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News For Your Views

The History of the New Jersey National Guard (Part 2)

"The Jersey Blues"

New Jersey's colonists had ample opportunity to acquaint themselves with warfare. Incursions by bands of Indians and French from Canada were not uncommon, and the colony responded often with men and money.

Early in 1755 the provincial government of New Jersey authorized the raising of five companies for service against the French. By May their organization was complete, and they were combined into a regiment. Shortly thereafter they were ordered to the northern frontier under command of Colonel Peter Schuyler, a provincial officer who had commanded the troops from New Jersey during campaigns in 1746-1748. Since the new Regiment wore blue uniforms they were named "The Jersey Blues".

Apparently the Regiment returned to New Jersey for the winter 1755-1756. In the spring of 1756 it returned north where half of it was stationed at Schenectady, New York., and the other half at Oswego. This latter part which was captured, along with Schuyler himself, by Montcalm's army on 14 August. The command then went to Captain John Parker along with the ill-luck. On 21 July 1757, the Regiment lost heavily in an affair at Sabbath Day Point, and the following month all the men and officers who remained (301) were captured at the fall of Fort William Henry and placed on parole for eighteen months.

In the spring of 1758 the Regiment was augmented, or re-raised, under command of Colonel John Johnson, and took part in a disastrous campaign against Fort Ticonderoga. At this time the unit consisted of almost 1,000 men. In 1759, it was again recruited up to this number and the command was once more given to Peter Schuyler (who had been released). It served until November, 1759.

It was raised by the act of 25 March 1760 to 1,000 men and employed chiefly at Oswego with a company of rangers attached. In 1761, it was raised to a strength of 600 men and officers and served until November. One company continued in service through the winter, and the following spring the Regiment was recruited up to 665 men and officers. It is not clear if the command served in 1763, but the next year the Regiment was raised once more to 600 men and served that summer at Oswego. Apparently it was then finally disbanded.

The New Jersey Regiment was a superior unit in all ways. It enjoyed a splendid reputation for discipline, character of personnel, dress, and general reliability. After the regiment passed through New York in June 1758, a newspaper called them "the likeliest well-set Men for the purpose as has perhaps been turned out on any Campaign...their uniform blue, faced with red, grey stockings and Buckskin Britches." Governor Barnard of New Jersey wrote William Pitt in March of the next year that "...these men are sent into the field in a different manner from those of most other provinces; they are completely clothed in a handsome uniform & furnished with all necessities and they are muster'd to a Man: in both which articles several of the other provinces are greatly deficient."

The Act of the New Jersey Assembly which authorized the regiment in 1758 provided



Veterans' Organizations

Contact Information

State Veterans Service
Council

Mr. Richard Clark
RJClark21@msn.com

NJ Advisory Committee
for Women Veterans
Mrs. Anna Hoffman
AnnaMHoffman@gmail.com

BG William C. Doyle
Cemetery Advisory
Council
Mr. William Rakestraw
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Veterans Hotlines



Benefits & Entitlements

1-888-8NJ-VETS
(1-888-865-8367)

Mental Health

1-866-VETS-NJ4U
(1-866-838-7654)

NJ World War II Memorial



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for a "blue Coat, after the Highland Manner, Lappell'd and cuff with red, one pair of Ticken Bretches one Blue ditto of the same cloth of their Coat, one Check Shirt, and one white ditto, two pair yarn Stockings, two pair of Shoes, one Hat to each Man, bound with yellow binding, one blanket, one knapsack, one hatchet, one can teen, one Camp Kettle to five men, a pair of White Spatterdashes and also one hundred Grenadiers Caps for one hundred of the said soldiers and two felling axes for the whole Regiment".

New Jersey still raises and maintains the "trained bands and companies", and while today they are called the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, they still have within them the spirit of the colonial Jersey Blues.

Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program Award

Governor Jon S. Corzine awarded \$150,000 through the Deployed Military Spouses Program to benefit families of New Jersey's deployed military. The Governor was joined by Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Commissioner Susan Bass Levin and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General of New Jersey at the Burlington County YMCA in Mount Laurel.

"The least we can do for the brave men and women who are serving our country is help ensure that their families are taken care of while they are away," said Governor Corzine. "It is important for these families to understand that they have the full support of New Jersey."

The Deployed Military Spouses Assistance Program provides direct assistance and referrals to existing programs for spouses of deployed military personnel (Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard) who face unusual financial and emotional stress as a result of the deployments. High levels of deployment have contributed to an increased need for services to spouses who are experiencing financial and emotional stress.

The DCA awarded \$100,000 to the Women's Opportunity Center in early 2006. As of September 30, 2006, the program awarded 69 grants to 64 families from bases and armories throughout the state. The awards ranged from \$76 to \$2500.

"Few citizens of New Jersey will fully understand the sacrifices that the families of our deployed service members make every day," said Maj. Gen. Rieth. "This program helps to ensure that those National Guard and Reserve service families have the financial resources to keep the home front going while their Soldier, Airman, Sailor, Marine or Coast Guard members are away."

The Deployed Military Spouses Program is administered through the Division on Women at the DCA. The \$150,000 grant is part of a federal Community Services Block Grant and, to qualify, applicants must meet federal income guidelines.

Potential applicants should contact Fawn Mutschler at 609-543-6200 ext. 325 or wocmilitarygrant@ymca-bc.org to obtain an application. In addition to the completed application form, applicants will also need to submit the following documentation: LES/ paystub for applicant and spouse; statement of Financial Need (i.e. reason for applying and how the grant will help); bill or pricing of expenditure as well as any other supporting information the applicant feels may be helpful. Additional information can be found at www.state.nj.us/dca/dow/depmilspouseasst.shtml.

NJNG is looking for runners

The New Jersey National Guard is looking for a few good runners to represent the state in the 2007 National Guard Marathon in Lincoln, Nebraska. Each year hundreds of National Guardsmen from around the nation compete in the National Guard Marathon. This year's race is on 6 May 07. Marathon qualifying times to attend the race (fully funded TDY) are: 4 hours for men under 40; 4:15 for men 40 and over; and 4:30 for women. The qualifying time must have been accomplished within the last 18 months. Top runners in Lincoln are selected for the National Guard Running Team and compete in races across the nation. Last year, Major Jesse Arnstein of the 21st Civil Support Team finished 12th among National Guard members in Lincoln.

Interested Guardsmen should contact Major Arnstein at 609-562-3239.



New Jersey Freedom Loans

What is a Freedom Loan?

- * Up to \$10,000
- * Annual APR 6%
- * Term: 5 years (no pre-payment penalty)
- * Unsecured Loan (no collateral required)

Who is eligible to apply?

NJ residents who are:

- * Members of the National Guard or Reserve
- * Mobilized for one year or longer to fight in the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT) - excluding routine training.

Or

- * Served 90 or more consecutive days in the GWOT on federal or state active duty (excluding routine training) and have received orders extending cumulative active duty a year or longer.

How do I apply?

- * Contact participating banks. Call or visit your local branch office to obtain an application.

Nutter Run beneficiary is Guard daughter, granddaughter

Please join the 2007 Nutter Run at the NGTC in Sea Girt on May 19, 2007. The run starts at 10 a.m. This year's beneficiary is Caitlyn McGuire.

Caitlyn is the daughter of New Jersey Army National Guardsman, Spc. Robert McGuire and the granddaughter of another New Jersey National Guardsman; Chief Warrant Officer 2 Mickey McGuire.

The run will also feature live music, food, giveaways, raffles, prizes, games for children and much more. To see the flyer for the event, visit www.nutterr.com.

If you can't participate in the run/walk, please help us help Caitlyn by spreading the word and raising awareness about this event. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated.

"The OnGuard" is searching for charter Air Guard members

The OnGuard – the National Guard's bi-monthly newspaper – is searching for charter Air National Guard (ANG) members to interview for an upcoming series of articles leading up to the ANG's 60th Birthday.

Please call Public Affairs Office at 609-530-6942 if you know of any veteran Airmen from the 1947 Air National Guard who would be willing to answer a few questions about their service.

Change of Authority Ceremony of the Command Chief Warrant Officer.

You are cordially invited to attend the

Change of Authority Ceremony for the

Command Chief Warrant Officer.

Outgoing Chief Warrant Officer Five Albert G. Curving

Incoming Chief Warrant Officer Five Randy Niedt

Joint Force Headquarters Drill Floor

3650 Saylor's Pond Road, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

Saturday, February 10, at 1 p.m.

Refreshments will follow

Military; Duty uniform – Civilian; Business casual

Please RSVP to SPC Laurie Leskanic 609-562-0962 NLT February 7

The NJARNG Environmental Management System

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey has issued an Environmental Policy Statement listing objectives of the New Jersey Army National Guard (NJARNG) Environmental Management System (EMS).

This System requires commanders and supervisors at all levels to emphasize the importance of compliance with environmental policies and procedures before, during and after training exercises.

The New Jersey Army National Guard is required to implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) to establish a consistent, logical and intuitive organizational structure for EMS information that will meet the requirements of Executive Order 13148, the Department of Defense EMS implementation criteria and Army EMS implementation guidance and schedule.

The System is a process that involves policy, planning, implementation and operation, checking and corrective actions and management review. Awareness of the EMS is the responsibility of all personnel that support the NJARNG.

Environmental programs support readiness and enhance the well being of all the

* Guardmembers, Reservists, or family members with Power of Attorney must submit copies of current mobilization orders with the bank's Freedom Loan application.

Current participants:

- ☺ Commerce Bank
1-888-751-9000
- ☺ Credit Union of NJ
609-538-4061, ext. 401
- ☺ First Morris Bank & Trust
1-888-530-2265
- ☺ Manasquan Savings Bank
732-223-4450
- ☺ North Jersey Federal Credit Union
1-888-78NJFCU
- ☺ Peapack-Gladstone Bank (908) 719-BANK
- ☺ Pennsville National Bank
856-678-6006
- ☺ PNC
1-866-PNC-4USA
- ☺ Sovereign Bank
1-877-391-6365
- ☺ Sun National Bank
1-800-691-7701

NJARNG will achieve the goal of being a responsible environmental steward and community neighbor.

For more information visit the following website:

www.state.nj.us/military/installations/index.html - environmental_pubs

Marriage workshop for Guard couples available Feb. 16-18

The New Jersey National Guard Family Programs and the chaplains have teamed up to offer married couples in the NJNG the opportunity to attend Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) – the Marriage Enrichment Workshop. This program is not therapy nor is it a religious program. It offers a fresh approach to couples teaching effective communication skills, addressing problem resolution strategies that work, discovering hidden issues in every relationship and then move into forgiveness, fun, friendship and sensuality. The cost is free. If you are interested in attending the upcoming workshop scheduled for Feb. 16-18 at the Holiday Inn, East Windsor, please call Marie Durling at 609-562-0739 for a registration form.

Scholarship information on BBB Military Line

There are many scholarships available to military family members. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) Military Line suggests you not pay someone to find scholarships for you, because these researchers will use the same sources on the internet that you will use, so why pay them to do so? For suggestions on where to find scholarships for which you might be eligible, visit: www.enebuilder.net/cbbbmilitary/e_article-000694547.cfm?x=b8r7v3.

For information to help military families avoid financial pitfalls, visit: <http://military.bbb.org>

Youth Camp Forms Available

The thirteenth Annual New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp will be held July 29 to Aug. 4 at the New Jersey National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt.

Applications are available at: www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_camp.html

Children, ages 9-12 are invited to apply. The camp fee is still \$100. Campers must be children, grandchildren or legal dependents of an active or retired member of the New Jersey National Guard. A variety of volunteer positions are available.

For more information, call the Family Programs Office at (609) 562-0668.

Upcoming ESGR Boss Lift

The New Jersey Committee for Employer Support to the Guard and

Reserve (ESGR) will be conducting a Boss Lift to Jacksonville, Fla. on April 11-13.

The purpose of the Boss Lift is to provide employers with a better understanding of what their employees do when they are away from their civilian occupation for duty with their military units. Nominations for relatives, minors or assistance cannot be accepted. Commanders and Primary Staff officers should encourage Guard members to nominate employers for participation in this trip.

Nomination forms can be found at the ESGR website at www.njesgr.org

The Forms can then be submitted to:

DMAVA, NJESGR

ATTN: Hank Pierre

101 Eggert Crossing Road

Lawrenceville, NJ 08640.

Additional information can be obtained from Hank Pierre at 609-530-6879.

Contact name and number for DMAVA Highlights

Please submit any
articles and all
and information
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DMAVA Highlights
ATTN:

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DEADLINE IS
NOON
THURSDAY

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609-530-6951

"Troops to Teachers" program helps service members become teachers

Pensacola, Fla. - Troops to Teachers, the government program helping former military members become public school teachers, has broken the 9,500 mark in hires. Latest data shows that 9,502 teachers have been hired through the program since 1994, with Troops to Teachers represented in more than 3,000 school districts across the country.

Troops to Teachers (www.ProudtoServeAgain.com) is administered by the Department of Defense and Department of Education and managed by the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES). The program helps eligible military personnel begin second careers as public school teachers by providing referral assistance, placement services, and - for those electing to teach at high-need schools - financial stipends and bonuses.

Members of the National Guard and Reserves with 10 or more years of service are eligible for the program, provided they commit for an additional three years.

2007 Freedom Award Nomination season open

The 2007 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award Nomination Season will open in January 2007 to National Guardsmen, Reservists and most importantly, their family members. The nomination season deadline is Feb. 28.

Please visit the ESGR website at www.esgr.mil to nominate supportive employers for this award.

Honorable Mention

New dial out prefix is in effect

All employees who work at the DMAVA Lawrenceville complex, and the Veterans Homes in Paramus and Vineland will use the new dial-out prefix number 3. Examples are:

3-XXX-XXXX or, 3-1-XXX-XXX-XXXX

This is the first phase in converting the dial-out prefix for DMAVA facilities on a state-wide basis. This process is being implemented in order to reduce the number of misdialed 911 calls by staff members.

Any questions should be referred to Sophie Guzikowski, 609-530-6925 or e-mail sophie.guzikowski@njdmava.state.nj.us.

Hire A Hero - new program to help find jobs

HQ Group, who currently runs the Helmets to Hardhats program, is expanding! Hire A Hero is our newest initiative that helps transitioning military personnel, Guard members and Reservists find jobs with **all industries**.

Hire A Hero is a non-profit initiative that is powered by the Armed Forces Support Foundation. To find out more about these programs, visit the following Web sites: www.hireahero.com/ or <http://armedforcessupportfoundation.org/>

Discounts offered for State employees

Are you a state employee looking to save a few \$\$\$?

Visit www.state.nj.us/personnel/discounts/index.htm and you can find a number of businesses who offer discounts to New Jersey state employees. From amusement parks to fitness to computer to phones and lots of other discounts between, you will find many ways to save money. For more information on each discount, please contact Patty Smith at patty.smith@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-6847.

Free Military Handbooks on website

Military Handbooks has announced the launch of its new website and the release of its latest seven FREE handbooks for military personnel. Military Handbooks is a small company owned and operated by former federal employees and veterans. Their offices are located in Alexandria, Va.

These free handbooks were written specifically for military members. To get your own

Quote for the week

*The mind is
like the
stomach. It
is not how
much you put
in that
counts, but
how much it
digests.*

- Albert
Jay Nock

copies of these free handbooks, simply go to their new website:
www.militaryhandbooks.com The handbooks include:

- 2007 U.S. Military Handbook
- 2007 U.S. Military Retired Handbook
- 2007 Getting Uncle Sam To Pay For Your College Degree
- 2007 After The Military Handbook
- 2007 Benefits For Veterans And Dependents Handbook
- 2007 Veterans Healthcare Benefits Handbook
- 2007 Military Children's Scholarship Handbook

Guard gate now has a phone line

The Guard Booth Telephone Number is 609-671-6623.

All Directors, Managers, Supervisors and Employees that interface with outside personnel for hosting on-site meetings here at the Lawrenceville Headquarters are directed to notify the security guard when expecting scheduled visitors. If you are expecting a large party for a meeting or event please provide a roster of attendees, with the meeting date time and location to the gate guard prior to the event.

DMAVA Hotline

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Emergency Hotline is:

1-866-232-5798

You will hear the following message:

You have reached the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Emergency Information Number. Please listen to the following menu choices and select an appropriate option:

State employees – press 1

Federal employees – press 2

National Guard employees – press 3

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey Membership

Give our state a larger voice by becoming a member of the Enlisted Association. The increased numbers will help us speak on all legislative issues that will benefit you and your families. The association works hard for you at the Federal & State level on all important issues. Visit the web site EANG-NJ.org, click on *Become a Member* for the application and find out more about what the association does.

For the Families

ACS at Fort Dix offers programs to Soldiers and family members

The Army Community Service (ACS) office at Ft Dix has several programs to support the Soldier and his/her family during mobilization and deployment. Their number is (609) 562-2767 or (800) 877-2380 and they are located in Building 5201 at Maryland Ave and 8th Street. Some of the programs available are:

- Army Emergency Relief: Provides emergency financial assistance to active duty military personnel, retirees, National Guard and Reserve Component on active duty for over 30 consecutive days and their family members (with ID card and power of attorney).
- Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP): Entitles member to additional benefits through TRICARE's Extended Care Health Option (ECHO) Program. Provides information, referrals, crisis intervention, community support and assistance to meet individual needs.
- Family Advocacy Program: Provides for the identification, reporting, prevention, and treatment of child abuse and domestic violence.
- Employment Readiness Program: Offers information and referral for employment, education (resume writing, interviewing), volunteer & training opportunities.

Free SAT/ACT Offer Extended

A group of NFL, NFL Europe, AFL, and CFL football players have announced they are extending their sponsorship of the SAT/ACT training to all military families.

The sponsorship allows any military person (active, Guard, Reserve, or retired) to request as many programs as they need for the students in their lives. There is a secure website to confirm a person's military status before directing the user to the software order site. Instructions for ordering the software are available at: www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/portal/page/itc/MHF/MHF_DETAIL_0?current_id=20.20.100.30.0.0.0.0.0

Programs are shipped to domestic U.S. addresses and APO addresses. The sponsorship covers the purchase price of \$199 and the family pays only the shipping and handling of \$9.95. To view a flyer that has been made to assist in the effort, go to: <http://sat.eknowledge.com/military.asp>

Family Readiness Council offers Tier I and II grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has expanded its Family Grants Program to include an additional grant. There are now two levels of Family Grants; TIER I is the \$2,500 grant that has been in place for the past couple of years. The TIER II opens family grants to New Jersey Army and Air National Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Service members meeting these criteria are eligible to apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500. Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers.

Family Readiness Group Meeting schedule

Bordentown Armory – B Co 250th SBF & Co D 250th BSB – **Jan. 20**, 10 a.m.

Harlem Globetrotters Tickets

The Harlem Globetrotters and Continental Airlines Arena would like to offer to all military members, friends and family a special \$16.50 lower level ticket that is regularly priced at \$35.

This offer is valid now through Friday, February 16 at 3 p.m. Military members can call the Meadowlands office at 201-460-4370 to request an order form or to find out more about this offer. There will not be any in person/box offer discounts for this event.

Here's To The Heroes

Here's to the Heroes provides a single day's free admission to any one SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park, Sesame Place, Adventure Island or Water Country USA for the service member and as many as three direct dependents.

Any active duty, active reserve, ready reserve service member or Guard member is entitled to free admission under the program. He or she need only register, either online at www.herosalute.com or in the entrance plaza of a participating park, and show a Department of Defense photo ID.

Scholarship News

NJ Vietnam Memorial Foundation offers scholarships

Two \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded by the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation. Information about the scholarships, including application form, can be found at www.njvvmf.org. Applications must be received at the foundation office by 5 p.m. **April 20**. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted. Recipients will be notified prior to the award ceremony on May 28.

MOAA offers scholarships

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has a scholarship program for the

children of MOAA members as well as the children of active duty, retired, Reserve and National Guard enlisted personnel. The application period for the 2007-2008 school year deadline is **March 1**. For more information visit the MOAA website, www.moaa.org, and click "Educational Aid" button.

Defense Commissary Agency offers scholarships

The Defense Commissary Agency Scholarships for Military Children program is now accepting applications.

Applications for the \$1,500 scholarships are available at 264 commissaries worldwide, or can be downloaded through links at www.commissaries.com/, www.militaryscholar.org/, or www.dodea.edu/. The program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college, or university full-time in the fall term of 2007 or enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Applications must include an essay on "how and why" the applicant would change an historical event and be turned in at a commissary by close of business on **Feb. 21**. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Colleges

Grantham University scholarships: Grantham University offers a scholarship program to severely injured service members and their spouses and adult children. Go to www.grantham.edu for more information. They also have scholarship programs for military veterans, service members, and family members.

Widener University CARES Scholarship: Widener University, Chester, Pa., has a full scholarship program for children of Global War on Terrorism service members who were killed in action. Contact the Office of Admissions at 610-499-4126 for more information.

Veterans Information

Stamps and coins for Vets

The Veterans' National Stamp and Coin Club is a non-profit group of volunteers who use the hobbies of stamp and coin collecting as a therapy program to support medical staff of VA Medical Centers nationwide in the treatment and rehabilitation of disabled, homebound, shut-in and outpatient veteran patients.

If you have any U.S. and foreign stamps, both on and off paper, U.S. and foreign coins or paper money, sports cards, old and new picture post cards, first day covers, catalogues for stamps and coins and mounts, please send them to Charlie Koppelman, 6 Yarmouth Drive, Monroe Township NJ 08831-4742.

DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues

The DMVA Veterans Outreach Campaign continues with kiosk displays at selected malls throughout New Jersey. The schedule is as follows:

February 8, 9*, 10	Moorestown Mall-with medal ceremony
Feb. 28, March 1-2	Hamilton Mall
March 14*, 15, 16	Paramus park Shopping Center
April 4-6	Cherry Hill Mall
May 16, 17*, 18	Ocean County Mall

*Medal ceremonies begin at 10:30 a.m. on these dates.

The kiosk will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the identified dates.