

The New Jersey Army National

Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Military Engagement Team is deploying for Operation Enduring Freedom and the most effective weapon in their arsenal will be their power of persuasion.

The 26 Soldiers will spend the next year coaching allied military forces on a variety of skills in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility.

That means they'll do a lot of talking. And their commander, Col. Christopher Schrieks, says that's a good thing.

"We are from New Jersey and like to talk to people. What we are probably known best for is our ability to sell ice cubes to Eskimos," Schrieks said during the unit's departure ceremony at the Lawrenceville Armory on Nov. 1.

The Soldiers have now arrived at their mobilization station at Fort Hood, Texas, for mission specific training will go forward to conduct military-to-military engagements with regional partners. The team headquarters will be in Kuwait with members traveling to other countries to support foreign military training objectives.

Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General of the New Jersey National Guard spoke of the troops' 412 years of collective military experience. Most of the team has deployment experience. For half of the Soldiers, this is their second or third deployment. For four soldiers, it is their fourth time. For the remaining nine, their first deployment.

Cunniff said the team members will be able to draw on their vast military experience – and more.

"Something the National Guard brings that isn't all that apparent when you see them here in uniform, is that they bring their civilian skills and other experiences to the fight," Cunniff said.

The deploying Soldiers include three state troopers, a corrections officer, and a school teacher.

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COL. CHRISTOPHER SCHRIEKS
COMMANDER
50TH IBCT-MET

For Capt. Vincent Solomeno, of Hazlet Township, it will be his first deployment.

"I'm excited to do this mission. We have been training for this mission for several months and have developed a great team," said Solomeno, a former Fulbright Scholar, who serves as the fulltime curator of the National Guard Museum at Sea Girt.

Staff Sgt. Daryl Caulfield, a Marine

Corps veteran and Westampton police officer, said he also wanted an overseas mission. For Caulfield, he is hoping to unite with his son, Cpl. Adam Caufield, who is serving in the region with the Marine Corps 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Master Sgt. Rene Sales, a second time deployer, said he was looking forward to working with the foreign military.

"It's a really interesting mission. It's something new. The Army looks to the

National Guard because we have the ability to bring an additional set of skills to the table and also at the same time relate to different cultures," he said.

As part of the ceremony the team's top noncommissioned officer, Sgt. Maj. Terrence Taylor was promoted to the rank of command sergeant major.

While Schrieks may have added a sense of humor to the emotional event, he too choked up when he talked of backbone of the Army being the family.

"This is the third time I am deploying and I know the hardest thing we can ask our families is to hold down the fort," he said.

The 50th IBCT MET team will be replacing the 32nd MET of the Wisconsin Army National Guard. The New Jersey team is a part of 1,000 New Jersey National Guard personnel deployed for contingency operations around the world.

AROUND THE STATE



Photo above: Lt. Col. Jonathan Lamar is ceremonially congratulated on completing his final flight as a KC-135R Stratotanker pilot at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Oct. 28, 2014. Lamar's career spanned 32 years including enlisted time, four years at the Air Force Academy, active duty and nearly 14 years with the 108th Wing. Having received his pilot's wings in June of 1988, Lamar has amassed approximately 6,380 total flight hours. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carl Clegg/Released) Photo right: Students from Millville high school dressed up as USO (United Service Organization) hostesses serve doughnuts to the residents from the Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland during Military Appreciation Day at the Millville Army Air Field Museum Nov. 1, 2014. The ceremony, which observed the 70th anniversary of D-Day, was held in a World War II era supply hut that now serves as the Henry E. Wyble Library and Education Center. (DMAVA photo by Mark C. Olsen/Released)



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ID CARDS AT BORDENTOWN

ID Cards are available at the Joint Military Family Assistance Center in Bordentown. To schedule an appointment, call (609) 324-7027.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK Winter is coming; make sure your computer hibernates!

Did You Know?

Setting your computer to sleep or hibernate mode instead of using a screen saver during periods of inactivity will reduce electricity consumption. These modes reserve your computer state, which keeps your work intact for when you are ready to resume use. Just putting your PC to sleep at night can save you up to \$24 every year.

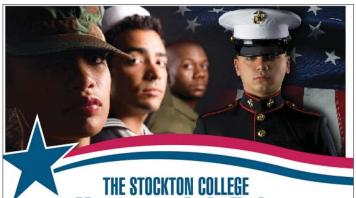
Working at NJDMAVA, you can't shut down your work computer because of regularly needed updates, but you should turn off the monitor whenever possible.

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



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THE STOCKTON COLLEGE Veteran Job Fair

Veterans and Active Military

★ November 14, 2014 • 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. ★ **Campus Center Event Room**

Here are just some of the careers/job fields that will be represented at the Stockton Veteran Fair:

Law Enforcement • Security • Banks • Insurance • Car Rental Agencies • Hotel/Casinos • Energy • Home Improvement • Military • Investment Securities • Manufacturers • Retail & many more.....

Register by emailing

Patrick.Shields@stockton.edu

(Please provide contact information and branch of service.)

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

When: 14-16 November 2014

Where: Stockton Seaview Hotel and

About: Strong Bonds for Couples strengthens the marital bond, giving couples the tools and information they need for better communication and relationship building.

Workshop Details: <u>Friday, 14 Nov</u> Hotel check-in Begins at 1600

Dinner: 1800-1900

Session 1: Breaking the ICE/ Expectations (1900-2000)

<u>Saturday, 15 Nov</u> Breakfast Buffet provided (0630-0800)

<u>Session 1</u>: 3 Keys to Success- Anger & Stress Management (0800-1200)

Lunch Buffet provided (1200-1300)

Session 2: Poisonous Communication - Fun (1300-1600)

Sunday, 16 Nov Breakfast Buffet provided (0630-0800)

Session 3: Conclusion & Certificates (0800-1100)

STRONG BONDS RELATIONSHIP ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP FOR MARRIED COUPLES 14-16 November 2014

WHAT IS THE HYPE ON FEARLESS MARRIAGE FOR MARRIED COUPLES?

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TO REGISTER : Go to www.StrongBonds.org or contact SGT John Schwartz John.w.schwartz22.mil@mail.mil

or Active Soldiers & Their Families

Regional Veterans Resource & Opportunity Fair

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Job Fair - 40+ employers ready to hire

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Veterans-only Employment/Resume Writing Workshop 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Veterans-only lob Fair & Resource Opportunities 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. General public Employment/Resume Writing Workshop 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. General public Job Fair & Resource Opportunities

FREE Expungement Workshop - Learn how to have your record expunged

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Expungement Workshop for Veterans 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Expungement Workshop for general public

Resource Opportunities - Learn about:

homeless prevention and affordable housing mental health, PTSD, and health care · law enforcement initiatives

Veterans Service Providers

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs · Veterans Hospital VA Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment NJ State Parole Board · One-Stop Career Centers · American Legion

Register By Using the Appropriate Link

Employers: http://go.usa.gov/p2Am Veterans: http://go.usa.gov/p2sY (Veterans, Active Duty, Guard, Reserve) General Public/Non-Veterans: http://go.usa.gov/p2sB

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For registration questions, please contact us at regional veterans job fair og mail.com or call 609-292-0656

All other general and service provider questions contact ail.com or call 908-894-0746















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E-mail your Highlights submissions to: mark.olsen@dmava.nj.gov



UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS

Mount Laurel Library 100 Walt Whitman Avenue Mount Laurel, N.J. 08054 Nov. 7, 14 and Dec. 12: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly) Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

177th Fighter Wing 400 Langley Road Bldg 229 Egg Harbor Twp, N.J. 08234 Nov. 20 and Dec. 9: 12 - 4 p.m. (hourly) Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

DMAVA BLDG
1st Floor/IASD Section
101 Eggerts Crossing Road
Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648
Nov. 19 and Dec. 3: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (hourly)
Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

Housing Community Center Bldg 1134 Hemlock Street Ft. Dix, N.J.

Dec. 1: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly) Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

Monmouth County Library
Eastern Branch
1001 Route 35
Shrewsbury, N.J. 07702
Dec. 3: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

Military & Family Support Center Highway 547 Building 488 Walsh Road Lakehurst, N.J. 08733 Nov. 13: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545 McGuire Library 2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641 Nov. 10: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

McGuire Housing
Jim Saxton Community Center
3811 South Boiling Street
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641
Dec. 2: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

108th Wing Airmen & Family Readiness Office 3327 Charles Blvd McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641 Nov. 12: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

> Pemberton Community Library 16 Broadway Street Browns Mills, N.J. 08015 Nov 7: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

Jersey City Armory 678 Montgomery St. Jersey City, N.J. 07306 Nov. 13: 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Nov. 20: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Dec. 4 and 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec. 18: 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Contact: Darrel Hutchinson, (646) 354-0126

Army Community Service
Bldg 119
Dover, N.J. 07806
Nov. 14 and Dec. 12: 1 - 3 p.m.
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson, (646) 354-0126

Camden County Veterans Affairs 3 Collier Dr.-Lakeland Complex Blackwood, N.J. 08012 Nov. 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly) Contact: Wil Acosta, (646) 300-1312



DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN

Nov. 8: Veterans Resource and Job Fair Center for Business and Industry Culinary Conference Center in Jersey City (10 a.m. – 1 p.m.) 161 Newkirk Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306

Nov. 12: Medal Ceremony & Outreach Event Conference Center, Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters (11 a.m.) 1 Johnson and Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ Nov. 13: Veteran Hiring & Resource Fair National Guard Armory (8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) 430 Western Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960

Nov. 14 & 15: "Stand Down" Morristown National Guard Armory (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.) 430 Western Ave., Morristown, NJ, 07960

Nov. 14: Veteran Job Fair at Stockton College Campus Center Event Room (9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.) 101 Vera King Farris Drive, Galloway, NJ 08205

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT AT EACH EVENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

2014 VECERANY DAY RESTAURANT SPECIALS

Applebee's -- free meal, Nov. 11: Last year, Applebee's served over one million free meals to military veterans and active service-members. There will be 7 entrées to choose from, beverage and gratuity not included. Military ID or proof of service required

Bob Evans -- Veterans and active military personnel receive free all-you-can-eat hotcakes on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

California Pizza Kitchen -- Veterans and active military receive a complimentary entrée from a special menu on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Carrabba's -- All active and retired veterans get a free appetizer Nov. 8 through 11.

Cattlemens -- Active, inactive, and retired military personnel get a free Small Sirloin Steak Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Claim Jumper -- On Monday, Nov. 10, all Claim Jumper locations will provide veterans with a complimentary meal from a special menu.

Cheeseburger in Paradise -- Active and retired military personnel receive a complimentary All-American Burger with fries on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Charlie Brown's Steakhouse -- Nov. 11. Free meal for active and former military members with ID or other valid proof of service.

Chili's -- free meal, Tuesday, Nov. 11. Chili's is offering all military veterans past and present their choice of one of 7 meals during the dinner hour, or any lunch combo during lunch. Offer only available at participating Chili's in the U.S. only. Dine-in from limited menu only.

Carlo's Bakery (The Cake Boss) -- is offering all Veterans and active servicemembers to enjoy a free large cannoli by presenting a military ID or proof of service at any Carlo's Bakery location in Hoboken, Red Bank, Westfield, Ridgefield and Morristown.

Denny's -- Nov. 11. Free Build Your Own Grand Slam® on Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 5 a.m. to noon for all active, inactive, and retired military personnel. Participating locations only. Please call ahead.

Friendly's -- Nov. 11. Free breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Breakfast offering is free a Big Two Do breakfast, which includes a coffee and the choice between French toast, buttermilk pancakes, or regular toast along with bacon or sausage links, and some eggs. Lunch or dinner includes an All-American Burger served with fries and a beverage.

Golden Corral -- Free meal, Monday Nov. 17, 2014 (5pm – 9pm): The 14th annual Golden Corral Military Appreciation Monday dinner will is available to any person who has ever served in the United States Military.

Hooters -- Tuesday, Nov. 11, Hooters invites all veterans and current servicemen and women to enjoy a free meal, up to \$10.99 in value with any drink purchase, by presenting a military ID or proof of service at any Hooters location across the country.

iPlay America in Freehold -- Veterans and Active military ride for free on Veterans Day To celebrate three years of fun guests can purchase unlimited ride band for \$11 and a \$20 game card for an additional \$11 (total of \$22). Must purchase ride card to get \$11 Game Card!

JJ's Red Hots -- Veterans and active duty military get with an unlimited free meal on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Krispy Kreme -- Krispy Kreme is offering a free doughnut and

small coffee to all veterans on Tuesday, Nov. 11 at participating locations.

LongHorn Steakhouse -- Veterans and current service members receive a complimentary Texas Tonion appetizer and non-alcoholic beverage from a select menu on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Max & Erma's -- Tuesday, Nov. 11, participating Max & Erma's locations are offering veterans and active military personnel a free Best Cheeseburger in America Combo meal.

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurants -- On Sunday, Nov. 9, participating restaurants will offer a complimentary entree to veterans from a special menu.

Menchie's -- Nov. 11, 2014. All veterans and current servicemembers will receive a free 6 oz. frozen yogurt on Veterans Day

MOD Pizza -- Veterans and active duty military get a free individual, artisan-style pizza or hand-tossed salad on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Olive Garden -- On Tuesday, Nov. 11, all veterans and current service members get a free meal from a limited menu.

On the Border -- Veterans and active duty military can enjoy a free meal from the "Create Your Own Combo menu" on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Outback Steakhouse -- All active and former service members receive a free Bloomin' Onion and a beverage on Nov. 11. Outback is also offering active and former service members 15% off their meals Nov. 12 through Dec. 31.

Perkin's Restaurant & Bakery -- Nov. 11. Participating restaurants are offering current servicemembers and veterans a free Magnificent Seven meal which includes two eggs, three buttermilk pancakes, and a choice of two bacon strips or two sausage links.

Red Hot & Blue -- Veterans receive a free entrée with the purchase of a second entrée on Nov. 10, 11 and 12. Coupon required.

Red Lobster -- Veterans, retired and active-duty military personnel receive a complimentary appetizer from a limited menu from Monday, Nov. 10 to Thursday, Nov. 13.

Shoney's -- Shoney's will be offering a free All-American Burger to veterans and active duty service members on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Sizzler -- Sizzler offers active duty and veteran military members a free lunch from a limited menu on Tuesday, Nov. 11 until 4 p.m.

Spaghetti Warehouse – On Tuesday, Nov. 11, buy one entrée and get the second entrée free. This deal requires a coupon, which is available starting Nov. 4.

Texas Roadhouse -- Texas Roadhouse locations nationwide will offer veterans a free lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Offer is good for active duty, retired or former U.S. military.

Uno Chicago Grill -- Tuesday, Nov. 11. Free individual pizza or entrée with the purchase of a pizza or entrée of equal or greater value. Available for all active duty and veterans. No coupon necessary; proof of service required. Don't forget to tell the staff you are there that day to support Fisher House, and a portion of your party's check will go to benefit the Fisher House Foundation, an awesome military charity.



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TO ALL VETERANS PAST AND PRESENT,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.
THE ANNUAL STATE VETERANS DAY CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT
BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM C. DOYLE CEMETERY
350 PROVINCE LINE ROAD, WRIGHTSTOWN, N.J. 08562
11 A.M.

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