

DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



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New Jersey National Guard celebrates Unity Day



The New Jersey National Guard observed their 13th Annual Unity Day Celebration at Joint Force Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst on June 16. Through food sampling, music, entertainment, educational displays, contests and giveaways, the NJNG celebrated the ethnic and cultural diversity of the organiza-

tion. Top left, service members begin the fun walk/run race portion of the event. Top right, the UCC Royal Brass Band performs New Orleans Jazz-style music for the crowd. Bottom photos, Soldiers enjoy an array of diverse culinary dishes from around the world. (Photos by Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA)

Free or reduced-price beach badges for military personnel

Just in time for the summer, some beach towns in New Jersey will have the option to offer free or reduced-price beach badges to active duty military personnel and their families under a new legislation signed Tuesday, June 21, by Gov. Chris Christie.

Under the old law, towns that require beach badges were only allowed to reduce rates for people 65 and older or certain people with disabilities.

In addition, the old law stated that children under the age of 12 could not be charged for beach badges.

However, some towns were already waiving fees for military members without interference from the state.

Shore-area lawmakers who sponsored the bill said they felt it was important to remove any legal obstacle that might make towns hesitant to offer the courtesy.

The legislation does not require towns to waive the fees, but gives them the option to do so.

Salute to Troops Ceremony in July for deploying Soldiers

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General of New Jersey National Guard, will be on hand at the Salute to Troops Ceremony on Saturday, July 9 at the Flemington Armory in Flemington, N.J. beginning at 10 a.m.

Soldiers from the 250th Financial Management Detachment will be honored during the ceremony as they prepare for a year-long deployment overseas.

Accordingly, you are cordially invited to attend the event to honor these fine Soldiers.

Please RSVP by July 1 to Elizabeth Schofield, Office of Government Relations at NJDMAVA, at 609-530-6988 or via Email at Elizabeth.schofield@njdmava.state.nj.us.

Attire for the event is ACU's for military personnel and business casual for non-military personnel.

The Flemington Armory is located at 422 State Highway Route 12, Flemington, N.J. 08822.

More Unity Day Photos



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Newark Bears military service night

Join the Newark Bears in honoring the men and women who proudly serve and protect our great nation on Newark Bears Military Service Night on Tuesday, July 12 at Riverfront Stadium in Newark, N.J.

You can have your name announced over the public announcement system, as well as shown in the lights on the scoreboard.

Group tickets start at \$7 per person, and if you attend in uniform, tickets are only \$5.

The Bears will play the New York Federals starting at 5:35 pm.

For more information please call Dan Tamburro at 973-848-1000 or via Email at dtamburro@newarkbears.com.

Free marriage enrichment, couples retreat at Princeton

The next marriage enrichment retreat is scheduled for the weekend of August 26 – 28, at the Chauncey Hotel and Conference Center in Princeton, N.J.

This hotel is secluded in a romantic setting in Princeton, and shuttle service to downtown Princeton is available from the hotel.

Soldiers can attend this retreat in a split unit training assembly (SUTA) status at the discretion of their commanders.

Couples will receive Strong Bonds (PREP) training from ANG chaplains. Strong Bonds/Marriage Enrichment is a practical application opportunity to learn what works in a marriage and what makes a marriage work.

This is not counseling nor group therapy session, but a weekend to “reconnect” with your significant other by receiving tools and information for better communication and relationship building.

In addition, hotel accommodations and meals are paid for by the Family Program during the retreat. Soldiers and their significant others are required to attend all sessions.

For more information or to sign up for this retreat, please contact Marie Durling, family program specialist, at 609-802-7606 or via e-mail at marie.durling@us.army.mil.

The retreat is limited to the first 25 couples.

The Chauncey Hotel and Conference Center is located at 660 Rosedale Avenue in Princeton.

Free tickets to Arena Football game

The Philadelphia Souls of the Arena Football league are offering free complimentary tickets to their July 8 game against the Cleveland Gladiators as part of their Military Appreciation Night.

All military service members with a valid military ID will be offered the free complimentary tickets. Additional tickets for family members can be purchased for regular price.

Please visit the Souls' Web site for more information on ticket prices at www.philadelphiasoul.com.

For questions or more information contact Ashley Wood, ticket sales, at 215-253-4900 ext. 181 or via E-mail at awood@philadelphiasoul.com

Free beach pass to Belmar

The Borough of Belmar, N.J. would like to invite you to Military Appreciation Day at their 5th Avenue Beach on Saturday, July 2, beginning at 9 a.m.

All active military personnel and their families will be entitled to a free beach pass, parking, lunch, music and more at the Taylor Pavilion in Belmar.

Pre-registration and proper military identification is required if planning to attend.

Please contact the Belmar recreation director, Mike Campbell, at 732-681-3700 ext. 211 or via email at recreation@belmar.com.

Taylor Pavilion is located 512 Ocean Avenue in Belmar.

Information Resource Fair

Come learn about benefits and services available to wounded, ill and injured service members, Veterans and their families on Thursday, June 30 at Timmerman Conference Center in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. beginning at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

This information resource fair is sponsored by the Soldier and Family Assistance Center at JBMDL and is intended to be a one-stop services shop for military members and their families as they transition back to duty or the civilian community after deployments.

Services offered include employment, financial, social services, education, veteran's benefits, pastoral care, child and youth services, legal assistance and more.

In addition, free food and massages will be available, as well as door prizes and giveaways.

For more information or questions, please contact Natasha Freeman, director of SFAC, at 609-562-6538 or via E-mail at natasha.freeman@us.af.mil or natasha.a.freeman@us.army.mil.

Timmerman Conference Center is located at 5441 8th Street in JBMDL.

Sea Girt to host clam bake in July

Come to the clam bake at the Sea Girt National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J. on Saturday, July 9 starting at 2 p.m.

This event will be hosted by the National Guard Association of New Jersey and will include clams, corn on-the-cob, barbecue chicken, hot dogs, burgers, water and soda.

The cost for this event is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12.

Make checks payable to NGANJ and send them to NGANJ – Clam Bake, P.O. Box 266, Wrightstown, NJ 08652, or contact Connie Cisek at connie.cisek@ang.af.mil for additional information.

DMAVA job vacancy announcement

The state of New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is announcing two vacancy openings for a Staff Assistant 2 P15 (Fire Fighter) effective June 15 and closing on July 7.

Applications will be accepted from all interested DMAVA employees and outside applicants with the most qualified candidate being selected.

To review the qualification requirements, duty station, salary, and how to apply for this position please visit the following link: <http://www.nj.gov/military/vacancy/State/2011/V7-11.pdf>