

# Latest Updates

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The State Family Programs Office is available 24/7.

You can go to the following website to get a copy of the current Family Program Office roster.

[www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/home.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/home.html)

In case you can't remember the above address or you are on vacation on a strange computer all you really need to remember is:

[www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov)

From there you can search for the Family Programs Office and find the information you need.

The web based newsletter is complete. The information is all on the web and can be found at the above address. This update document will show 3 things:

- 1) **Items this office wants to highlight even though it may not be new for this issue**
- 2) **The newest items since the last publication date and**
- 3) **The previous weeks update**

All of the information listed in this document will be posted in the other parts of the newsletter found in one of these documents:

- 1) **Family Events** – Here you will find items and activities that are for the family to participate in. The events may or may not be for children.
- 2) **Fundraisers and FRG Events** – Items that you can participate in but not related to an FRG are here. Usually the fundraising activity will help Our Soldiers and Families in some way. Also, you will find FRG events that you can participate in and help the Soldiers and Families of OUR New Jersey National Guard.
- 3) **Deals and Services** – Many companies offer free or reduced priced services. Check out the great deals available to you.
- 4) **Helpful Programs** – Find out about programs designed to help you get through your Soldiers deployment and offers to help you with bill payments, ID cards, and the all important Red Cross procedures in case of personal or family emergency.

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## The Latest Items:

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**Thank You!**

*Author Unknown*

**May not have told you lately,  
But hope you know it's true,  
That every day we're grateful for  
A volunteer like you!**

**Your caring words, your caring deeds,  
They mean so very much,  
For all you give to others  
We can never say "Thank-You" enough!**

## Weekly Trivia

The prize is knowing that you honestly thought about this and can't wait till next week to see if you're correct.

### This week's trivia:

Yesterday a statue of former President Reagan was unveiled at the US Capitol rotunda. This reminded me of his time in office and the fact that he loved Jelly Belly jelly beans. In fact Jelly Belly created a blueberry flavor so that Ronnie could have jars of red, white, and blue jelly beans in the oval office and on Air Force One (by the way, the airplane itself is not Air Force One. It becomes Air Force One only when the president is on board. When the president flies on the Marine helicopter, it becomes Marine One). What were the original flavors of the jelly beans put out by the Jelly Belly Company in 1976?

### Last week's trivia:

I think I messed up last weeks trivia but no one caught it or at least let Marie know about it. This weeks trivia comes straight from the headlines (just like *Law and Order* the best drama on TV). There's lots of buzz about the first Hispanic female judge nominated for the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor. This is a 3 part trivia. The court has been around since 1789! Who was the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court? Who has been a Chief Justice who was also the US President (or is that a President who was also a Chief Justice)? Finally, we are all used to referring to the 9 Justices of the Supreme Court. It hasn't always been so. What is the lowest and largest number of justices the court has had since its inception?

John Jay was the first Supreme Court Chief Justice confirmed in 1789 who served for 5 years after which he became governor of New York. When the Supreme Court first started in 1789 there were only 6 justices on the court. The number went up to 7 justices in 1807 and then jumped to 9 justices in 1837 where it has stayed at 9 **except** for the period between 1864 and 1868 when the court had 10 justices. The single person who was both Chief Justice and President was William Taft. Taft who was reluctantly elected President in 1908. He served only 1 term and then went on to teach law at Yale. President Harding nominated former President Taft to be the Supreme Court Chief Justice in 1921 which he held until he retired in 1930. To Taft, the appointment was his greatest honor; he wrote: "I don't remember that I ever was President." Marie says I would be a welcomed addition to the Supreme Court as my second career. I was grateful for her comment until she said they always need good help to pick up after the Justices when they get done with their important days work. Boo!

## 30 jun Youth Camp Deadline Extended To 15 June

We are still accepting applications for Youth Camp! We want to accommodate the Soldiers who are just returning and therefore a decision has been made to extend the application deadline to 15 Jun. Get them in! The following slots are open for applications:

	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
<b>Campers 9-12 year olds (Max 124)</b>		
Applications Received	24	35
Slots Remaining	38	27
<b>Campers 13-14 year olds (Max 24)</b>		
Applications Received	20	18
Slots Remaining	0	0
<b>Junior Counselors (Need about 24)</b>		
Applications Received	15	14
Slots Remaining	0	0
<b>Senior Counselors (Need about 24)</b>		
Applications Received	8	3
Slots Remaining	4	9

1) 9-12 year old Campers: We still have plenty of slots open for Campers.

2) 13-14 year old Campers: We try hard to keep the girl/boy ratio close to even. We are still taking applications for girl and boy 13-14 years old, but currently we have exceeded the maximum number of girls we can take. We date the applications we receive. If there are drop outs of any girl 13-14 year old Campers than we will work down the list of waiting girl applications until we find one to fill the hole. You will know by early to mid June whether your 13-14 year old Camper is at camp or on the waiting list.

3.) Jr Counselors: We try hard to keep the girl/boy ratio close to even. We are still taking applications for girl and boy Jr Counselors, but currently we have exceeded the maximum number of girls we can take. We date the applications we receive. If there are drop outs of any girl Jr Counselors than we will work down the list of waiting Jr Counselors until we find one to fill the hole. You will know by early to mid June whether your Jr Counselor is at camp or on the waiting list.

4.) Sr Counselors: We are still looking for Sr Counselors. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, please download an application from our website and fill it out. Remember, the FBI fingerprint check is a NGB requirement, not this office requirement!!

5.) Volunteers: We are still taking Volunteer applications. We are looking especially for female Safety/Security volunteers so we can have a female staff member 24 hours a day. We are also looking for people to volunteer as Sports people (no experience necessary).

Applications can be found at our website [www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/home.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/home.html).

## 6 Flag Ticket Update

We have several envelopes of tickets we are still holding. Last Friday was the deadline for picking them up. Starting Monday 8 Jun, you can call and see how many of what tickets it is that you want before coming up, but it is first come first serve at our office ONLY. We will no longer put tickets on reserve except to hold them for an hour or two for you to travel up to our office but that's it. They must and will be gone within the next week.

The only tickets we have any great numbers of (about 40 left) are the reduced fee parking tickets. They are \$10 and if you have previously bought park tickets but not a parking ticket come on up cash in hand. If you're thinking about going and buying your own tickets come and pick up a parking pass and save a few bucks.

If you want the tickets call to see if we have what you want and then be first with cash in hand at our office starting Monday morning.

## 13 jun Updated Information On Doo Wop Concert At The Izod Center

The Izod Center has released this press release for the upcoming Doo Wop concert. Service members get in free and family members with a dependent's ID card get in for half off. The press release mentions 50% off for Veterans but I have talked to the POC listed at the bottom and he confirms that family members get in for 50% off.

If you're an old timer like me come out and relive your youth (personally I like "Speedo" and "Gloria" by Speedo And The Cadillacs.). If you're a youngster come out and find out what real music and the roots of much of today's music is like. Treat your parents to a great night of music!!

Doo Wop stars salute the Military at Richard Nader's Pure Doo Wop 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion at the IZOD Center June 13th. Free tickets to Active Military and 50% discount to Veterans with proper ID at the box office.

Special TV personality and guest Clay Cole says join us as we salute the Military as the DOO WOP tradition continues at the IZOD Center on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM with NINE acts billed to perform.

Don't miss this last performance of Special guest star Little Anthony & The Imperials on a DOO WOP show.

- ♣ **Little Anthony & The Imperials** - "Tears On My Pillow" "Going Out of My Head" "Hurt So Bad"
- ♣ **Gene "Duke Of Earl" Chandler** – "Duke OF Earl" "Nothing Can Stop Me". Chandler takes the stage with his cape and top hat to sing.
- ♣ **Kenny Vance & The Planotones** - "Looking For An Echo" "Cara Mia" Former co-founder of Jay and The Americans, Vance will do the famous Planotones walk and many classic Doo Wop hits
- ♣ **The Cleftones** - "Heart and Soul" "Little Girl Of Mine"
- ♣ **Larry Chance and The Earls** - "Remember Then" "I Believe"
- ♣ **Emil Stuchio & The Classics** - "Til Then" "PS I Love You"
- ♣ **Speedo And The Cadillacs** – "Speedo" "Gloria"
- ♣ **Who's Johnny** sing Doo Wop A cappella
- ♣ **And Amanda** - Thirteen year old singing sensation

Gates open at 3:00 PM for the 50's-60's classic car display, tailgate party, Don K Reed's A cappella stage, the opportunity for autographs with the stars, and 7:00 PM concert in the arena.

Contact the Box Office at 800-745-3000 for ticket information and sales (prices normally \$31 and \$43). Visit [www.IZODcenter.com](http://www.IZODcenter.com) for more information. For more information contact: Ryan Klutsarits, IZOD Center, 201-460-4329 or [rklutsarits@njsea.com](mailto:rklutsarits@njsea.com). You can visit the box office in advance to purchase the tickets.

## **15 jun SGT Ryan E. Doltz Scholarship**

The SGT Ryan E. Doltz Memorial Foundation is conducting its second annual SGT Ryan E. Doltz Scholarship. This is open to all New Jersey National Guard members who plan to continue their education at a 2-year or 4-year college or trade school. Financial need is not a requirement. The application document can be found on our website under the newsletter section and then under "Helpful Programs." The application says there is a deadline of 1 Jul but the director of the foundation has notified us that the deadline has been extended to 15 Jul. This is a great opportunity for one of our own Soldier's to get a little help with furthering their education.

## **15 jun Veterans Job Fair in Somerset County Revised Information**

Somerset County Human Services is holding a Veterans Job Fair and Information Day. This is a revised flyer we received from them.



**Monday, June 15, 2009**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Somerset County Human Services Building**

First-Floor Conference Room • 27 Warren St., Somerville

Somerset County Veterans Services • New Jersey VA Healthcare System

New Jersey Department of Labor • Raritan Valley Community College

Somerset County Vo-Tech Schools • Somerset County Business Partnership

Greater Raritan Workforce Investment Board • Local Employers & More

**FREE Information & Assistance for Veterans & Their Families**

**QUESTIONS?**

**Call the Somerset County Office of Veterans Services at 908-704-6329**



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## **1 jul Ft Monmouth MWR Free Tickets To The Tiger Woods AT&T National**

On behalf of the Tiger Woods Foundation, I'd like to welcome you to the AT&T National. We are proud and honored to welcome our Nation's military to watch the world's best players compete on the beautiful, challenging greens of Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

In celebration of your service, we extend our heartfelt appreciation and support of the many sacrifices you make every day. It is because of your courage and bravery that Americans enjoy their freedom.

We are privileged to host you the week of June 28 - July 5, 2009 at the AT&T National.

Sincerely,

Tiger Woods

Here is the web address with the military information:

<http://www.attnational.org/custompage/default.sps?itype=15047>

OPENING CEREMONY INFO - Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 11AM on the first tee

Tickets will be available to all DOD personnel (Active Duty, Reserve, Retired, National Guard, Dependents and Civilians) Limit is 4 tickets per person Military tickets are good for any one day of your choice Tuesday, June 30th - Sunday, July 5th.

Free tickets available, SIGN UP IS REQUIRED - No tickets will be mailed or available until 17 June 09. Stop by the Tickets n' Tours Office bldg 1010 or call 732-532-3077

## 21 jul Post 9/11 GI Bill Education Benefits Briefing

Attention **all** Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, and Dependents from all branches of the military. The McGuire Education office is holding a briefing about the new post 9/11 GI Bill. Come out and learn about this valuable benefit and how it affects you and your family. Learn also about how this interfaces with the current GI Bill if you are signed up for this version of your education benefits.

The briefings will be held in the Timmerman Center at Ft Dix on 21 July 2009. The briefing times start at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 2:00 pm. Attend one of these meetings. The Education Office recommends you attend one of these meetings before signing up for the program so that you can learn about eligibility, transfer of benefits, and sign up procedures.

I have been to the VA website and learned a little about this new program and it seems to be a great addition and expansion of the current GI Bill. But learn all about it at one of these briefings.

## 28 jun Pennsauken Welcome Home Parade

Pennsauken is holding a real home town hero's parade on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June. Come out and enjoy a great time as the township say "Welcome Home" to its citizen Soldiers for a successful mission and coming home safely!

**WELCOME HOME  
TROOPS PARADE**

*Proudly Wave the American Flag*

**Decorate your baby carriage!**      **Decorate your bike!**

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2009  
1PM

STARTING AT B. TAIT BUILDERS ON WESTFIELD AVENUE  
AND MARLON AVENUE  
AND ENDING AT MERCHANTVILLE AVENUE  
AT THE VETERANS MEMORIAL

**WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE!**

**Please join Mayor Orth and Township  
Committee in welcoming home 18  
hometown troops returning from Iraq  
with a good-old fashioned patriotic  
parade!!**

## **no date Pfizer Launches Free Medicines Program For Newly Unemployed**

Pfizer Inc announced today that it will launch an innovative program to help eligible unemployed Americans and their families who have lost their health insurance maintain access to their Pfizer medicines for free. All of Pfizer's patient assistance programs, including the new program, can be reached by calling a single phone number (1-866-706-2400) or by visiting [www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com](http://www.PfizerHelpfulAnswers.com).

Eligibility requirements of the new program include:

- Loss of employment since January 1, 2009
- Prescribed and taking a Pfizer medicine for at least 3 months prior to becoming unemployed and enrolling in the program
- Lack of prescription drug coverage
- Can attest to financial hardship People who qualify will receive their Pfizer medicines for free for up to 12 months or until they become re-insured (whichever comes first). More than 70 Pfizer primary care medicines will be available through the program.

## **no date NJ Foreclosure Mediation Program**

The NJ Foreclosure Mediation Program is available to help those who are facing foreclosure proceedings. Do you know someone who is facing foreclosure proceedings? Get help with the foreclosure with this program. They are available to people and can answer questions about foreclosures and what your rights are under foreclosure laws. The housing counselors, legal assistance, and mediation services are free!

This program is NOT for people who are late with mortgage payments. This program IS for people who have or are about to be severed with papers for foreclosure.

Get more information from [www.nj.gov/foreclosuremediation/index.html](http://www.nj.gov/foreclosuremediation/index.html).

**Do Not Delay Any Longer, Help is Available...**

**Call Toll Free: 1-888-989-5277**  
or visit [www.NJForeclosureMediation.org](http://www.NJForeclosureMediation.org)

The Foreclosure Mediation Hotline is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**NJ Judiciary Foreclosure Mediation Program**

Providing housing counselors, lawyers, and mediators to homeowners facing foreclosure.

A partnership of The Judiciary, the Office of the Attorney General the Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, Legal Services of New Jersey, the Office of the Public Advocate, and the Department of Banking and Insurance.



**LAST WEEKS UPDATES**

**22 aug Partners With Heroes Program**

In appreciation for all you do to safeguard the liberties we all enjoy, Camp Speers-Eljabar YMCA is proud to establish Partners with Heroes for military children and teens entering grades 3 - 11. Through this program, we are connecting children of military parents to the opportunities offered through our summer camp program. 2009 Camp programs begin on Sunday, June 28th and run through Saturday, August 22nd with one and two week sessions. The special Partners with Heroes fees are \$ 506.25 for one week or \$ 975 for a two week session of our traditional camp program. This represents a 25% reduction on our regular fees.

Learn more about our summer camp programs by visiting our website [www.campspeersymca.org](http://www.campspeersymca.org), calling us toll free at 1-877-SPEERSY or emailing us at [campers@campspeersymca.org](mailto:campers@campspeersymca.org).

Schedule a visit to see our 1,100 acre paradise just over the Delaware River from north west NJ, only 1 ½ hours from NYC and central NJ. Mention that you are an active military parent and participating in the Partners with Heroes program.

### **31 aug Website For Free Banners**

All you have to pay is shipping which ranges from \$15.00-\$45.00 depending on how soon you want it. They also allow you to get additional banners for a discount at less than \$20.00 each depending on the size. They are completely customizable, made of vinyl and typically cost over \$100.00 a piece. They are running a promotion and it just so happens to coincide with our soldiers returning home...Lucky us!! I got 10 for our soldiers return! Pass it on! More information can be found at [www.buildasign.com/~troops](http://www.buildasign.com/~troops).

## **FRG EVENTS**

Here are brief descriptions of ongoing FRG Events that have been previously published. **Expanded information can be found** on our webpage [www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/fundraisers\\_and\\_FRG\\_events.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/familysupport/fundraisers_and_FRG_events.html).

### **6 jun Vendor Fundraising Fair sponsored by the 50thSTB Port Murray**

Port Murray Armory is holding a Vendor Fair on 6 Jun 2009 between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00 and a sample of vendors includes: Tupperware; Premier Designs Fashion Jewelry; Just Like Accessories-designer handbags, clothing & sunglasses, Northern Lights-Candles & Accessories; Entertaining At Home; Vantel Pearls, Maat Jewelers, paying you top dollar for your gold & silver jewelry, broken pieces, any condition at all; Slumber Parties; Lia Sophia-Jewelry; Mary Kay and MORE.

Please contact Carol Sheridan at 973-429-1308 or [ccsheridan@msn.com](mailto:ccsheridan@msn.com) for further information, All vendors are welcome as long as we do not duplicate companies. Vendors please contact Carol as well.

### **no date Co C 1-114<sup>th</sup> FRG T-Shirt Sale**

Burlington FRG Charlie Co 1-114th is selling t-shirts as a fundraiser. Our shirts are grey with the crest and the jersey devil on them. We have adult shirts for \$15 and children's for \$10. Could you please include this in your newsletter? If anyone is interested in purchasing a T-Shirt, they can contact [sheila.tindall@us.army.mil](mailto:sheila.tindall@us.army.mil).

### **no date Patriotic Seed Packets**

Show your patriotism through flowers. Just in time for planting to have them ready for July 4<sup>th</sup>, these seeds are a great way to show your pride in your country. These patriotic packets are standard seed packet size, 4 1/2" x 3 1/4", and filled with easy-grow seed of Red, White and Blue Wildflowers (Red poppy, Blue cornflower, and

White Baby's breath). See picture for one idea on how to plant these pretty flowers. For more information contact Moire Reilly at 973-479-6881 or [mer77@optonline.net](mailto:mer77@optonline.net). Packets are \$1.00 each.

**no date HHC 2-113 IN T-Shirt Sale for Riverdale FRG**

The Wanaque Police Department is selling T-Shirts to help support the New Jersey Army National Guard "Riverdale Family Readiness Group" in their effort to send packages to our soldiers, assist the families and support their causes while their family members are deployed. If you or any member of your organization would like to purchase a shirt you can contact CPT Ted Norton at 973-835-5600

**no date Freehold FRG T-Shirt Sale**

We are selling t-shirts, like everyone else. Here is a description:

The regular sizes-Small thru 2XL are infantry blue (\$15)

The kids sizes are a lighter blue but not baby blue and they run children small-large (\$15)

We also have 3XL & 4XL which are white (\$20)

**No date FRG "Special Events" Insurance Information**

Many times, FRG hold events where there is a requirement to provide insurance for the event. After consulting with the JAG, if you are required to have insurance, TFG has worked well for some FRG's in the past. You are free to choose any insurance company you desire and this is not an endorsement for this company but other FRG's have had great service with TFG and knowing where and how to get insurance can be daunting.

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