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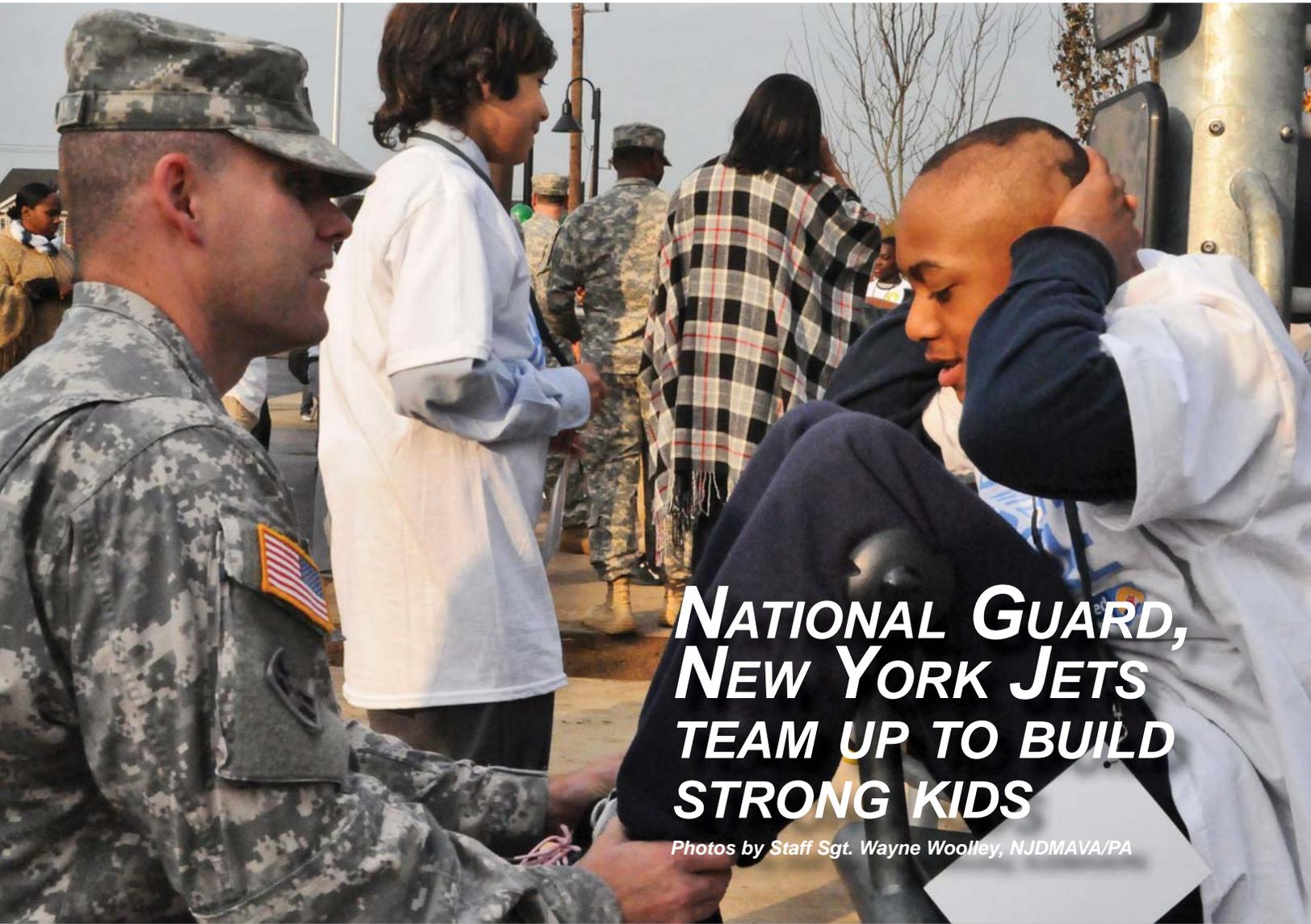


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Honoring NJ's Veterans

Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno, right, presents Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Frederick M. Weintraub the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal at the Ocean County Mall, Toms River, N.J., Oct. 23. Weintraub also received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. The awards ceremony is part of DMAVA's Veterans Outreach Program to inform veterans and their families of the benefits they may be eligible to receive from the state and federal governments. (NJDMAVA photo by Mark C. Olsen) More photos from the ceremony can be seen at: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/media/set/?set=a.535062463177273.141803.245085018841687&type=1>



NATIONAL GUARD, NEW YORK JETS TEAM UP TO BUILD STRONG KIDS

Photos by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, NJDMAVA/PA

Capt. Stuart Loy, 3rd Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery, assists a child from the Boys and Girls Club of Newark with his sit-ups at the newly constructed Public Land Fitness Zone in Jesse Allen Park during the Home-

town Huddle on Oct. 23. The National Guard partnered with the New York Jets, the United Way for the Hometown Huddle, an NFL-wide day of service with United Ways across the nation.

Newark, NJ – National Guard Soldiers and New York Jets players installed the finishing touches on a new outdoor Trust for Public Land Fitness Zone® - a public fitness circuit featuring 11 workout stations - alongside 40 children from the Boys and Girls Club of Newark as part of the NFL's 14th annual Hometown Huddle, an NFL-wide day of service with United Ways across the nation.

In a partnership with The Trust for Public Land and United Way of Northern New Jersey and the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, Jets players, members of the New Jersey National Guard, and children from the Boys and Girls Club of Newark worked side-by-side to complete an outdoor fitness center now open to all area residents.

“The Trust for Public Land is so pleased to be partnering with the New York Jets, United Way, MetLife Foundation, and

Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey to bring this first Fitness Zone® to Newark,” said The Trust for Public Land’s SVP and Chief Operating Officer Christopher K. Kay. “The Trust for Public Land Fitness Zone® program aims to create free and accessible ways to workout in communities that need it most. We have built Fitness Zones® in Los Angeles, Miami, and Tampa Bay to help communities - such as Newark, today - have easy access to regular exercise opportunities, which will increase their quality of life and life span overall.”

“Across the region, our United Ways are committed to giving residents the tools they need to make healthy lifelong choices,” said Keith Green, President and CEO of United Way of Essex and West Hudson. “We applaud the Jets and National Guard for join-

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Senior Airman Beau O. DeLeon, engineering craftsman, 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, demonstrates his driving skills at the Birdies for the Brave held at TPC (Tournament Players Club) Jasna Polana, Princeton, N.J., Oct. 22, 2012. Birdies for the Brave is a military outreach initiative supported by the Professional Golfers' Association TOUR that supports the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



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ing us in showing our children how they can incorporate healthy habits into their daily routines. We hope the children will bring their parents back here and make exercising together a family habit.”

A lack of physical activity and poor nutrition are major contributing factors of chronic diseases, which today are the leading causes of death and disability in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Staff Sgt. Dennis Shanahan, 3rd Battalion of the 112th Field Artillery, signs autographs for children.

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Future Physician Named NJ Soldier of the Year

By Donna Clementoni, New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Spc. Tiffany DiSanzo still remembers her father's reply when she told him she was joining the New Jersey Army National Guard: "Your mother will have a heart attack."

It took nearly a year, but DiSanzo ultimately persuaded her parents that military service will help – not hurt – her chances of fulfilling her dream of becoming a doctor. No one had a heart attack when she enlisted in July 2007.

Instead, DiSanzo's parents have been able to watch her excel in her military career. DiSanzo was platoon Soldier of the cycle at basic training, sailed through the combat medic advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and has since been selected as the head medic and operations medic for the FEMA Region II Homeland Response Force as a member of the 328th Military Police Company.

In October, DiSanzo received the Sgt. 1st Class Robert G. Vuinovich Jr, Outstanding Soldier Award for 2012 at the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of New Jersey annual banquet.



Spc. Tiffany DiSanzo practices on a mannequin during Federal Emergency Management Agency training. Courtesy photo



DiSanzo applies sutures on a pig's foot during a training session. Courtesy photo

DiSanzo, who graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in biology, said her military job helps keep her sharp for her civilian job as an Emergency Room Technician at Virtua Health Systems in Marlton, N.J. and will pay big dividends when she ultimately enrolls in medical school.

For now, DiSanzo's life as

a National Guard Soldier is packed. In addition to her drill duties, she is a member of the Honor Guard and has participated in more than 40 memorial services. She is also a volunteer for the New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

But her focus now is the Enlisted Association of the National Guard regional competition in May, where she will compete with seven Soldiers from other states in warrior skills and military knowledge.

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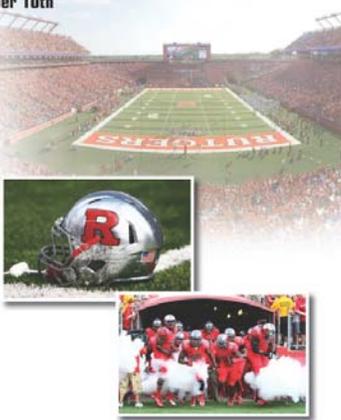
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