



# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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Airman 1st Class Brett Behrens, from the New Jersey National Guard's 177th Security Forces Squadron, runs towards an objective during military operations on urban terrain (MOUT) training at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Nov. 19, 2013. The 177th Security Forces Squadron is part of the 177th Fighter Wing, which is based out of Atlantic City. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



# Giving Thanks

For veterans from Volunteers of America Delaware Valley and Vets Haven and their families. Please join us for these free Thanksgiving events.

**Wednesday, November 27th—2 p.m.– 5 p.m.**

Bowling at Westbrook Lanes in Brooklawn sponsored by Barb's Harley

**Thursday, November 28th— 10:45 a.m.– 1 p.m.**

Thanksgiving dinner on the Battleship New Jersey, Camden  
All attendees receive a Sixers t-shirt

**Friday, November 29th—7 p.m.**

Sixers game, Wells Fargo Center with food from PJ Whelihan's

**RSVP to Ms. Ball by November 15th at 856-966-0909**

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# BE A PET'S HERO



## **PETS FOR VETS** **A COMPANION ANIMAL ADOPTION SERVICE FOR VETERANS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES**

### **Who We Serve**

Veterans of all branches of the U.S. armed forces.

### **Who We Save**

Stray and abandoned animals at risk of being killed in crowded shelters, giving them the loving homes they deserve.

### **What We Provide**

Cats and dogs adopted through Pets for Vets are vaccinated, spayed/neutered, microchipped, and have passed medical and behavioral evaluations. All at no cost to the veteran.

**Transforming the lives of both animals and people, Pets for Vets connects at-risk shelter animals with veterans of the U.S. Military.**

The Pets for Vets program pairs shelter animals with retired veterans free of charge. Acting as a “combat buddy” for life, a companion dog or cat has been proven in clinical studies to reduce stress and help veterans acclimate back into civilian life, especially those suffering from PTSD and Traumatic Brain Disorders as well as psychological issues from life in combat. The Pets for Vets program gives veterans a new friend who will love them unconditionally, and gives the shelter animals the second chance at life in a loving home.

**For more information or to adopt, contact Dana at: [dana@phillypaws.org](mailto:dana@phillypaws.org) / 877-254-1982 ext 3**



PAWS is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving Philadelphia's homeless, abandoned, and unwanted animals. PAWS is the city's largest no-kill shelter and operates a high-volume, low-cost clinic serving pet owners and rescue organizations that lack access to affordable basic veterinary care. Through its adoption locations, special events, and foster care network, PAWS finds loving homes for thousands of animals each year. PAWS is working to make Philadelphia a place where every healthy and treatable pet is guaranteed a home. [www.PhillyPaws.org](http://www.PhillyPaws.org)

**PAWS is a member of the Pets for Patriots national network.**

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*Gilda Healy, left, accepts the State of New Jersey Civilian Meritorious Service Award from Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, Director of Joint Staff, during the Veterans History Project luncheon Nov. 20, 2013 at the Manasquan Elks lodge. Healy was among ten volunteers honored for work to restore and reopen the National Guard Militia Museum at*

*Sea Girt, N.J., after Superstorm Sandy devastated the building and artifacts a year ago. The Manasquan Elks sponsored the lunch to recognize veterans who provide an oral history this year. In more than 12 years the museum staff has collected oral histories from nearly 500 veterans. (Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA)*



*Lt. Col. Robert Martinez, right, commander, 250th Brigade Support Battalion, New Jersey National Guard, hands the unit's guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Christopher Sheridan at a Change of Responsibility ceremony at the Joint Training and Training Development Center in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Nov. 17, 2013. (Coursey Photo)*



*Soldiers from the New Jersey National Guard pose for a group photo with New York Giants's wide receiver, Victor Cruz, at MetLife Stadium Nov. 17, 2013. The Soldiers, who are from various NJNG units, were part of a military detail that unfurled the U.S. flag during the singing of the national anthem at the opening ceremonies at the Giants's home game against the Green Bay Packers. (Courtesy photo)*

# HIGHLIGHTS

The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and hireAbility presents:

## 4TH ANNUAL TARGETED JOB FAIR SCHEDULE A HIRING EVENT

Date: Wednesday, December 11, 2013  
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm  
Location: Camden County One-Stop  
NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services  
2600 Mt. Ephraim Avenue, Suite 103  
Camden, NJ 08104

**FEDERAL AGENCIES PARTICIPATING: US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR;  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION;  
NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEM COMMAND; VETERANS ADMINISTRATION;  
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION; US CUSTOMS BORDER PROTECTION;  
US CITIZENSHIP & IMMIGRATION SERVICES; BUREAU OF PRISONS;  
AND OTHERS TO BE DETERMINED**

### ARE YOU

- ☑ An eligible DVRS Consumer seeking Federal Employment with or without a Professional Degree
- ☑ A disabled veteran

You may be eligible to attend an event that could connect you directly with federal hiring agencies. This is by **Appointment ONLY**. Find out if you are eligible by calling our contact person, Irene Perez at 856-614-2500 [irene.perez@dol.state.nj.us](mailto:irene.perez@dol.state.nj.us).

## RESUME WORKSHOP FOR U.S. VETERANS

Space is Limited! Reserve Today!

**3rd Thursday of Every Month**  
**1:00-2:00pm**  
**24 DeGrasse St. Paterson, NJ**



**Upcoming Workshops:**  
**11/21/13, 12/19/13,**  
**1/16/14, 2/20/14, 3/20/14**

To Register:  
Davon LeGrier  
973-279-7100  
ext. 10

Workshop run by U.S. Veteran and Catholic Family and Community Services Director of Human Resources : Vinnie Torres



**2013 Hiring Our Heroes Job Fair – Holmdel, NJ**  
**NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL/  
VIETNAM ERA MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER**  
One Memorial Lane  
Holmdel, NJ 07733  
December 5, 2013

**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 9:00 A.M.**

This hiring event is being hosted by the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation (NJVVMF) and the American Legion, and is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation; NJ Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; NJ Department of Labor & Workforce Development; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS); the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; NJ State Parole Board; NBC News, and other local partners.

### EMPLOYERS

Must have available jobs.  
Register for FREE at [HOH.Greatjob.net](http://HOH.Greatjob.net)

### JOB SEEKERS

Veterans, Active Duty Military, Members Of Guard And Reserve Components, Military Spouses  
Register for FREE at [HOH.Greatjob.net](http://HOH.Greatjob.net)  
WALK-INS WELCOME

A workshop for veterans and military that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 9:00 A.M.

For registration questions, please contact [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com) or call 202463-5807.



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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

## *VA Offers Dental Insurance Program*

**WASHINGTON** – Veterans Affairs is partnering with Delta Dental and MetLife to allow eligible veterans, plus family members receiving care under the Civilian Health and Medical Program (CHAMPVA), to purchase affordable dental insurance beginning Nov. 15, VA officials announced recently.

“VA continues to explore innovative ways to help veterans get access to the care and services they have earned and deserve,” said Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki. “This new dental program is another example of VA creating partnerships with the private sector to deliver a range of high-quality care at an affordable cost, for our Nation’s Veterans.”

More than 8 million veterans who are enrolled in VA health care can choose to purchase one of the offered dental plans. This three-year pilot has been designed for veterans with no dental coverage, or those eligible for VA dental care who would like to purchase additional coverage. Participation will not affect entitlement to VA dental services and treatment.

There are no eligibility limitations based on service-connected disability rating or enrollment priority assignment. People interested in participating may complete an application online through Delta Dental, [www.deltadentalvadip.org](http://www.deltadentalvadip.org), or MetLife, [www.metlife.com/vadip](http://www.metlife.com/vadip) beginning Nov. 15. Coverage for this new dental insurance will begin Jan. 1, 2014, and will be available throughout the United States and its territories.

Also eligible for the new benefits are nearly 400,000 spouses and dependent children who are reimbursed for most medical expenses under VA’s CHAMPVA program. Generally, CHAMPVA participants are spouses, survivors or dependent children of Veterans officially rated as “permanently and totally” disabled by a service-connected condition.

Dental services under the new program vary by plan and include diagnostic, preventive, surgical, emergency and endodontic/restorative treatment. Enrollment in the VA Dental Insurance Plan (VADIP) is voluntary. Participants are responsible for all premiums, which range from \$8.65 to \$52.90 per month for individual plans. Copayments and other charges may apply.

Historically VA’s free dental services have gone to Veterans with dental problems connected to a medical condition that’s officially certified as “service connected.” Free dental services will continue for those Veterans.

For more information on VADIP, visit [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vadip), or contact Delta Dental at 1-855-370-3303 or MetLife at 1-888-310-1681.

Veterans who are not enrolled in the VA health care system can apply at any time by visiting [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/enroll), calling 1-877-222-VETS (8387) or visiting their local VA health care facility.



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