased to remind military members that grant funds are available not only for financial emergencies and crisis situations, but also to provide recreational and stress relieving activities such as camps and classes for their children.

This grant, provided by the Department of Community Affairs is available to spouses and families of deployed military personnel in all branches of service in the State who are income eligible.

For more information and an application, contact Fawn Mutschler at 609-543-6200, ext. 325 or e-mail wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org.

Youth Camp Forms Available

The thirteenth Annual New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp will be held **July 29** to Aug. 4 at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt.

Applications are available at: www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_camp.html

Children, ages 9-13 are invited to apply. The camp fee is still \$100. Campers must be children, grandchildren or legal dependents of an active or retired member of the New Jersey National Guard. A variety of volunteer positions are available. For more information, call the Family Programs Office at (609) 562-0668.

Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program Award

The Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program provides direct assistance and referrals to existing programs for spouses of deployed military personnel (active duty, reserve and National Guard) who face unusual financial and emotional stress as a result of the deployments.

Applicants should contact Fawn Mutschler at 609-543-6200 ext. 325 or wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org to obtain an application. In addition to the completed application form, applicants will also need to submit the following documentation: LES/paystub for applicant and spouse; statement of Financial Need (i.e. reason for applying and how the grant will help); bill or pricing of expenditure as well as any other supporting information the applicant feels may be helpful. Additional information can be found at: www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/depmilspouseasst.shtml

Family Readiness Council offers Tier I and II grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has expanded its

Energy Tip of the Week

During the cooling season, keep the window coverings closed during the day to prevent solar gain.

Family Grants; TIER I is the \$2,500 grant that has been in place for the past couple of years. The TIER II opens family grants to New Jersey Army and Air National Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Service members meeting these criteria are eligible to apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500. Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers.



Sports and Entertainment

Tickets available for Tiger's AT&T Tournament, July 3-6

While Mark Twain likened golf to a good walk spoiled, many people find joy in playing and watching the game. For those of you who enjoy the watching part, tickets are available for the AT&T National at Bethesda, Md., July 3-6.

Military members can get one pair of tickets for themselves and a guest for Tuesday through Friday and one pair for either Saturday or Sunday.

Tickets are available at Fort Monmouth Tickets n' Tours, building 1010, Fort Monmouth. Additional tickets for military personnel and the rest of the DoD community can be purchased through Tickets n' Tours. The phone number is 732-532-3077. Cost is \$20 for Tuesday-Friday tickets; \$25 for weekend tickets. Children under 12 are free at the gate when accompanied by a ticket-holding adult.

There will be limited satellite parking available in Maryland and Virginia with free shuttle buses. Buses from the Metro Red Line will also take spectators to the Club. There is NO parking at or near The Congressional Country Club.

The tournament, which will be hosted by Tiger Woods, will have former President George H.W. Bush hit the ceremonial first shot on July 4 to start the long weekend. The shot will take place on the first tee of the Blue Course of the country club.

Grand Ole Opry honoring military members this summer with Salute

The Grand Ole Opry will honor members of the United States military this summer with an Opry Summer Salute. The salute, which features special shows, recognition of military personnel, special offers and military performances and displays in the Opry Plaza, began on Memorial Day weekend and will continue until Labor Day weekend. Beginning May 21, persons can submit salutes to the service members close to them to be read live at Opry performances throughout the summer. Opry shows are every Tuesday, Friday and Saturday night. Military personnel should mention code MIL10X when making reservations at 1-800-733-6779. For information on visiting the Opry, log on to <http://www.opry.com>

Trenton Vets Center, Trenton Thunder offer "cheap" seats

The Trenton Vet Center with support from our community partner, Trenton Thunder Baseball, will sponsor baseball tickets at a special rate for Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard, separated, and retired veterans. A regular \$10 season ticket will be offered at **\$7** for veterans and family members. The primary purpose of the program is to allow veterans and their families an opportunity to experience Trenton Thunder baseball due to their service and sacrifice for our country. If you have questions, call Matt Petima, director of ticket operations for the Trenton Thunder at 609-394-3300, ext 1200 or the ticket box office at 609-394-3300.

Proof of Veteran Status: Interested veterans must have a picture I.D. and provide proof of their veteran status by showing one of the following documents: **Military I.D. card; Federal Department of Veteran Affairs medical I.D. card; DD Form 214.**

"Support Our Troops" Motorcycle Ride, October 13

Like to ride motorcycle? Here is an opportunity to ride and support servicemembers

QUOTES

A handful of patience is worth more than a bushel of brains.

- Dutch proverb

A man who is good enough to shed his blood for his country is good enough to be given a square deal afterwards.

- Theodore Roosevelt

We stand for freedom. That is our conviction for ourselves; that is our only commitment to others.

- John F. Kennedy

A wise man's questions contain half the answer.

- Gabirol

Motorcycle Run on **October 13** (rain date of October 14).

Registration is from 10-11 a.m. at the Tri-Towne Plaza, Route 70, Marlton and the ride departs at 11:15 a.m. The route is to travel the Pine Barrens to Sweetwater Casino Restaurant, Sweetwater (Hammonton mailing address). The run will be approximately 48 miles (one way). Please come with a full tank of gas. Cost of the ride is a donation of \$15 per rider and \$5 per passenger.

Proceeds benefit the Freedom Alliance Foundation which provide:

- Educational scholarships to the children of America's military heroes that have given the ultimate sacrifice.
- For the injured in our hospitals pre-paid long-distance phone cards, gift cards for clothing, food, toiletries, books, and magazines.
- Funding for family members to travel to see and encourage their loved one.

For more information contact John Atkinson at 856-596-9100, or go to www.citikids.org/freedom.htm, for local run information or to the national site - www.freedomalliance.org.

Savino Memorial Golf tourney scheduled for Sept. 17

The 11th Annual Lt. Col. Dave Savino Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on **Sept. 17** at the Fountain Green Golf Course, Ft. Dix. Shotgun start is at 8 a.m., with a two-person scramble (best ball). Cost to play is \$85 per person, with checks made payable to "Lt. Col. Dave Savino Memorial Fund." Call Senior Master Sgt. Mike Balas at 609-330-4069 or Connie Cisek at 609-562-0901 for more information. Proceeds from the tournament go to help fellow Guardsmen in need.

Enlisted Association holding golf outing Oct. 22

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey is holding a golf outing on **Oct. 22** at Gambler's Ridge Golf Club, 121 Burlington Path Road, Cream Ridge, NJ. All proceeds from the event go to the association's scholarships.

Registration and a continental breakfast begins the day at 7:30 a.m. The play is two-person best ball with a modified shotgun start at 8:45. A donation of \$90 includes greens fees, cart and luncheon. There will be prizes for first and second place teams for the low gross, closest to the pin on all par 3's and the longest drive.

For more information call Mike Amoroso at 609-562-0754. Make checks payable to EANG-NJ (Golf) and mail to Leon Cisek, PO Box 365, Wrightstown NJ 08562 no later than Oct. 15.

Here's To The Heroes

Here's to the Heroes provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and as many as three direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or Guard member is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID.

Scholarship, Education News

Free SAT/ACT Offer Extended

A group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL football players have announced they are extending their sponsorship of the SAT/ACT training to all military families.

The sponsorship allows any military person (active, Guard, reserve, or retired) to request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives. There is a secure website to confirm a person's military status before directing the user to the software order site. Logon to:

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF_DETAIL_0?current_id=20.20.100.30.0.0.0.0

Programs are shipped to domestic U.S. addresses and APO addresses. The sponsorship covers the purchase price of \$199 and the family pays only the shipping and handling of \$9.95.



American Legion offers scholarships, booklet on their Web site

The American Legion has scholarship information on their Web site – www.legion.org – including the 152-page booklet, *Need a Lift*, which is a complete financial aid reference guide for veterans, veterans' dependents and members of the American Legion family. When you get on the site, click on "Scholarship Information" in the "Useful Links" block.

Scholarship information on BBB Military Line

There are many scholarships available to military family members. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line suggests that you not pay someone to find scholarships for you. Why? Because these researchers will use the same sources on the internet that you will use, so why pay them to do so? For suggestions on where to find scholarships for which you might be eligible, visit: www.enebuilder.net/cbbb_military/e_article-000694547.cfm?x=b8r7v3.

For information to help military families avoid financial pitfalls, visit: <http://military.bbb.org>



Association News

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey

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 FANG-NJ.org, click on *Become a Member* for the application and find out more about what the association does.

NGANJ has busy calendar for members in 2007

The National Guard Association of New Jersey will be conducting the following events. All members (active and retirees) are encouraged to participate:

- National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) 129th Conference - this conference will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from **August 25-27, 2007**. The New Jersey delegation will be staying at the Caribe Hilton (15 minutes from airport). Our hotel is located on the beach, has a great pool for the family and is located close to the convention center (10 minutes). We have reserved 30 rooms on a first come, first gets basis. Additional information and registration forms will be coming out shortly. If you are interested, please contact Capt. Jose Maldonado.

- NGANJ Website - The above information is posted on the NGANJ website. If you need copies of the forms, specific contacts or additional information, please go to the website at: www.nganj.org.

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:

July 11, 12, 13	Bridgewater Commons Mall
August 8, 9, 10	Newport Centre Mall
September 12, 13*, 14	Livingston Mall
October 2, 3, 4	Deptford Mall

October 30*, 31, November 1	Brunswick Square Mall
November 27, 28, 29	Quaker Bridge Mall

*Medal ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. on these dates.

The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., July-Sept.; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Oct. and Nov.

N.J. Vietnam Veterans Memorial

N.J. Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Educational Center's upcoming events:

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Free guided tours of the Memorial are offered on the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

