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177th FW holds active shooter exercise

Story and photos by Mark Olsen, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist

In 2007, a group of six radical Islamist men conspired to attack United States military personnel stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

On November 5, 2009, a mass shooting took place on, at Fort Hood, Texas — the most heavily populated American military base in the world.

“Military personnel take it for granted that we are targets when we deploy – it comes with the duty,” said 177th Fighter Wing Commander Col. Robert C. Bolton. “Sometimes we forget that the battlefield is here at home also.”

To combat the growing threat, the 177th Fighter Wing held a base-wide active shooter exercise on May 5 involving 177th Security Forces and elements of the New Jersey State Police and Egg Harbor Township Police, along with observers from various state and federal agencies.

The exercise involved a single gunman who after successfully gaining access to the base was cornered by a 177th Contact Team – the Wing’s first responders in such an event – and neutralized.

“We can guard against this; but the key is to have a plan in place and be prepared,” said Bolton.

The exercise served to test and validate the Wing’s ability to alert Airmen to take cover, notify first-responders, to neutralize the threat and finally, to assess the unit’s ability to deal with the consequences of such an event, as well as to interact with multiple law enforcement agencies.

Unlike an attack by enemy soldiers, active shooter is essentially a criminal act and, because there is usually no criminal objective involved, other than pure violence, these scenarios are dangerous



and require specialized training on the part of all members of the base population.

“In most cases active shooters have only one goal; to kill as many people as possible,” said Master Sgt. Joseph A. Iacovone Jr., 177th Security Forces and member of the Exercise Evaluation Team.

“The plan held up well under the test of the actual exercise,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jack Dever, 177th Fighter Wing Anti-terrorism Officer. “It will require some minor modifications prior to publication, but that is expected within a week.”

“I am already getting inquiries and requests for guidance on this program from other units,” said Maj. Jan. J. Burgess, 177th Security Forces Commander.

Memorial tree dedication slated for June 5

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, cordially invites you to attend a Global War on Terrorism Memorial Tree Dedication Ceremony honoring our four fallen Soldiers: Staff Sgt. Frank T. Carvill, Staff Sgt. Humberto F. Timoteo, Sgt. Ryan E. Doltz and Spc. Christopher M. Duffy on June 5 at 11 a.m. at the N.J. Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, 101 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ. Military dress is ACUs for Army, ABUs for Air and business attire for civilians. This event will take place rain or shine.



Donations requested for Soldier, family in need

From the desk of Marie Durling, Deputy State Family Programs Director

We have a soldier whose house was damaged by fire. He and his family are currently living in a hotel. If anyone can assist this soldier it would be greatly appreciated.

They can use toiletries and clothes for their children: boy and girl size 12, girl size woman’s medium and boy size men’s medium.

If you would like to make a donation to the family, make the check out to the Family Programs Local Fund and I will make sure they receive it.

Address is: DMAVA, ATTN: Marie Durling, P.O. Box 340, Trenton, NJ 08625

If you have any questions, contact me at Marie.durling@us.army.mil or 609-530-6884.

State Direct Deposit pay stubs are on the Web

State employees, do you currently have Direct Deposit? Are you tired of the hassle of keeping track of your pay stubs? Just think; the shredding, the filing, the lack of space, the unnecessary mess. You can eliminate all of that (and save a tree or two) with New Jersey's *Pay Stub on the Web!* The State of New Jersey is making payment history available to state employees with electronic funds transfer (EFT), commonly known as direct deposit, with "Pay Stub on the Web." This newest feature is an online application that enables a New Jersey state employee to access his/her pay stubs, beginning with 2005 payment history, via the web. Now when you want to see your pay stub, you simply view it online. You can print it out if you wish, save it to your computer, do neither or both! It's all up to you. Any time you need your pay stub, it is available for you to view, right on the web! And if you try it out and decide it's not for you, you can cancel this feature at any time and go back to receiving your paper pay stub. There's no risk, so why not try it out?

Want to know a little more about how it works and how you can benefit from Pay Stub on the Web? Check out the attachment on DMAVA INTRANET under Human Resources (*PayStubOnTheWeb.pdf*) which is a simple tutorial that explains how you can use "Pay Stub on the Web" to view, print, and save your current and past pay stubs for your personal records. Remember, this feature is only available to employees with direct deposit. As we mentioned in the past, direct deposit is offered to all state employees and it is encouraged that our employees consider taking advantage of direct deposit with all that it has to offer.

Any questions, please contact Lisa Dandrea in Human Resources at 609-530-6888.

Have fun this weekend!

Sahara Sam's Oasis Indoor Water Park is holding their Armed Forces Day Salute to the Military on May 15 for military personnel and their families. Sahara Sam's is a free-standing indoor water park and entertainment complex located at 535 North Route 73, West Berlin, NJ.

The water park is offering half price admission to military members (with ID) and families at a cost of \$14.95 each. One dollar for the sale of each ticket will be donated to the National Guard Family Readiness Council.

For more information on the park, visit www.sahasasams.com.

By Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs Specialist

It's slowly warming up and tempting some of us to run on the old AC to cool down our houses. I would bet that a number of readers grew up in homes without air conditioning and we have lived to tell the tale! How did we survive? Here are a few tips to keep your home cooler without flipping the AC switch.

Fans can be a big help. Ceiling fans can reportedly make you feel 3-8 degrees cooler. Just make sure the fan is turning the correct way. Most fans have a switch to change direction and you want the fan to blow the air down. Make sure your fan is turned off when you flip the switch so you don't damage the motor. For most fans – when you are standing under it, looking up, counter-clockwise blows down and clockwise blows up.

Here are some more tips to keep cool:

Make sure your filter has been cleaned and clean it every month while using it.

Don't block your outdoor condenser with grass and other debris.

Make sure the insulation in your attic is up to code.

Paint the exterior of your house a light color.

Plant shade trees.

Make sure your doors and windows are well-sealed.

Close the drapes, curtains and shades to block the sun and heat.

Keep the kitchen cool and don't use the oven to cook – microwave, grill outdoors, or best of all, go out to eat and enjoy the restaurant's AC.

Keep Green!

Quotes

It takes your enemy and your friend, working together to hurt you to the heart, the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you.

--Mark Twain

He that never changes his opinion, never corrects his mistakes, and will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today.

--Tryon Edwards

Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence. True friendship is a plant of low growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.

--George Washington

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Families

Free community nights at the Franklin Institute for families

The Franklin Institute is introducing Target Community Nights at the Franklin Institute – free educational and fun-filled science nights, from 5-8 p.m., sponsored by Target. Everyone is welcome: join the fun and experience The Franklin Institute's exhibitions, special programs and themed activities.

Activities include FREE:

Access to all of The Franklin Institute's hands-on exhibits like Sports Challenge and The Giant Heart; tickets to the Tuttleman IMAX Theater; 3D shows in The Franklin Theater; live science shows; Fels Planetarium shows; and access to the Joel N. Bloom observatory. The monthly schedule varies and not all community nights offer free IMAX tickets, nor are the free IMAX tickets for feature length films.

The dates of the 2010 Target Community Nights are: June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17.

You will be asked to register when you arrive; the registration desk opens at 5 p.m.

Essex Troop scholarship applications available

It is time to apply for the Essex Troop scholarships. Six \$500 scholarships will be given to applicants enrolled or accepted to an approved college or university or school of nursing.

Applicants must be members in good standing of the Essex Troop or their spouse, child or grandchild. Applications are also accepted from active drilling New Jersey Guard members currently assigned to the 102d Cavalry Squadron, to include Company D, 250th Support Battalion; and active drilling members of the 50th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

To download an application, visit <http://www.essextroop.org/scholarship.htm>. Questions can be addressed to hilw5307@yahoo.com or call 973-736-0952 Wednesday evenings after 7 p.m.

Applications are due to Scholarship Committee no later than May 26.

Free concert, picnic for military at Come Alive Church on May 30

On May 30, beginning at 10:30 a.m., a free concert and picnic will be held at Come Alive Church, 240 Old Marlton Pike, Medford. The event is open to the entire community with a special invitation to active duty military and veterans and their families. This celebration is to honor you for your dedication and service to our country. Come on out, enjoy the concert, food, fun and games! For more information and free tickets call 609-654-8466. No rain date.

Request from deployed unit in Iraq for Good Neighbor donations

From David Kovak, 447th AEG ESFS

What better way to make a positive impact on the people of Iraq than the Good Neighbor Program. At this current time, we have depleted our goods to a minimum, so I ask you to ask your local community or organizations for donations to help keep this project alive. It is up to all of us to contribute to this mission.

Here is a list of what they need most:

Clothes (of all ages, girl and boy)

Shoes

Toys

Candy (no food items, just candy)

School supplies

Hygiene items (deodorant, shampoo, shaving supplies, feminine supplies, etc.)

Diapers

Baby wipes

Any kind of baby items (bottles, toys, formula, etc.)

Coloring or activity books

Sports equipment (footballs, basketballs, baseballs, bats, Frisbees, bubbles, water guns, etc.)

Girls items (make-up, brushes, mirrors, stuff for hair, etc.)

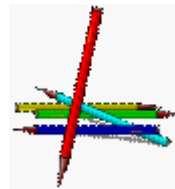
Please send your contributions to:

David Kovak

447th AEG ESFS/Alpha Flight

APO AE 09321

Any help would be greatly appreciated!



Guard Youth Camp July 11-17

Applications are now available for the 2010 New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp being held at Sea Girt, July 11-17. To download an application, go to: http://www.state.nj.us/military/familysupport/youth_camp.html or contact your nearest Family Assistance Center.

Military and family members health insurance questions should be directed to:

Tricare – Sgt. 1st Class Louis Tuck, 609-562-0865

US Family Health Plans – Pam Worley, 732-977-8531

VA Medical – Michelle Stefanelli, 973-676-1000, ext. 1727

Et Cetera

Paralegals recognized



Col. Robert C. Bolton, center, 177th Fighter Wing Commander, presents Staff Sgt. Rusty L. Litterer, left, and Tech. Sgt. Anna C. Ayars, right, of the 177th Fighter Wing Legal Office the Chief Master Sergeant Larry E. Councilman Award for Outstanding Air National Guard Paralegal of the Year for 2009 and 2008 respectively. This is the first time that this honor has been awarded to paralegals from the same unit in successive years. U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Shawn Mildren, 177FW/PA.

June, July golf outings slated to support organizations

Golfers, now is the time to sign up for the 17th Annual N.J. Army National Guard DISCOM Alumni Golf outing on July 8 at 8 a.m. It will be held at the Bunker Hill Golf Course, Princeton.

Cost is \$100 per person and includes all your fees, cart, refreshment cart on course, awards, door prizes, burgers and dogs at the turn, luncheon after the 18 holes.

Also available are splitters for holes - \$50 each - and carts - \$25.

To register to play or to become a sponsor, contact retired Master Sgt. Roger M. Colarusso Sr., at 609-732-446-0283. Registration is due no later than July 1.

Golfers - come on out for the 7th Annual NJNM Golf Outing on May 22 at Falcon Creek Golf Club, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (McGuire golf course).

Join everyone for 18 holes of golf with great food and lots of fun. This is a foundation event.

Check in is 11:30 a.m., with a shotgun tee off at noon. Cost is \$65 for NJNM members and immediate family, \$70 for military and DoD affiliated persons and \$75 for civilian guests. All fees are tax deductible as a charitable donation.

There will be free beverages on and off the course, steak dinner with all the trimmings, pail of balls for the practice range and prizes.

If you don't play golf, you can come for the dinner at 5:30 p.m. for only \$35.

4 Reserve your spot now, e-mail Ron Cooperman at racoop@optonline.net, or phone 973-835-5650 or cell 973-223-6638.

Memorial Day events

On the behalf of Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, retired Col. Stephen G. Abel, you are invited to attend the Department's annual Memorial Day Observance on May 29 at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The Parade of Veterans begins at 10:30 a.m. and the Memorial Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will hold its Memorial Day ceremony on May 31 at 11 a.m. at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel. The guest speaker at this year's ceremony will be Maj. Gen. Glenn Rieth. The ceremony will also include the presentation of two scholarships to New Jersey high school seniors and the induction of two Vietnam Veterans into the Memorial's "In Memory" Program.

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will award two \$2,500 college scholarships to: Alexander Rentschler of Robbinsville, graduating from Robbinsville High School, and Samuel Tanner of Linwood, graduating from Mainland Regional High School.

During the ceremony, the Foundation will induct two Vietnam Veterans into its "In Memory" Program. "In Memory" honors New Jerseyans who served and died as a result of the war in Vietnam but whose names are not on the Memorial. The inductees' names will be placed on an engraved stone inside the Memorial so that all who visit will know that they are with their honored comrades.

The two "In Memory" inductees are:

- Dennis M. Duffy of Elizabeth, N.J., who served in U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He died on March 5, 2009.
- Michael T. Lyon of Kendall Park, N.J., who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He died on November 17, 2008.

The Marlboro (Township) Memorial Day Parade will take place on Sunday, May 23, starting at 2 p.m. The parade route will start in front of the Marlboro firehouse at the corner of Route 79 and School Road West and proceed along School Road West to the Veterans Memorial at the Marlboro Municipal Complex on 1979 Township Drive.

The annual parade honors military veterans, active and reserve service members and all fallen military service members who have paid the ultimate price for our country's freedoms and way of life.



Veterans & Military

La. Army Guard helps N.J. Air Guard to get the job done

By Sgt. Tresa L. Allemang, 199th Garrison Command Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq - For soldiers in an ever-changing combat environment, the only consistency is change itself. "Improvise, adapt and overcome," is a common military phrase, but more than just a phrase, it is the current way of life for U.S. service members.

A group of soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 199th Brigade Support Battalion, Louisiana Army National Guard, not only implemented that phrase after their mission changed from convoy escort to force protection, but were recognized by another branch of service for their ability to improve operations when they assumed the security responsibility of an entry control point here.

Air Force Lt. Col. Paul E. Novello, commander of the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, and his Airmen were grateful when the Louisiana Guardsmen took over an ECP on Victory Base Complex. They presented the Soldiers with certificates for helping complete projects that would otherwise be hindered due to the demands of contractors gaining access to the base.

To ensure the safety of the multi-national coalition forces on the installation, all personnel must complete an in-depth process before entering the complex. Since one of the gates secured by the 199th soldiers is primarily used by national contractors, the process can be very time-consuming.

According to the 199th first sergeant, Scott Corley, the contractor convoys ECP is only open for a pre-determined amount each day. Larger contractors often had the smaller contractors experiencing a difficult time receiving supplies. This hindered the ability to complete projects as the U.S. sets the conditions for the responsible drawdown of its forces in Iraq.

"The Soldiers not only recognized the issue, but also found a way to balance the flow of traffic between the contractors," Corley explained.

"We have many construction projects at the Air Base," added Novello. "These guys worked together to find a way to help ensure that the contractors delivering the materials had everything they needed to get through the gate as quickly as possible so that we could complete the necessary projects before the drawdown."

Novello explained that because of these soldiers' efforts, the Air Force was able to continue and complete a project that had already been delayed more than three months.

"It really says a lot anytime that there is inter-service recognition, but for my guys to only be on mission for about a month and to already be presented with this honor is indicative of their hard work and ability to adapt to any given mission," said Corley.

N.J. Bar offers free legal assistance to military

If you have a legal matter that cannot be handled by our Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA), you may be eligible for a pro bono (free of charge) military legal assistance program (MLAP) administered by the New Jersey Bar Association (NJSBA), <http://www.njsba.com/>. This program provides legal representation to New Jersey residents who have served overseas as active duty members of reserve components of the armed forces after Sept. 11, 2001. Eligibility for the program is not income based. The program was created to meet the expected demand of military reservists in the current operational tempo and offers assistance in four primary areas:

- Family Law
- Employment Law
- Debtor-Creditor Law
- Medical Evaluation Boards (MEBs)

The program will refer military members who contact the NJBSA to volunteer attorneys qualified to assist them with their specific legal issues. For more information about the MLAP contact the OSJA, visit the NJSBA website, or contact:

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One Constitution Square

New Brunswick, NJ 08901

732-249-2815 (fax)

732-937-7544 (phone)

tsidor@njsba.com



Ultimate Warrior Career Workshop slated for June 9

Out there looking for a job? Looking to change career fields? Come to The Ultimate Warrior Career Workshops and Job Fair at The Timmerman Center on June 9 and 10 for workshops, services and opportunities to meet with companies who are hiring.

On June 9, from 8 a.m. -5 p.m. there will be technical workshops and services. Workshops include interviewing tips and techniques and meeting with career and job coaches.

On June 10, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., a job fair with recruiters from defense contractors and private sector employers will be present.

For more information on the event or to register to attend, contact Sgt. Maj. James Clark at 301-674-9427, james.clarksr1@us.army.mil or Sgt. 1st Class Loranda Taylor, 609-864-2559, loranda.mitricce.taylor@us.army.mil.

Uniform for the event will be ACUs. No child care is available on site. Everyone must have a copy of their resume on a CD or hardcopy; thumb drives are not authorized.

Calendar

Dash to the Nutter Run, May 22

Get those running shoes ready for the sixth annual SGT Nutter Run on May 22. The 5K run will be held at the National Guard Training Center, Sea Girt. Sign in is 8-9:30 a.m., race start is 10 a.m.

Cost to run is \$10 if enrolled in JROTC, \$15 if postmarked before May 1 and \$20 on the day of the event. Profits from the run go to benefits the lives of National Guard families in need. This year the benefits will go to the Stadelman twins – children of 2nd Lt. John Stadelman, a New Jersey Army Guardsman who passed away on July 9, 2009.

For more information about the prizes, donations to be raffled, applications to participate in the run and more, visit www.Nutter-Run.org.

Guard families holding Band of Brothers Memorial Poker Run

The families of the four New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers who were killed in Iraq in June 2004 are honoring the memory of their fallen heroes with the Band of Brothers Memorial Poker Run which will be held on June 6, 2010.

The families are asking for their friends' and communities help and support with the event. All donations – monetary or otherwise – will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged on the day of the event. All donations are tax deductible. Individuals or organizations donating \$1,000 or more will have their names listed on the Run T-shirt.

All profits will be divided among the Friends of Frank Carvill Foundation, the SGT Ryan E. Doltz Memorial Foundation and the Duffy and Timoteo families.

For more information visit www.RememberingRyan.org.

Vets group holding 25th annual flag memorial, June 11-13

The Delaware Valley Vietnam Veterans are holding the 25th Annual Donald W. Jones Flag Memorial on June 11-13 at Falls Township Park, 9072 Mill Creek Road, Levittown Pa. The event is in honor of all veterans of all wars and the sacrifices they made.

The memorial, which plants more than 58,000 flags in the ground; one each for every American who was killed or is missing in action in the shape of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.

The flags are planted on June 14, starting at 9 a.m.; volunteers are always needed.

On June 12, there will be a free concert and a Day of Reflection. The bands, such as Angry Vic, Classic Jurassic, Final Warning, Legend and more, start at noon.

A motorcycle rally will begin at noon on June 13, with a memorial service and repatriation ceremony at 1 p.m. If you wish to participate in the motorcycle rally, contact Sue at 215-783-7456.

For more information, contact Donnie Jones at 267-566-2860 or Jesse Hill at 215-949-2490.

DMAVA picnic is on calendar for June 17

It's that time again – time for the DMAVA/JFHQs Picnic! This year it will be held on June 17, next to the HSCOE building on the DMAVA campus at approximately noon. Cost is \$10 now; \$15 at the entrance.

The menu will be sausage, hot dogs, hamburgers, potato and macaroni salads, cole slaw, baked beans, ice cream and beverages. Dress is appropriate summer attire.

There will be a town hall meeting at 11 a.m. prior to the picnic. Attendance at the town hall meeting is mandatory. For those employees who do not choose to attend the picnic, it will be a full and normal workday and they must return to their regular duty station. Buses will be provided for those attending the town hall meeting from the Dix/McGuire areas.

Payment can be made to your department representative:

DMAVA – Darlene Laarz, 609-530-6992; Dawn Baulo, 609-530-6717; Tina Taylor, 609-530-7170; and Karen Hansen 609-530-6868.

Fort Dix – Barbara Alcott, 609-562-0870; and Bonnie Gaskell, 609-562-0925.

HSCOE – Kevin Hearn, 609-530-7069.

Veterans Outreach Campaign schedule

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign has kiosk displays at malls throughout the state and other special events to help veterans and their family members discover and apply for the benefits they are eligible to receive.

May 25*, Deptford Mall
26, 27 *Medal ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

Outreach Events Only

June Wildwood Convention Center
3-4 Elks State Convention
9-11 American Legion State Convention
16-18 Veterans of Foreign Wars State Convention

July 30 First Energy State Park, Lakewood
Lakewood Blue Claws
Veterans Appreciation Night

August 29 TD Bank Ballpark, Bridgewater
Somerset Patriots
Veterans of America Day