



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

OCTOBER 17, 2014



New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, the New Jersey National Guard leadership and members of state veterans' groups attended a funeral service officiated by New Jersey's Mission of Honor for the cremains (cremated remains) of seven American servicemen at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, N.J., Oct. 9, 2014. Besides their military service, the one other thing these men had in common was that their remains had laid unclaimed for between three and 26 years. Those honored were: Joseph J. Caruso, William Caruso, Jack DeHope, Charles J. McCarthy, Frank M. Molendowski Sr., Joseph Rihlik and Frank M. Shaleski. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



Citizen-Soldier brothers deploy to Southwest Asia

Story by Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Photos by 1st Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

As children, Dave and Davis Valentine grew up doing most things together.

As adults, the two Ridgefield Park, New Jersey siblings still do. Both attend classes at Bergen County College, both enlisted in the New Jersey Army National Guard in November 2013.

Now, Private First Class's Valentine will deploy to Southwest Asia along with 70 other members of the 2nd-113th Security Forces (SEC-FOR) Platoon.

"I think it's good that we get to deploy together," said Davis, the younger of the pair. "It definitely makes it easier to have somebody you know, somebody you grew up with deploying with you."

Affectionately known amongst their platoon as the "wonder twins" for their similarities in both looks and mannerisms, the brothers spent Saturday, Oct. 11 saying their good-byes to family and friends during a departure ceremony at the Jersey City armory.

The two weren't the only pair of siblings in the formation that day.

Capt. Charles Kratochvil and his younger brother 1st Lt. Christian Kratochvil will also deploy to Southwest Asia with the unit, as part of the Base Defense Operations Center platoon.

Twenty-eight year old Charles received his commission in 2008, the same year his younger brother enlisted in the Army National guard. Christian wouldn't accept his commission until 2011.

"I always knew I was going to join the military, but I had no idea he'd actually come with me," said Charles.

Being four year's older than his brother, Charles said that the two weren't always the closest growing up. He said he's looking forward to the months deployed together.

"I don't have to like him, but I have to love him," he joked. "It's cool deploying with him. It's nice to



Photo above: Pfc. Dave Valentine, left, and Pfc. Davis Valentine are deploying with the 2nd-113th Security Forces Platoon while (photo right) Capt. Charles Kratochvil, left, and 1st Lt. Christian Kratochvil are deploying with the 2nd-113th Base Defense Operations Center platoon.

go with someone I've known my whole life."

For Christian, 25, the mission represents the only opportunity he may have to deploy for his country.

"This is the last chance a lot of the fresh new lieutenants and new Soldiers have to deploy for the state of New Jersey," he said. "It's their chance to make their mark and to do as much as they can for their country. That's why I'm proud and excited to go."



Mercer County recognizes Citizen-Soldiers contribution

By Donna Clementoni, ESGR Public Affairs

When the nation calls its Citizen-Soldiers, they must leave their civilian jobs and put on their uniform to defend as ordered.

At times, the burden is born by their employer who has to rearrange schedules, cover shifts and 'improve, adapt and overcome' for the duration of the employee's deployment.

The Mercer County Sheriff's Office, New Jersey Parole Board and the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve hosted a Mercer County Law Enforcement Event at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, N.J., Oct. 3, 2014. More than 70 people, ranging from county police chiefs, law enforcement leaders and military advocates attended the ceremony.

Mercer County law enforcement leaders recognized the service and sacrifice of the men and women and are willing to support their National Guard and Reserve members as part of their duty and responsibility to the nation's total defense.

ESGR is a Department of Defense, a mostly volunteer organization that seeks to create a culture where employers value the military service and sacrifice of their employees. ESGR also recognizes outstanding support by employers, works at increasing awareness of the law and seeks to resolve conflicts through mediation.

"It's an important commitment, because over 50 percent of the U.S. military comes from the National Guard and Reserve," said NJESGR State Chairman Don Tretola.

"We cannot have a fully capable military without a well-trained Guard and Reserve," said Tretola. "The past twelve years of mobilizations has tested and proven our nation's Guard and Reserve forces are critical to our nation's defense."

Mercer County Sheriff Jack Kemler explained that the National Guard and Reserve members "are out there fighting for us. I strongly support all of them for their commitment."

Kemler said that three officers from his office have deployed in the last few years, sometimes for eight to ten months at a time. "They leave their family, they leave their jobs, they leave their homes to defend freedom abroad," said Kemler. "They had a job to return to in Mercer County when they came home."

The New Jersey Parole Board collaborated with ESGR to present the well-attended event.

Nationwide, approximately six to nine percent of those incarcerated or under probation or parole supervision are veterans. The New Jersey Veterans Reentry Program, a program of the New Jersey Parole Board under the leadership of Commissioner James Plousis, aims to be "part of the solution."

Their mission is to provide criminal justice involved



veterans in New Jersey with access to veteran services and benefits for which they are eligible, resulting in a decrease in recidivism, a reduction in cost, and ensuring the safety of the public."

During the event, two veteran advocates were honored with the ESGR Seven Seals Award.

Tretola cited New Jersey State Parole Board Vice Chairman Samuel J. Plumeri Jr., as an award recipient: "Whose supportive actions, as a citizen, have benefited Soldiers in the National Guard and Reserve and has demonstrated outstanding support, commitment and patriotism to the United States military and our Citizen-Soldiers."

Chief of Veterans Services for Mercer County, Edward Mazzeo was also presented with the award. A Hamilton resident for more than 52 years, Mazzeo is a Marine who served in Vietnam as a "tunnel rat." Mazzeo retired from General Motors Co., and has held many prominent positions in military and veteran organizations.

This award, depicting the heraldry seals of the seven military services, is given at the discretion of the NJESGR State Chairman to recognize the efforts by a citizen, business, or organization, whose supportive actions have benefited all of the Guard/Reserve components in a significant manner.

Recipients of this award do not necessarily employ Reservists, but have demonstrated support, commitment, and extreme patriotism to the United States military.



American Legion visits Menlo

Mike Wilson, third from left in back row, American Legion state commander, Department of New Jersey, along with American Legion members, front row: Anthony Gallopo, Judy Morales and Daniel Dunn and back row: John Dunne, Steven Fisher, Wilson, Dan McCole, Ken Connors visited chief executive officer Joseph Brandspiegel, back row, far right, at the Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park Sept. 10, 2014. Wilson and the group toured the facility and visited with the residents. (Courtesy photo)

GUARD AROUND THE STATE

Deployment supplemented

Deployed Soldiers tend to spend a lot of free time at the gym. Workouts for the deployed members of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 114th Infantry are about to get more productive, thanks to a donation of nutrition supplements from Giant Sports Products of Farmingdale. Company president Peter Junsberg, top right, made the delivery personally to the Freehold Armory on Oct. 14, 2014. Capt. John Lore, lower right, the units rear detachment commander, accepted the donation on behalf of the 114th Infantry Soldier's Association and the unit's family readiness group. More than 450 Citizen-Soldiers from the Freehold, Mount Holly and Woodbury armories deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in June. The unit is providing force protection at a military installation in Southwest Asia. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley/Released)



108th serves at Stand Down

Senior Airman Tiara Williamson, 108th Medical Group, New Jersey Air National Guard, takes the blood pressure of a homeless veteran during the North Jersey Stand Down at the John F. Kennedy Pool & Recreation Center in Newark on Oct. 11, 2014. Nearly 400 homeless veterans took advantage of access to healthcare, mental health screening, substance abuse counseling, social services (food stamps and unemployment), legal services, religious counseling, a hot meal, a haircut and winter clothing. The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Stand Down of North Jersey Committee, Inc., along with state, federal and private agencies co-hosted the event. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Patrick Nogan/Released)

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Sliker named Ms. New Jersey Veteran

By Donna Clementoni, ESGR Public Affairs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve administrative support technician Delisa Sliker was recognized as the “Ms. New Jersey Veteran” at the conclusion of a series of four New Jersey Resource and Opportunity Fairs that were held throughout the state.

Sliker retired as a chief petty officer with the United States Naval Reserve in September 2011 as an intelligence specialist. Sliker served on active duty from November 1986 till March, 1997 as a machinery repairman on the USS Yosemite, SIMA Little Creek, and the PreCom of USS Bataan. Sliker participated in Operation’s Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

The Oct. 9 event that was held at the All Wars Memorial Buildings (Old Soldier’s Home) in Atlantic City and was co-sponsored by the American Legion, Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian and the State of New Jersey. It was co-sponsored by the New Jersey Parole Board and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

The Mayor welcomed the attendees to the building ‘built for Soldiers’ that provided the networking venue for Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, veterans and their families to interface with vendors and providers of veteran services that offered career opportunities, information on mental health issues, homelessness and general veteran affairs.

Sliker, the selected female finalist out of the eighty veterans that competed in the event was the judge’s pick. The Navy veteran was a preliminary contest winner at the competition held at the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum in May, 2014. When asked what qualities she thought were the most important to possess as the Ms. New Jersey Veteran she cited, “Commitment, integrity and advocacy for fellow veterans.”

In addition to her NJESGR work, Sliker is the Joint Base



U.S. Army veteran and American Legion member Dr. Vicki Lachman, left, presents the Ms. New Jersey Veteran award to retired Naval Chief Petty Officer Delisa Sliker, who is an administrative support technician for the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. (Courtesy photo)

McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Mentor, Advisor, and Counselor for the Navy Operational Support Center. She is also a member of the NOSC Family Support Group.



Edwards honored

Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland chief executive officer Boris Rissek, left congratulates resident Edward Brown for receiving the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal from Brig. Gen. Steven Ferrari, director, veterans healthcare services, right. Brown, 94, is the lone living survivor of the Normandy invasion among the home’s 300 veteran residents. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven)

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK

Check your attic door!

Did You Know?

A poorly installed attic door can be responsible for up to 15 percent of your home’s heat loss. Attic doors are usually located at the highest point in a house, so that’s where most of



the heat tries to escape! Whether it’s the type that pulls down from the ceiling, or just an ordinary door, adding insulation and weatherstripping to your attic door can reduce heat loss and save you money on your heating bill.

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.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

When: 14-16 November 2014

Where: Stockton Seaview Hotel and Golf Club

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:
Friday, 14 Nov
 Hotel check-in Begins at 1600
 Dinner: 1800-1900

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

Saturday, 15 Nov
 Breakfast Buffet provided (0630-0800)

Session 1: 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**

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 Chaplain Candidate (1LT) Rachel Zarnke

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

For Active Soldiers & Their Families

DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN



Oct. 22; "Hiring Our Heroes" Veterans Event

Toms River American Legion
 Post #129

Employment Workshop for Job Seekers: 8:30 a.m.

Hiring Fair: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 08753

Nov. 6: Veterans' Outreach Forum
 Davidow Hall Gymnasium

Salem Community College (9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.)
 460 Hollywood Avenue, Carney's Point, NJ 08069

Nov. 12: Medal Ceremony & Outreach Event
 Conference Center, Johnson & Johnson World Headquarters (11 a.m.)

1 Johnson and Johnson Plaza
 New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Nov. 13 – 15: Third Annual Morristown Stand Down
 Morristown National Guard Armory
 Vets Hiring & Resource Fair: Thursday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Stand Down: Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 430 Western Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960

DMAVA will also have representatives present from Veterans Haven North

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

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Retiree & Civilian Health & Wellness Fair


Tuesday, November 4th 11:00am-2:00pm
 Cannon Gate Catering Center
 Free Admission!



Over 20 local vendors!

Health Professionals.
 Fitness Programs.
 Retiree Services.

Information:
 Forge Fitness Center
 973-724-6215



HIRING OUR HEROES

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

2014 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event – Toms River, NJ
 The American Legion Post #129
 2025 Church Road, Toms River, NJ 02857
 Wednesday, October 22, 2014

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 8:30 A.M.

HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

This American Legion-sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Toms River-Ocean County Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the New Jersey Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Goodwill Industries International, NBC News, and other local partners.

EMPLOYERS Must register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org	JOB SEEKERS Register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org to guarantee admission. Walk-ins welcome but space not guaranteed.
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A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:30A.M. To register for the Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop, visit HiringOurHeroes.org. For registration questions, please contact us at hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.



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ALL VETERANS CAREER FAIR



LINCOLN FINANCIAL FIELD

Thursday, November 6, 2014
11:00 am – 3:00 pm
1020 Pattison Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19148

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WINE TASTING EVENT

HOSTED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY
 Featuring Vermeil Wines

October 24, 2014
6:00 pm - 8:30 pm
 Lawrenceville Armory
 101 Eggert Crossing Road • Lawrenceville NJ 08648

National Guard Association of New Jersey - NGANJ and Rival Sports present this exciting fun-raiser!

The evening will include Coach Dick Vermeil with special NGANJ guests and NFL Legends. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a wide selection of fine Napa Valley wine from Vermeil Wines including:

- 2010 XXXIV Proprietary Red Wine
- 2011 Integrity Red Wine Blend
- 2010 Jean Louis Vermeil Cabernet Sauvignon
- 2013 Dutton Ranch Chardonnay
- 2010 Luvisi "1908" Zinfandel
- 2013 Sauvignon Blanc

General Admission tickets are \$60. VIP Admission Tickets are \$125.

VIP tickets include a meet and greet with Coach Dick Vermeil, NFL Legends and the NGANJ dignitaries; plus receive a signed bottle of Vermeil Wines to take home!
 To purchase tickets or to become an event sponsor, visit www.NGANJ.org.
 For questions or information regarding this event, please email sharonpster@gmail.com.

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BOO! Blast



at Dorney Park

JT2DC Association is sponsoring Halloween Fun for Soldiers and their families Saturday October 18th 2014.

Activities include: Mask Making, Pumpkin Painting, Halloween shows with the Peanuts Gang, Children's rides, Scavenger hunts, and Petting Zoo.

Ticket cost is: \$40.00
 per person (includes children 2 and above)
 Parking Fee: \$15.00 per vehicle / Paid at Park

Ticket price also includes a 2 hour unlimited buffet: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs, Fixin's Bar, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Potato Chips and Cold Beverages.

Contact for ticket sales: Trudi Deyoung 609.847.5325
Trudi.c.deyoung.ctr@mail.mil
 SFC Paul Rein 609.562.0644 paul.j.rein.mil@mail.mil

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.



USFHP is adding an eye glasses to its benefit package. To hear more about USFHP and this added feature, come to one of these 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
Oct. 22, 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.
Oct. 20, Nov. 3 and 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.
(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.
(646) 341-2545

Naval Weapons Station Earle
201 Highway 34 South
Building C29
Colts Neck, N.J. 07722
Nov. 5: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

McGuire Library
2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641
Oct. 20 and 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
Oct. 30 and 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
Oct 28, 3 - 7 p.m.
Nov 7, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

Toms River Armory
1200 Whitesville Road
Toms River, N.J. 08753
Nov. 4: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (hourly)
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

Jersey City Armory
678 Montgomery St.
Jersey City, N.J. 07306
Oct. 23: 11 a.m. - 3 pm
Oct. 30, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Nov. 6, and 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: 1 - 3 p.m.
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
Oct. 20, Nov. 3, 17 and Dec. 1, 8, 15
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly)
Contact: Wil Acosta
(646) 300-1312