

DRESS OUR VETS CLOTHING DRIVE

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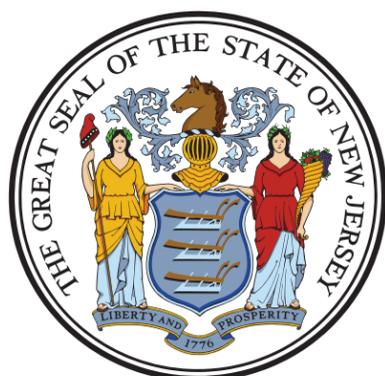
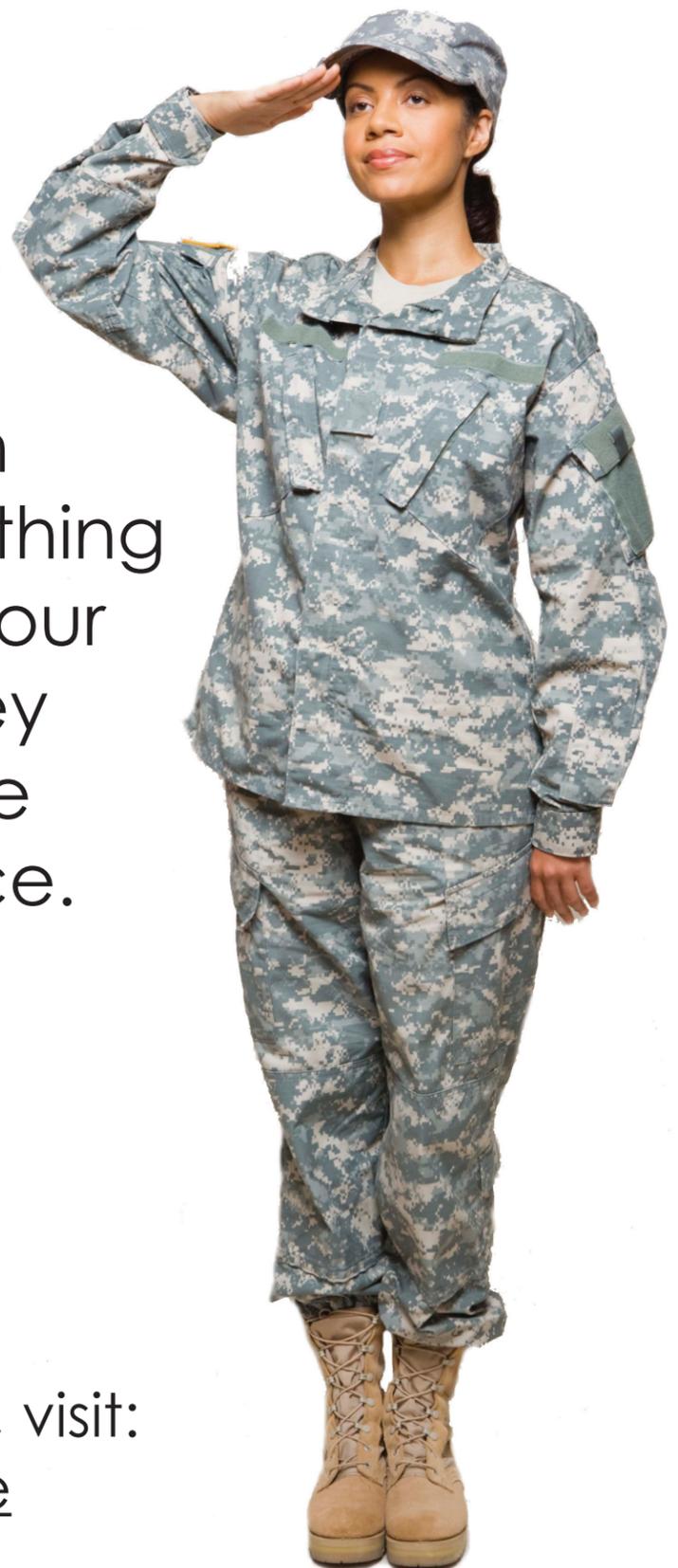
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**Lt. Governor Guadagno and Women Legislators Announce *Dress Our Vets*
Clothing Drive in Celebration of Women’s History Month**
*Professional Clothing Donations for Women Veterans To Be Gathered Throughout
March*

Trenton, NJ – Kicking off Women’s History Month, Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno was joined by women legislators to announce the month-long *Dress Our Vets* initiative, which will collect new or like-new professional clothing for women veterans transitioning to the civilian workforce.

“Every March, we commemorate the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. This year, however, I thought it appropriate to focus on a unique category of leaders – our women veterans,” said Lt. Governor Guadagno. “Let’s all work together to help these women transition from heavy flak jackets to elegant black jackets, from battle dress to professional dress.”

All donated clothing will be given to Suiting Warriors Foundation (SWF) a grass-roots, non-profit mobile concierge suiting service that has suited approximately 600 veterans over the past year. A Veterans Service Organization, SWF supports veterans transitioning into civilian life by providing them with professional attire essential for competing in today’s job market. SWF serves veterans in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, New York City and Washington, D.C.

“We are extremely grateful for the support of Lt. Governor Guadagno and the State of New Jersey,” said Star Lotta, Founder, President and CEO of SWF. “This is a wonderful opportunity to honor our women veterans and expand knowledge throughout New Jersey about our mission and the services SWF provides to women veterans.”

Dress Our Vets will accept women’s suits, blazers, professional skirts, pants and dresses. Collection boxes for donations are available in the Lt. Governor’s Office and in the District Offices of participating legislators. A list of locations to bring donations and frequently asked questions are available online at: <http://www.nj.gov/state/pdf/2015-dress-our-vets.pdf>.

“I want to also thank the women legislators who enthusiastically join me in this effort,” added Lt. Governor Guadagno. “By providing our women veterans with business-appropriate clothing at a crucial transition point in their lives, we will be helping a new generation of women leaders make history themselves.”

More information on Suiting Warriors Foundation can be found on its website at <http://suitingwarriors.org>.

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“Dress Our Vets” FAQ

Thank you for your interest in “Dress Our Vets.” In honor of Women’s History Month, Lt. Governor Guadagno is asking for your help with donations that will benefit Suiting Warriors Foundation in its efforts to distribute professional attire to female veterans in our region who have been honorably discharged.

What is Suiting Warriors Foundation?

Suiting Warriors Foundation is a non-profit, grass-roots organization that provides “Concierge Suiting Service” for honorably discharged male and female veterans to enter the civilian workforces who are in need of professional attire. The clothing – as well as fittings – are provided to veterans during job fairs and other events. Just last month, Suiting Warriors attended a Hiring Our Heroes job fair for military families held at Joint Base McGuire-Dix Lakehurst. For more information, please visit www.suitingwarriors.org.

Where can I donate?

Clothing donations can be made in the Statehouse Rotunda or at the District Offices of participating Legislators. If donating at the Statehouse, the hours of operation are M-F 9am-4pm. If donating to one of the participating Legislator’s District Offices, please be sure to call in advance to confirm hours of operation. In either case, there will be boxes designated for donation drop-off. Below is a list of participating Legislators and contact information for each.

What Can Be Donated?

Through this Dress Our Vets initiative this March we are seeking gently used, clean or dry cleaned professional or business attire for females (e.g., suits, work pants, blazers, blouses). To the greatest extent possible, donations of clothing on hangers or in garment bags is preferred to avoid additional costs being incurred by Suiting Warriors Foundation.

Will Those Who Donate Receive a Receipt for Tax Purposes?

Yes. A hard copy of a receipt is available upon request from either the Lt. Governor’s Office in the Statehouse or a participating Legislator’s District Office.

How will the clothing be donated to the veterans?

Clothes collected during the Dress Our Vets clothing drive will be distributed – and tailored – by the Suiting Warriors Foundation during job fairs, resource fairs, and transitional homeless programs for honorably discharged veterans.

Can I Donate Men’s Suits?

Although the Dress Our Vets March campaign is geared towards female veterans, we will happily accept professional clothing for men as well.

Who Can I Contact if I have Questions?

Please contact Nora Walsh with any questions at nora.walsh@nj.gov or 609-984-7145.

Participating Legislators - Dress Our Vets

Assemblywoman	Gabriela M. Mosquera	129 Johnson Road	Suite 1	Turnersville	NJ 08012	(856) 232-6700
Assemblywoman	Gabriela M. Mosquera	1379 Chews Landing Rd.		Laurel Springs	NJ 08021	(856) 401-3073
Senator	Nilsa Cruz-Perez	130 Black Horse Pike	Suite D-3	Audubon	NJ 08106	(856) 547-4800
Senator	Nilsa Cruz-Perez	520 Market St.	Suite 104	Camden	NJ 08102	(856) 541-1251
Senator	Nilsa Cruz-Perez	114 North Broad St.		Woodbury	NJ 08096	(856) 853-2960
Senator	Diane B. Allen	504 Route 130 North	Suite 100	Cinnaminson	NJ 08077	(856) 314-8835
Assemblywoman	Dianne C. Gove	620 West Lacey Rd.		Forked River	NJ 08731	(609) 693-6700
Senator	Jennifer Beck	32 Monmouth St.	3rd Floor	Red Bank	NJ 07701	(732) 933-1591
Assemblywoman	Mary Pat Angelini	893 West Park Ave.		Ocean	NJ 07712	(732) 531-1045
Assemblywoman	Caroline Casagrande	35 West Main St.		Freehold	NJ 07728	(732) 866-1695
Senator	Linda R. Greenstein	1249 South River Rd.	Suite 105	Cranbury	NJ 08512	(609) 395-9911
Assemblywoman	Elizabeth Maher Muoio	144 West State St.		Trenton	NJ 08608	(609) 571-9638
Assemblywoman	Donna M. Simon	57 Main St.		Flemington	NJ 08822	(908) 968-3304
Assemblywoman	Nancy J. Pinkin	3 Stephenville Pkwy.	Suite 2D	Edison	NJ 08820	(732) 548-1406
Assemblywoman	Annette Quijano	65 Jefferson Ave.	Suite B	Elizabeth	NJ 07201	(908) 327-9119
Assemblywoman	Annette Quijano	985 Stuyvesant Ave.		Union	NJ 07083	(908) 624-0880
Assemblywoman	Nancy F. Munoz	57 Union Place	Suite 310	Summit	NJ 07901	(908) 918-0414
Assemblywoman	Nancy F. Munoz	425 North Ave. East	Suite C	Westfield	NJ 07090	
Assemblywoman	Nancy F. Munoz	251 North Ave. West	2nd Floor	Westfield	NJ 07090	
Assemblywoman	Alison Littell McHose	1 Wilson Drive	Suite 2B	Sparta	NJ 07871	(973) 300-0200
Assemblywoman	BettyLou DeCroce	1055 Parsippany Blvd.	Suite 104	Parsippany	NJ 07054	(973) 265-0057
Assemblywoman	Mila M. Jasey	511 Valley St.		Maplewood	NJ 07040	(973) 762-1886
Assemblywoman	Cleopatra G. Tucker	400 Lyons Ave.		Newark	NJ 07112	(973) 926-4320
Senator	M. Teresa Ruiz	166 Bloomfield Ave.		Newark	NJ 07104	(973) 484-1000
Assemblywoman	Eliana Pintor Marin	263 Lafayette St.	1st Floor	Newark	NJ 07105	(973) 589-0713
Assemblywoman	L. Grace Spencer	223 Hawthorne Ave.		Newark	NJ 07112	(973) 624-1730
Senator	Sandra B. Cunningham	1738 Kennedy Blvd.		Jersey City	NJ 07305	(201) 451-5100
Assemblywoman	Angelica M. Jimenez	5600 Kennedy Blvd.	Suite 104	West New York	NJ 07093	(201) 223-4247
Assemblywoman	Sheila Y. Oliver	15-33 Halsted St.	Suite 202	East Orange	NJ 07018	(973) 395-1166
Senator	Nellie Pou	100 Hamilton Plaza	Suite 1405	Paterson	NJ 07505	(973) 247-1555
Assemblywoman	Shavonda E. Sumter	191 Market St.		Paterson	NJ 07505	(973) 925-7061
Assemblywoman	Marlene Caride	613 Bergen Blvd.		Ridgefield	NJ 07657	(201) 943-0615
Assemblywoman	Valerie Vainieri Huttle	1 Engle St.	Suite 108	Englewood	NJ 07631	(201) 541-1118
Assemblywoman	Valerie Vainieri Huttle	545 Cedar Lane		Teaneck	NJ 07666	(201) 928-0100
Assemblywoman	Holly Schepisi	287 Kinderkamack Rd.		Westwood	NJ 07675	(201) 666-0881