



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major Bryan Battaglia, left, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), coins resident Lucy Bernice during his visit to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus, Paramus, N.J., Aug. 18, 2014. Battaglia saw firsthand what states are doing to ensure health care for veterans. The SEAC also met with residents who he referred to as "Heroes of our nation" and even called out a round of bingo. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)





United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major Bryan Battaglia, center, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (of the Joint Chiefs of Staff), shakes hands with resident Leo Jacobs during his visit to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus, Paramus, N.J., Aug. 18, 2014.

Top NCO visits Paramus vets home

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United States Marine Corps, Sergeant Major Bryan B. Battaglia is use to walking down hallways to meet people. On Monday, the Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman (SEAC) of the Joint Chiefs of Staff swapped the rings of the Pentagon for the wings of the Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus.

Battaglia stopped at the skilled nursing facility the day before military appreciation activities at The Barclays PGA golf tourney, also in Paramus.

“I am fortunate and grateful to spend time with them,” said Battaglia, who serves as a principal military advisor to the Chairman and the Secretary of Defense. “They are truly, why we have a free country.”

The top non-commission officer in the U.S. armed forces shook hands with residents throughout his tour of the 300-bed home that included calling out numbers during their bingo game.

“It just goes to show how close knit a brother and sister-hood this facility brings to its veterans,” said Battaglia.



United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major Bryan Battaglia calls out a round of bingo during his visit to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus.

Members of the veterans’ home advisory board and other veteran service organization leaders greeted the SEAC, explaining how donations of time and money make the facility better for their fellow veterans.

“It is community; these veterans come together from all branches of the service and they spend time with one another and that is the beauty of our armed forces,” said Battaglia. “No other profession in the world does that.”

Battaglia called the residents the “Heroes of our nation” and the visit allowed him to see firsthand what states are doing to ensure health care for veterans.

“Continued health coverage for all of our comrades, those who have fought for our country, is why I am here,” said Battaglia.

Spc. Oscar Baldriche, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, contributed to this story.

CELL PHONE PHOTO STANDS CAPTURE EVOLVING SHORELINE

By 1st Lt. Amelia Thatcher, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Sea Girt's beach walkers, treasure hunters and seashell collectors might notice something new on their daily stroll.

Placed on the shore near the National Guard Training Center, three green and brown Fluker Posts wait for people to prop up their camera phones and take snapshots of the sunrise, the birds, and the ocean.

"We can use the photos to manage the land," said New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs environmental specialist Bill McBride.

Developed in 2008 by Dr. Martin Fluker of Victoria University in Brisbane, Australia, the fixed points enable passers-by to take landscape photos with their own camera phones. Signage on the posts encourages people to send the photos to Fluker's online collection point, and track changes to the local landscape over time.

McBride spotted Fluker's idea and immediately thought of importing it to the Jersey shore.

"Sea Girt is unique as it has the recreational element... we do active land management and people go there regularly," he said. "If you have years and years of photos, you can measure plant density and beach erosion."

Fluker's original design can be found all around Melbourne, in southern Australia. Photos from the older posts



document the visible effects of erosion and human activity over the last half decade.

The DMAVA environmental team modified their posts to ensure each photo, taken by different types of camera phones, would capture the same angle of Sea Girt's coastline.

"You could put a time-lapse camera there, but you have to get people involved," said Chuck Appleby, chief of the DMAVA environmental branch.

He added that aerial photos, such as Google Earth views, aren't nearly as frequent as a user-driven concept like the Fluker post.

"People walk the beach every day," Appleby said. "You could get just one photo a week."

McBride hopes to use the Fluker photos to track endangered sea bird population, plant growth, and beach erosion. The team avoided setting up posts in more secluded areas, as much of the beachfront is in its natural state: prime habitat for animal species, according to Appleby.

"You need people and a reason to study. Outreach is important," Appleby said.

"We can show that the Guard supports more here at Sea Girt," McBride added.

And that's no fluke.

Energy Conservation Tip of the Week

Fix any water leaks that you may have in your home or office. While it may not seem like a leak is much of a problem, a faucet that only leaks a drip every 4 seconds will waste 65 gallons in a month and more than 780 gallon in a year!

Did You Know?

The average person uses between 80 and 100 gallons of water every day. The majority of this use comes from flushing toilets. The next comes from showers and baths.

If you would like more information about our energy and water conservation efforts, please contact Christopher Moore, energy manager at christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov.



Vets visit New Jersey

Residents at Veteran's Haven South in Winslow visited the Battleship New Jersey on the Camden, N.J., waterfront July 19, 2014. Battleship volunteer guides Dave Dimarzio, Angelo Pazzuello and Charles Vaughan escorted the group through the 12 sections of the ship. The highlights were the war room, the turrets, Tomahawk missile system, combat information center and the operation specialist room. For the Air Force and Army veterans, it was a learning experience. For the Navy veterans, it brought back some familiar memories.



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*** Reach Veterans in South Jersey ***

Join the American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian at the South Jersey Regional Veterans Resource & Opportunity Fair

Services will be expanded to include vendors that provide assistance with Employment, Homelessness, PTSD, and Criminal Justice initiatives

Atlantic City, NJ – The American Legion and Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian will host a Veteran Resource and Opportunity Fair to bring together South Jersey Veterans with service organizations and employers that can assist and enhance the lives of the brave men and women that defend our freedom.

This event, tailored to Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their families is looking for vendors and providers to join the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, and many others that provide services for homelessness, mental health issues, and veterans' affairs in general. The NJ State Parole Board will be present to discuss various criminal justice initiatives that will benefit veterans. The NJ Division on Civil Rights, under the NJ Office of the Attorney General, will present on the NJ Law Against Discrimination as it pertains to the veteran's community. Also invited to present from the federal government are the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) and the US Office of Federal Contract Compliance (OFCCP), under the US Department of Labor.

WHAT: Veterans job and opportunity fair
WHO: Sponsored by The American Legion, Atlantic City Mayor Don Guardian, The State of New Jersey Co-sponsored by the New Jersey Parole Board and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

WHEN: Thursday, October 9, 2014
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE: All Wars Memorial Building (Old Soldiers Home)
1510 Adriatic Ave., Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

RSVP – EMPLOYERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS - Employers with current job openings or entities that can offer services MUST PRE-REGISTER With Martin Houston, State Parole Board, at VeteranReentry@spb.state.nj.us or call 609-984-4588.

RSVP – VETERANS - All Active Duty, National Guard, Reservists, Veterans, and their spouses are encouraged to pre-register but "WALK-INS" are welcome!

Mr. & Ms. New Jersey Veteran – The event will include competition and judging for the title of Mr. & Ms. New Jersey Veteran. The participants will be the finalists from the three previous Resource & Opportunity Fairs' competition.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT NO LATER THAN 10/03/14 AS SPACE IS LIMITED!

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10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

VETERANS
JOB FAIR
AT THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Register by September 8th, 2014

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING:

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- ★ DRESS BUSINESS CASUAL

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Understanding Veteran Benefits

By Frank Quadrino, Manager of The VA NJ Healthcare System

Need Help obtaining your DD-214?

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Let us help you navigate through the VA System and obtain your available benefits.

When : August 22, 2014
Where: Catholic Charities
(Engel Center Entrance)
505 South Ave. East
Cranford, NJ 07016
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm

RSVP by phone or email
Call: 862 233-3259
Email: Mwingo@ccannj.org

MILITARY CAREER AND RETIREMENT BRIEFING

A military career and retirement briefing will be held for all New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers at the Garden Room, National Guard Armory, Lawrenceville, Sept. 13, 2014 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The following topics will be covered: how to read your retirement points accounting management (RPAM) statement, edu-

cation benefits, state archives, Veterans Administration mortgage benefits/reverse mortgage, financial planning, as well as what you need to do if you plan on retiring from the Guard.

If you plan on attending, send Marie Durling an e-mail at: marie.s.durling.civ@mail.mil.



US Family Health Care, a Tricare Prime option, is holding information sessions for servicemembers and families at various locations. Call 1-800-241-4848 option 3 or visit www.usfhp.net for more information.

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.

Mount Laurel Library
Sept. 12 (4 – 6:45 p.m. hourly)
100 Walt Whitman Avenue
Mount Laurel, N.J. 08054
Contact: Josephine Grey
(347) 501-2308

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, N.J.

177TH Fighter Wing
Sept. 18 (12 – 4 p.m. hourly)
400 Langley Road
Bldg 229
Egg Harbor Twp, N.J. 08234
Contact: Josephine Grey
(347) 501-2308

LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.

NJDMAVA building
Sept. 9, 23
11 a.m. – 4 p.m. (hourly)
1st Floor/IASD Section
101 Eggerts Crossing Road
Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648
Contact: Josephine Grey
(347) 501-2308

FORT DIX, N.J.

Housing Community Center
Sept. 15 (12 – 4 p.m. hourly)
Building 1134 Hemlock Street
Ft. Dix, N.J.
Contact: Josephine Grey
(347) 501-2308

COLTS NECK, N.J.

Naval Weapons Station Earle
Sept. 18 (3 – 7 p.m.)
201 Highway 34 South
Building C29
Colts Neck, N.J. 07722
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

MCGUIRE AIR FORCE BASE, N.J.

McGuire Library
Sept. 8 (3 – 7 p.m. hourly)
2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

McGuire Housing

Sept. 25
10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (hourly)
Jim Saxton Community Center
3811 South Boiling Street
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

108th Wing Airmen & Family Readiness Office

Sept. 17 (1 – 7 p.m.)
3327 Charles Blvd
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

BROWNS MILLS, N.J.

Pemberton Community Library
Sept. 22 (12 – 4 p.m.)
16 Broadway Street
Browns Mills, N.J. 08015
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

TOMS RIVER, N.J.

New Jersey National Guard Armory
Sept. 4 (3 – 7 p.m.)
1200 Whitesville Road
Toms River, N.J. 08753
Contact: Pam Kwiat
(646) 341-2545

JERSEY CITY

New Jersey National Guard Armory
Aug. 28; Sept. 4, 11
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (hourly)
678 Montgomery St.
Jersey City, N.J. 07306
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson
(646) 354-0126

PICATINNY ARSENAL

Army Community Service Building
Aug. 26 (1 – 3 p.m.)
Building 119
Dover, N.J. 07806
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson
(646) 354-0126

BLACKWOOD, N.J.

Camden County Veterans Affairs
Aug. 25; Sept. 8, 15, 22
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. (hourly)
3 Collier Dr. Lakeland Complex
Blackwood, N.J. 08012
Contact: Wil Acosta
(646) 300-1312

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