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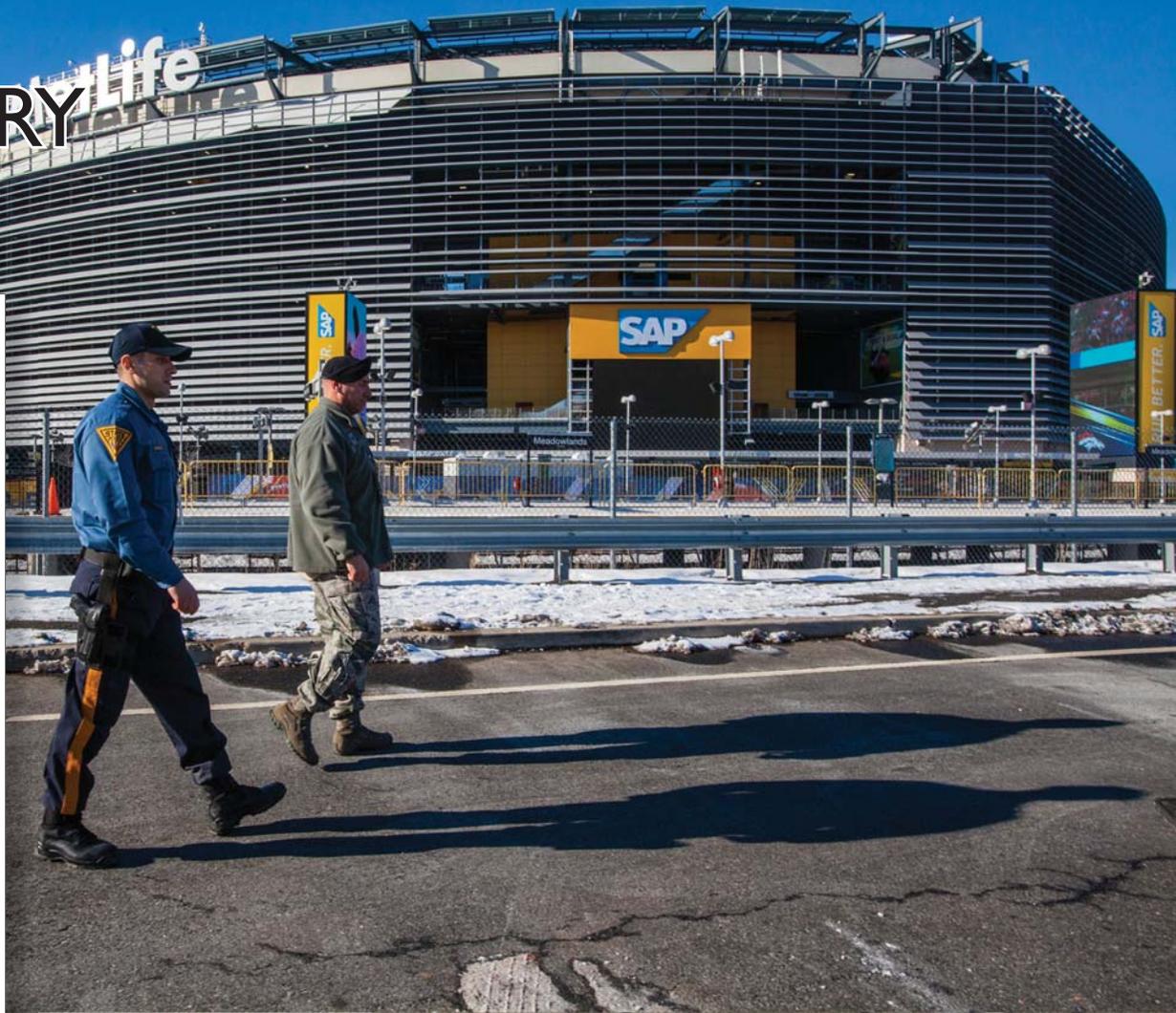
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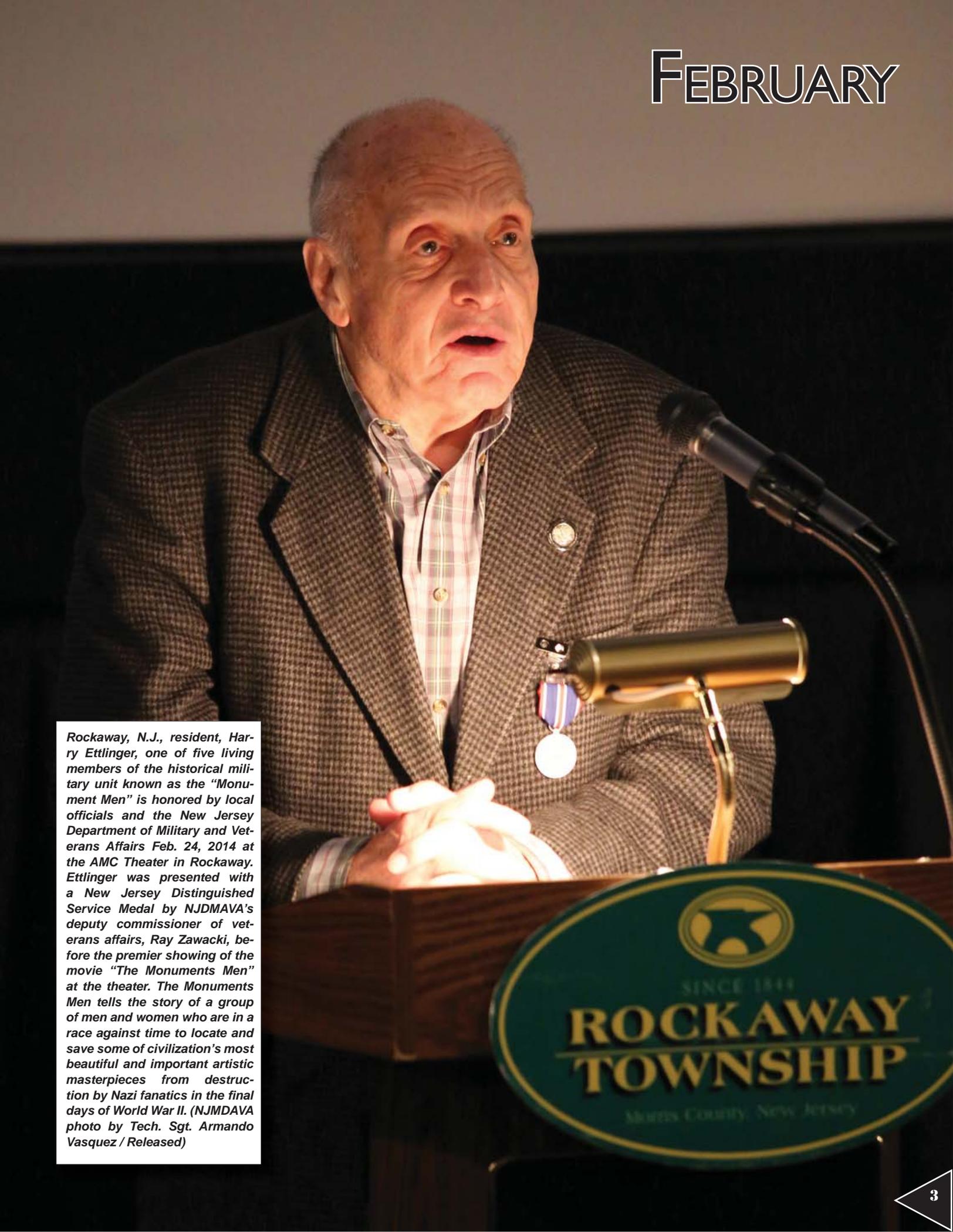
Airman 1st Class Taylor Binet, 177th Fighter Wing Medical Group, draws blood sample during the South Jersey Stand Down at the National Guard Armory, Cherry Hill Sept. 26, 2014. (DMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



JANUARY

Right: Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Arochas, 108th Security Forces Squadron, 108th Wing, monitors the perimeter of MetLife Stadium prior to Super Bowl XLVIII along with a New Jersey State Trooper Jan. 29, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Bottom left: A Salute to Troops ceremony for the 12 Soldiers and one Airman of the Military Advisor Team V prior to the unit's deployment to Afghanistan was held at the New Jersey National Guard's Joint Military and Family Assistance Center in Bordentown, N.J., Jan. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Bottom right: Staff Sgt. Ian May (right), demonstrates proper resuscitative breathing technique to Soldiers with the 328th Military Police Company, during advanced first aid training Jan. 11, 2014 at the Middletown Township Fire Academy. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Bill Addison/Released)



A photograph of Harry Ettlinger, an elderly man with a receding hairline, wearing a brown tweed jacket over a plaid shirt. He is seated at a wooden podium, looking slightly to his right with a serious expression. His hands are clasped in front of him. A microphone is positioned in front of him. On the podium, there is a green oval sign with a gold border. The sign features a logo at the top, the text "SINCE 1811" in small letters, "ROCKAWAY TOWNSHIP" in large, bold, gold letters, and "Morris County, New Jersey" in smaller letters at the bottom. A New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal is pinned to his jacket. The background is dark and out of focus.

Rockaway, N.J., resident, Harry Ettlinger, one of five living members of the historical military unit known as the "Monument Men" is honored by local officials and the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Feb. 24, 2014 at the AMC Theater in Rockaway. Ettlinger was presented with a New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal by NJDMAVA's deputy commissioner of veterans affairs, Ray Zawacki, before the premier showing of the movie "The Monuments Men" at the theater. The Monuments Men tells the story of a group of men and women who are in a race against time to locate and save some of civilization's most beautiful and important artistic masterpieces from destruction by Nazi fanatics in the final days of World War II. (NJMDAVA photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez / Released)

MARCH



Farewell CSM

Outgoing State Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome Jenkins, left, hands off the New Jersey National Guard colors for the last time to Brig. Gen. Michael Cunniff, The Adjutant General, during his Change of Responsibility ceremony at the Atlantic City armory March 2, 2014. Jenkins, who began his military career in 1972, served as the top enlisted Soldier in New Jersey for the past eight years. Soft spoken and with an easy smile, Jenkins was a leader who set high standards and inspired thousands of Soldiers to grow personally and professionally. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by 1st Sgt. Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



Capt. Mark Loy, New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion, explains to a group of student-athletes the intricacies of doing a proper push-up during the push-up challenge at the NFL's High School Player Development program at the New Jersey Army National Guard's Morristown Armory, April 29, 2014. New Jersey National Guard Soldiers provided valuable leadership skill training to the high school student-athletes at the event. (NJDMAVA photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez/Released)



Right: Drill instructors from the 254th Regiment (Combat Arms) train Albanian officer candidates of Albanian Officer Candidate Class 001 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 9, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Bottom left: New Jersey State Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Santiago, right, keeps pace with Sgt. Samantha Kirk, who represented the New Jersey Army National Guard at the Region 1 Best Warrior Competition at Camp Ethan Allen, Vt., May 15, 2014. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Nathan Rivard/Released) Bottom right: Republic of Albania Ambassador Gilbert Galanxhi adjusts Albanian Officer Candidate Besiana Dermyshe's ascot during the transition ceremony for the Albanian OCS Class at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., May 29, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

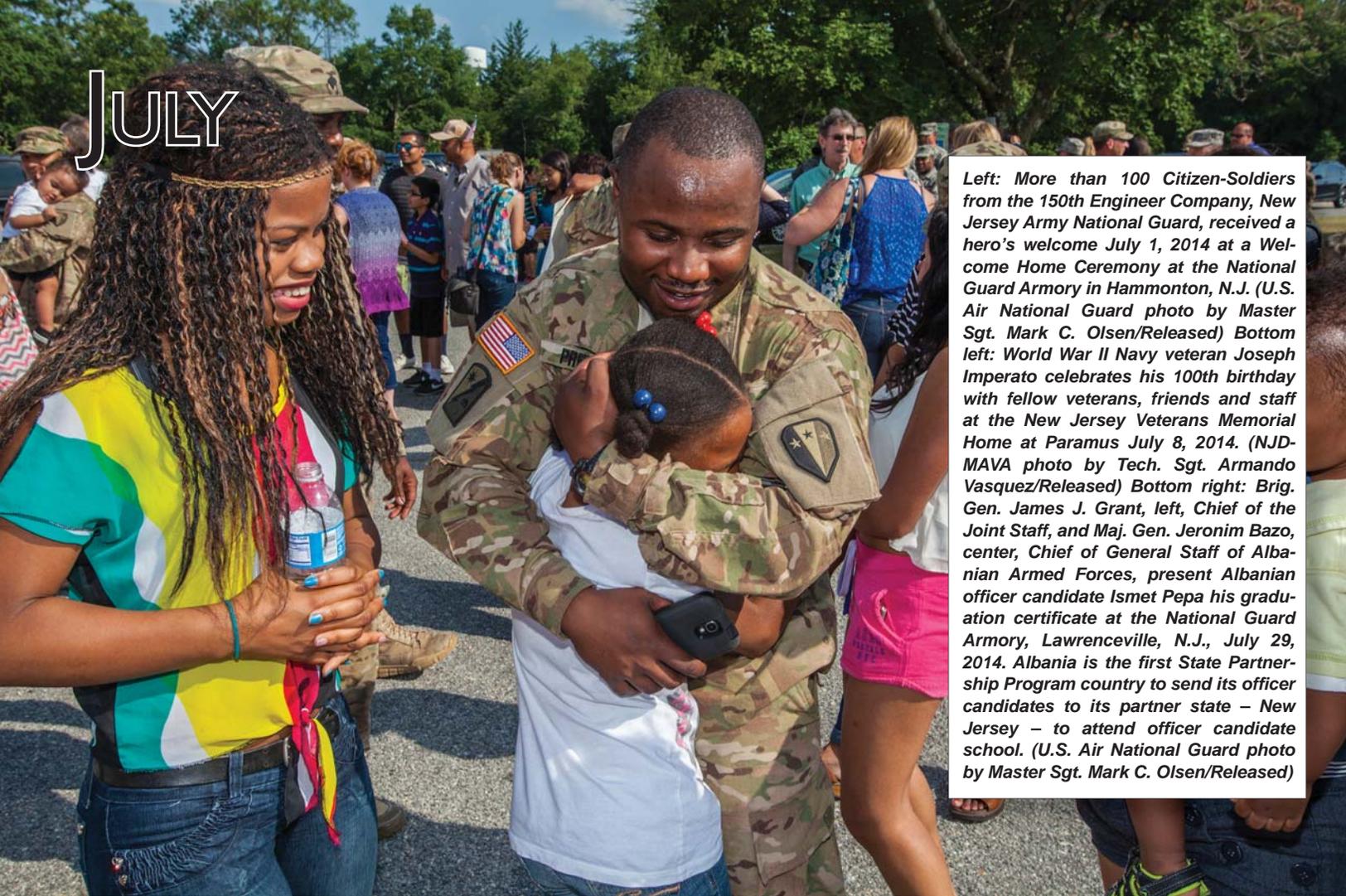


JUNE



Top Left: Staff Sgt. Sarah Zadoyko, 1-102nd Cavalry, left, watches as troopers feed and sing to a toy pony during the unit's Spur Ride at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst June 10, 2014. (DMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released) Top Right: Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas J. Clark, left, and standard bearer Sgt. Adam E. Mattei stand at parade rest during the 1-114th Infantry departure ceremony at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 18, 2014 (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Bottom left: Military Advisor Team 5 member Sgt. 1st Class Sam Rush, Logistics non-commissioned officer in charge, advises an Afghan National Army member at a mobile strike force vehicle maintenance facility June 22, 2014. (Courtesy photo) Bottom right: Silver Star recipient Master Sgt. Michael F. Sears, 177th Fighter Wing, addresses National Guard Bureau and New Jersey National Guard leadership, family, friends and fellow 177th Airmen June 28, 2014, at the 177th Fighter Wing in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)





Left: More than 100 Citizen-Soldiers from the 150th Engineer Company, New Jersey Army National Guard, received a hero's welcome July 1, 2014 at a Welcome Home Ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Hammonton, N.J. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released) Bottom left: World War II Navy veteran Joseph Imperato celebrates his 100th birthday with fellow veterans, friends and staff at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus July 8, 2014. (NJD-MAVA photo by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez/Released) Bottom right: Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, left, Chief of the Joint Staff, and Maj. Gen. Jeronim Bazo, center, Chief of General Staff of Albanian Armed Forces, present Albanian officer candidate Ismet Pepa his graduation certificate at the National Guard Armory, Lawrenceville, N.J., July 29, 2014. Albania is the first State Partnership Program country to send its officer candidates to its partner state – New Jersey – to attend officer candidate school. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



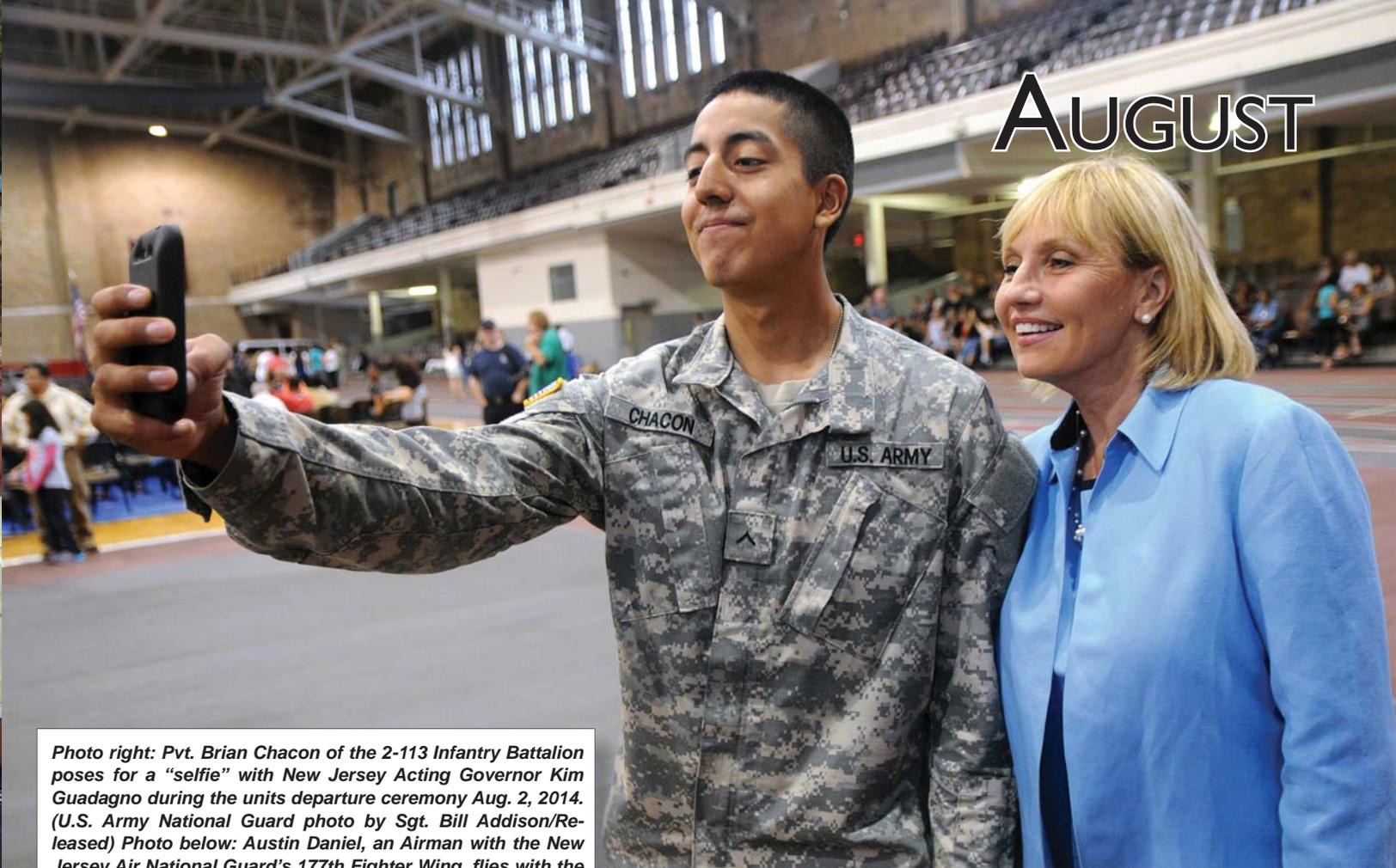


Photo right: Pvt. Brian Chacon of the 2-113 Infantry Battalion poses for a "selfie" with New Jersey Acting Governor Kim Guadagno during the units departure ceremony Aug. 2, 2014. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Bill Addison/Released) Photo below: Austin Daniel, an Airman with the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing, flies with the Raiders Demonstration Team in his Yak-52 demonstration aircraft over the beaches of Atlantic City, N.J. for the "Thunder Over the Boardwalk Air Show" on Aug. 13, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)





Photo left: Tech. Sgt. John Hurley, left, watches as Staff Sgt. Joe Coates, both members of the 177th Fighter Wing Explosive Ordnance Disposal team, presents Albanian Army Capt. Klodian Nuredini a certificate of completion at Peze Helmes, Republic of Albania, Sept. 26, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen / Released) Photo below: Gov. Chris Christie reviews New Jersey National Guard troops during the annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J., Sept. 28, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER



Photo left: Staff Sgt. Vito DiGiovacchino from the 177th Security Forces Squadron yells for his squad to advance on the enemy position during an active shooter exercise at Atlantic City Air National Guard Base, N.J., Oct. 24, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released) Photo below: Lt. Col. Jonathan Lamar is ceremonially congratulated on completing his final flight as a pilot with the 108th Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Oct. 28, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carl Clegg/Released)



NOVEMBER

Approximately 175 Airmen from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. marched in New York City's annual Veterans Day parade on Nov. 11, 2014. The Airmen spanned the enlisted and officer ranks and included Active, Reserve and Guard members from the 87th ABW, 514th AMW, 305th AMW, 108th Wing and the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center. The parade, organized in New York since 1929, has more than 25,000 participants and runs for approximately five hours on 5th Avenue from 26th Street north to 52nd Street. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Tech. Sgt. Carl Clegg/Released)





Capt. Ryan Bailey spends time with his family after the Welcome Home ceremony for the seven Soldiers and one Airman of the Military Advisor Team 5 held at the New Jersey Joint Force Headquarters, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., Dec. 2, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



HIRING OUR HEROES

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOUNDATION

2015 Hiring Our Heroes Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ

A Free Hiring Fair for Veterans,
Transitioning Service Members, and Military Spouses

The Timmerman Conference Center
5441 8th Street, Fort Dix, NJ 08640
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 11:00 A.M.

HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

A **Workshop** for job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 11:00AM.

EMPLOYERS

Must register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org/events

JOB SEEKERS

Register for FREE at HiringOurHeroes.org/events

Thanks to our local partners:

- United States Army Reserve
- Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst
- New Jersey Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (NJ ESGR)
- New Jersey American Legion
- New Jersey Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (NJ DOL VETS)
- Suiting Warriors
- And all of our other local partners

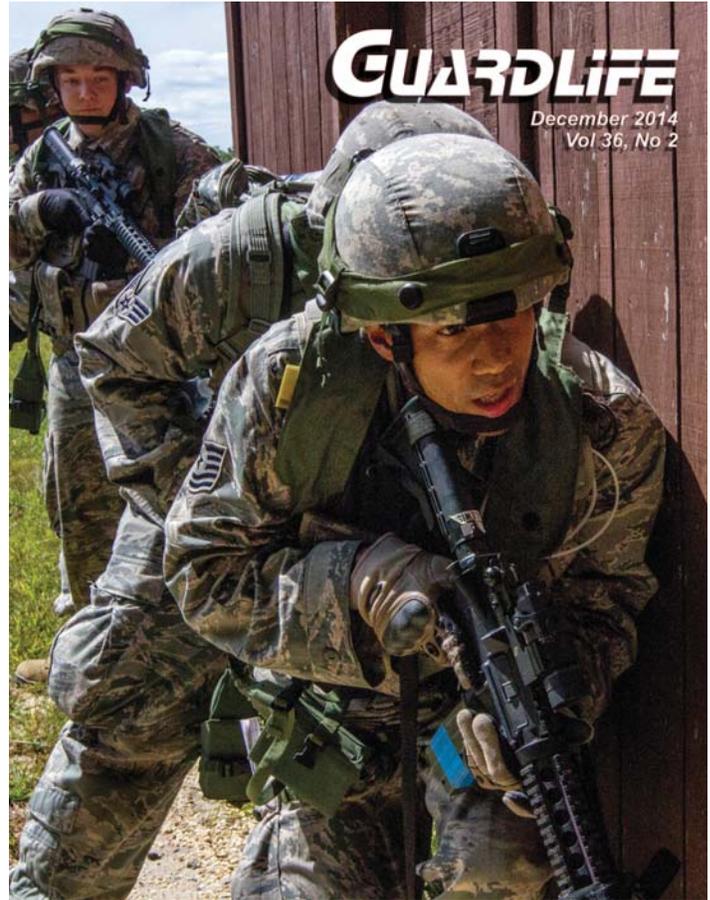
For registration questions, please email hiringourheroes@uschamber.com or call 202-463-5807.



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DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN



Jan. 13 & 14

DMAVA "Veterans Outreach Campaign" Quaker Bridge Mall (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.)

150 Quaker Bridge Mall, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Feb. 11

DMAVA Medal Ceremony

Williamstown VFW POST #1616

11 a.m.

1940 North Blackhorse Pike, Williamstown, NJ 08094

DMAVA WILL HAVE A VSO PRESENT AT EACH EVENT TO HELP AND ASSIST ANY VETERAN

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