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HIGHLIGHTS



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A U.S. Air Force F-16C Fighting Falcon, deployed from the 177th Fighter Wing, prepares to launch on a sortie from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Nov 28. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hecht, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

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Chief Master Sgts. Donald E. Harris, left, and Martin W. Schellhas present a check from the 177th Fighter Wing's Chief Council to Margie Barhan, executive director, Community Foodbank of New Jersey/Southern Branch, on Nov. 16. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Andrew Merlock, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Tech. Sgt. Matthew Hecht, left, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs, interviews a security forces Airman at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Hecht, a New Jersey Air National Guard member from the 177th Fighter Wing, is currently deployed to Afghanistan supporting the 455th AEW public affairs office. (Courtesy photo)



Veterans Memorial Home
at
Menlo Park


Photo above: the Jewish War Veterans Laides Auxiliary visited the Menlo Park home Nov. 20, as part of their "Grant a Wish" program.

Photo right: The Knights of Columbus visited residents of the Menlo Park home Nov. 20, during the Vietnam Veterans of America #223 "Celebration of Our Veterans" program. (Courtesy photos from Christine McNulty, Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park)



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**New Jersey Department
of
Military and Veterans Affairs**

Veterans Outreach Campaign
Rockaway Townsquare Mall
301 Mount Hope Avenue, Rockaway

January 17 - 19
Medal Ceremony at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 17
Kiosk Hours: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., daily

Veterans Service Officers will be available to provide information on state and federal entitlements



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Veterans Job Fair

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West Orange National Guard Armory
Pleasant Valley Way
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Tuesday, December 13, 2011



Employers Attending
Target, Home Depot, Lowe's, Bright Star, NJ Transit, Sovereign Bank, Prudential, Farmers Insurance, Front Line Security, Construction Apprenticeship Union

**Bring Your DD-214
&
Plenty of Resumes**

Toys for Kids drive in full effect

The Holiday season is upon us, support the annual Toy and Gifts for Kids Drive.

The Toy Drive will run through Dec. 19. Gifts are needed for children of all ages, but the greatest need is for children 10-17 years of age. The gifts should be new and unwrapped. The lobby of DMAVA central office will serve as the drop-off site for Central Office staff.

Additional drop off locations will be designated at each Veteran Home, Doyle Cemetery, Veteran Haven, and Air Bases.

Please contact your Human Resources Office for location. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Serdiuk via email at Paul.Serdiuk@dmava.state.nj.us or by phone at 609-530-6878.

The generosity of DMAVA employees has helped make the lives of some of New Jersey's most valuable citizens healthier, happier and full of hope.

DA photos now done at JB MDL

Attention New Jersey National Guard Soldiers: DA photos will now be handled by the Training Support Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

To schedule your DA photo appointment, please contact the TSC at 609-562-3340 or go on-line to the VIOS website at www.vios.army.mil.

The TSC, which is located at Building 5411, Alabama Avenue in the Fort Dix side of the base, is open Monday thru Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Photos will be taken by appointment only.



Amid the Oliveira family, New Jersey National Guard service members, Essex County Sheriff's officers, local leaders and friends, the Essex County Veterans Memorial Park at Newark, N.J., was dedicated Nov. 22, in memory of Staff Sgt. Jorge M. Oliveira. Oliveira, a Newark resident, New Jersey National Guard Soldier and Essex County Sheriff officer, was killed in Afghanistan on Oct. 19 when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez, NJ DMAVA/PA)

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