



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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Paramus Veterans Home honors volunteers at breakfast event

Story and photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA public affairs

Volunteers of the Paramus Veterans Memorial Homes were called the difference in making veterans lives better, during the annual volunteer breakfast held at a reception hall in Hasbrouck Heights, April 25.

“The difference is you,” said Steven Ferrari, director of Veterans Health Services, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

“In order to lift yourself up sometimes

you need to lift some else up,” added Ferrari as he spoke about the selfless service of the volunteers.

Individuals and organizations donated 22,045 volunteer-hours saving the state more than a half-million dollars in man-hours.

Volunteers conducted 276 bingo games at the Paramus home in 2012, with residents winning more than \$82,000 in

prizes. “No wonder our residents love bingo,” noted Giulia Kirsch, supervisor of Recreation, Paramus Veterans Memorial Home.

Kirsch added that there are 214 individuals and 225 supporting organizations that volunteer at the home. In 2012, nearly \$98,000 in contributions provided music and other entertainment enhancements bringing joy to the veterans.

Veteran-friendly company recognized by NJ ESGR

Story and photo by Donna Clementoni, employer outreach director NJ ESGR

LAKESWOOD, N.J. -- New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense operational committee, announced that Milspray Military Technologies, headquartered here, signed a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve, April 19.

The Statement of Support confirms that Milspray Military Technologies joins other employers in pledging that they fully recognize, honor and support our nation's Citizen Soldiers and Airmen that represent over 38 percent of our nation's total force.

ESGR a mostly volunteer Department of Defense organization seeks to create a culture where all American employers value and support the military service of their employees.

New Jersey state chairman Alan Smith, a retired U.S. Marine colonel, states, "For our nation to remain a viable and ready military force, our uniformed service members and their families need the security of meaningful civilian employment - both existing jobs and new opportunities."

Milspray Military Technologies is among the growing number of veteran friendly employers that recognize the unique and valuable skills that employees with military training possess, including strong work ethics and leadership abilities.

With a mission to "provide innovative and value-driven sustainment and combat readiness solutions in support of the United States military", Milspray began the heavy manufacturing of Vehicle Wash Systems, self-contained renewable energy power



Pledging their support for the National Guard and Reserve are, pictured from left to right, Melissa Ramos, Milspray human resources director and recently separated disabled veteran, Todd Bullivant, Milspray president, and 1st Sgt. Jim Duffney, New Jersey Air National Guard.

management, and storage and harvesting systems that provide 'power-on-the-go' in theatres of operation and for emergency preparedness situations.

Human resources specialist for Milspray Military Technologies, Melissa Ramos, reported that "no one understands their business more than a veteran" and that knowledge is what propels them to actively support and hire former military members and Citizen Soldiers and Airmen for employment.

A former Army National Guardsman,

Ramos was seriously injured when her unit's ground convoy was sent out on a fuel supply mission.

Referring to Milspray's Scorpion Energy Hunter Systems, she can attest that these projects can "ultimately save soldier's lives" by reducing the number of convoys necessary to fuel military missions.

Milspray pledges to continue being an exceptionally military friendly organization and to increase their veteran workforce as new contracts provide staffing needs around the globe.

Local Arena Football league looking for a few good men

The Army-Navy Veterans Arena Football Game will hold an open-player tryout May 4, at the Pinelands Sports Center located in Southampton N.J. Philadelphia Soul co-majority owner and former NFL quarterback, Ron Jaworski, and various other former and current players, coaches will be evaluating all players in attendance.

Furthermore, former Naval Academy star, Ricky Dobbs will play for the Navy team and former U.S. Army starting QB, Trent Steelman, is expected to play for the Black and Gold. The scheduled game will be played June 22, at the Wells Fargo Center following the Philadelphia Soul game.

All participants can pre-register before May 3, by emailing

[j krause@philadelphiasoul.com](mailto:jkrause@philadelphiasoul.com). A t-shirt will be provided. **All military veterans from all branches of the military are eligible to participate.**

On the day of the tryout, registration will begin at 10 a.m., with stretching starting promptly at 11 a.m.

Players will be tested on their 40-yard time, broad jump and short shuttle with other position-specific drills and one-on-ones to follow. Please bring appropriate workout gear and shoes/cleats. Testing will take place on field turf - no metal cleats are permitted. A trainer will be on hand for emergencies only - not for player taping.

Prior knowledge of the arena football rules is not required.

NJANG Student Flight prepares recruits for basic training

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 108th Wing Public Affairs



John J. Adams, right, 108th Wing Student Flight, practices his push-ups April 13, 2013, at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J.

No one's yelling at them. Yet.

But when the training instructors at Basic Military Training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas begin molding the new enlistees, the New Jersey recruits will be ready for the experience.

"It's quite a culture shock when they step off the bus at basic training," said Master Sgt. Shane Clark, recruiting office supervisor, 108th Wing. "We reduce the culture shock for them."

For two days in April, 44 members of the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight had the opportunity to experience a simulated BMT environment set up by 108th Wing and 177th Fighter Wing recruiters and other unit members at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J.

Normally Student Flight members meet at their Wings, but once a quarter both Wings are brought together at Sea Girt.

"We run them through a simulated basic training for the weekend," said Clark. "Our goal is to have them prepared for what's going to happen when they step off the bus."

Student Flight gives new enlistees a head start on basic training, making the transition from civilians into Airmen easier from the time of enlistment until the time they leave for BMT.

"Historically the self eliminations in basic training happen in the first week," said Clark.

To prevent those recruits from quitting, Student Flight covers topics such as reporting procedures, drill and ceremony, physical training and the Air Force mission, vision and core values. Ad-

ditionally, they attend classes that range from resiliency training to financial management.

The preparation is paying off. Since the New Jersey Air National Guard Student Flight started in October 2011, none of the New Jersey enlistees have self eliminated in the first week.

More importantly they are succeeding.

"We find that our folks end up being put in leadership positions at BMT," said Clark.

These positions, which range from being element leaders to guidon bearers and dorm chiefs, give the recruits their first position of responsibility in the Air Force.

The program was coordinated with Air Education and Training Command to determine what New Jersey could and could not do to prepare Student Flight members for BMT.

Recruits spend four to eight months in Student Flight and every New Jersey recruit goes through the Sea Girt experience at least once. In cases where the time between enlisting and going to BMT is longer than four months, the enlistees get a second and sometimes a third opportunity at Sea Girt.

"The people that have been here before, we put in charge of the other recruits," said Clark.

The feedback from returning Airmen about the Sea Girt experience is positive with the majority of them saying it helped them get through the first week.

"They understood the point of everything at basic training," said Clark. "They were ready for it."



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World War II Veterans.*

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Completed applications for the Medal must then be mailed to:*

*New Jersey Department of Military & Veterans Affairs
Attn: Laura Branham
PO Box 340
Trenton, NJ 08625-0340*

(Deadline for applications is August 15, 2013)

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A luncheon was held April 24, 2013, by the Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland to celebrate and thank the various volunteer groups and individuals who help the residents at the home. To view more photos of the event, please visit our Facebook page: [NJDMAVA](http://www.facebook.com/NJDMAVA). (Photo by Mark C. Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA)

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