

# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

NOVEMBER 21, 2014



*Sgt. William J. Camp Jr. tests a sample as New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Soldiers and Airmen of the 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD CST), New Jersey National Guard, are revalidated by U.S. Army North at the Arm and Hammer Park, Trenton, N.J., Nov. 18, 2014. Every 18 months, the CST is validated on common tasks, which include identifying threats, the decontamination process and working with civilian authorities in a real world environment to ensure that the unit is ready in event of a chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear threat. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)*



# TEAM CUTS

Crashed, Damaged, or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team Airmen use a K12 rescue saw to dismantle a truck as part of their familiarization training. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)



By Airman 1st Class Shane S. Karp, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

# WAY THROUGH

Twenty Airmen from the 177th Fighter Wing Maintenance Group participated in reclamation of an aircraft training at Warren Grove Range, N.J., Nov. 8, 2014.

The Crashed, Damaged or Disabled Aircraft Recovery team trained on a number of techniques that support their mission as a first-response unit in the event an aircraft is damaged, or disabled.

"If there was an aircraft we couldn't bag, lift or crane lift out, we would have to cut the aircraft into pieces, and transport it piece by piece back to the base," said Maj. Brian Cooper, commander, CDDAR team.

The Airmen used K12 rescue saws on scrapped trucks to simulate the reclamation of a downed aircraft. For many team members, this was their first opportunity to get this type of hands-on training.

"We have some seasoned members here, and we also have some that are new," said Cooper. "Using a saw is one thing, but actually walking a drill through metal is different."

Membership on the CDDAR team is a supplemental duty for 177th Airmen.

"We have Airmen from many different Air Force specialties including aerospace ground equipment, crew chiefs, fabrication and the engine shop," Cooper said. "These guys all have their daily jobs to do, and this is an additional duty that the whole team takes very serious."

Since the CDDAR team is one which is only called upon

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after a rare event, Cooper said the group may not get the recognition it deserves.

"The team doesn't get a lot of focus," Cooper said. "We're a first-responding unit that nobody knows about until you need them."

Although Cooper acknowledges he hopes the Wing's CDDAR team is never used, he ensures that if it is needed, they will be ready.

# AROUND THE STATE



Photo above: Sgt. 1st Class Jose Tassialvarez, left, and Sgt. Ross Wilson chat with residents at a New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home during the New Jersey National Guard Counterdrug Task Force's annual visit to the Home in Menlo, N.J., Nov. 12, 2014. NJNG CDTF Soldiers and Airmen have been visiting the Veterans Memorial Homes in Menlo, Paramus and Vineland as part of their veteran outreach program for the last six years. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released) Photo right: First Sgt. Louis J. Wiersma Jr., left, chats with a resident as members of the New Jersey National Guard's Counter Drug Task Force spent time with residents in the multi-purpose room at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home Paramus during their annual visit as part of their veteran outreach program to the three Department of Military and Veterans Affairs homes Nov. 12, 2014. (NJDMAVA photo by Giulia Kirsch/Released)



# INSPECTION TIME

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen  
108th Wing Public Affairs



One of the great truisms in the airplane industry is “The bigger the aircraft, the longer the inspection”. That certainly is the case for the KC-135R Stratotankers at the 108th Wing at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. Airman 1st Class James R. Hess, above, 108th Wing Maintenance Squadron, examines a CFM-56 turbofan engines’ turbine outlet guide vanes during a Stratotanker’s periodic inspection Nov. 7, 2014. Photo right: Staff Sgt. Ivan R. Martinez, front, and Airman 1st Class Gerald R. Meagher, both with the 108th Wing Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, check for evidence of fuel leaks. Photo below: Staff Sgt. William A. Munoz, left, and Senior Airman David G. Abreu, both with the 108th Wing Maintenance Squadron, begin the removal process of the KC-135R’s fuel boom.



# AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



Photo above: Alex Gorsky, third from left, Johnson & Johnson chief executive officer, shakes hands with J & J employee Carlo Legge, an Operation Iraqi Freedom Army veteran who received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal from Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, and one of 26 veterans recognized at the corporation's world headquarters in New Brunswick, N.J., Nov. 12, 2014. Photo left: Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, joined State Assemblyman David Ribble, second from left and Manasquan Mayor George Dempsey, right, in presenting an assembly resolution to World War II veteran Ernest Bertram of Toms River at the Elk's Lodge in Manasquan, N.J., Nov. 18, 2014. (NJD-MAVA photos by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



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**UPCOMING INFORMATION SESSIONS**

Mount Laurel Library  
100 Walt Whitman Avenue  
Mount Laurel, N.J. 08054  
Dec. 12: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly)  
Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

177th Fighter Wing  
400 Langley Road  
Bldg 229  
Egg Harbor Twp, N.J. 08234  
Dec. 9: 12 - 4 p.m. (hourly)  
Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

DMAVA BLDG  
1st Floor/IASD Section  
101 Eggerts Crossing Road  
Lawrenceville, N.J. 08648  
Dec. 3: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (hourly)  
Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

Housing Community Center  
Bldg 1134 Hemlock Street  
Ft. Dix, N.J.  
Dec. 1: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly)  
Contact: Josephine Grey, (347) 501-2308

Monmouth County Library  
Eastern Branch  
1001 Route 35  
Shrewsbury, N.J. 07702  
Dec. 3: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

McGuire Housing  
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3811 South Boiling Street  
McGuire AFB, N.J. 08641  
Dec. 2: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat, (646) 341-2545

Jersey City Armory  
678 Montgomery St.  
Jersey City, N.J. 07306  
Dec. 4 and 11, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
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Contact: Darrel Hutchinson, (646) 354-0126

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Bldg 119  
Dover, N.J. 07806  
Dec. 12: 1 - 3 p.m.  
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson, (646) 354-0126

Camden County Veterans Affairs  
3 Collier Dr.-Lakeland Complex  
Blackwood, N.J. 08012  
Dec. 1, 8, 15: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (hourly)  
Contact: Wil Acosta, (646) 300-1312

**DMAVA VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN**



DEC. 10: DMAVA Medal Ceremony  
"ANMAC" VFW Post #6253 – Berlin (11 a.m.)  
Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Southern New Jersey Chapter #1068  
34 Chestnut Ave., Berlin, NJ 08009

Jan. 13 & 14, 2015: DMAVA "Veterans Outreach Campaign"  
Quaker Bridge Mall (10 a.m. – 8 p.m.)  
150 Quaker Bridge Mall, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

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

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP OF THE WEEK**  
Be thankful, save energy this Thanksgiving

Do your part to help reduce energy use on Thanksgiving. If you're headed out to visit your family, make sure you lower your thermostat and unplug any non-essential electronic devices.

**Did You Know?**

Did you know that Americans use over 213,000 megawatt hours in electricity just cooking their Thanksgiving turkeys? That's about \$25 million spent on electricity just to cook turkeys every year!

For Turkey Day savings, turn your thermostat down a few degrees and the heat from your oven will help keep your home warm. Dim your lights if possible, this will save electricity, extend the life of your bulbs, and set the mood. And don't shy away from using the slow cooker. It will take a little longer, but the slow cooker will use a lot less energy than the oven and stovetop.

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.

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