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# NEW BUS AT PARAMUS HOME KEEPS VETERANS MOVING

By Spc. Oscar Baldriche, 444th MPAD

The state Veterans Memorial Home held a bus dedication ceremony April 25 and gave thanks to 116 donors for their support in the purchase of a new bus to help get "Vets on the Go," in Paramus.

The new bus which will be used to transport handicapped veterans was purchased in an organized effort by the American Legion and individuals mostly from Bergen County.

"The last buses we had, were continually breaking down," said Giulia V. Kirsch, Supervisor of Recreation. "Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our residents will now be able to interact with the many communities around them."

"Our veterans have given us so much, it's a wonderful thing to have the opportunity to be able to give something back to them," said Kirsch.

"We want to improve the quality of life for our vets and their families," said Robert J. Salvini, American Legion Commander for Bergen County. "Our vets will now be able to get out of the home and go on picnics, go to the movies and mingle with the community."

Salvini, the person responsible for spearheading the fundraiser, presented the idea to the executive board in October 2013 and with the help of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks and many other individuals, they have been able to raise more than \$85,000 to make this day happen.

"I am honored to be here today to present the keys to this new bus," said Salvini. "I was raised to pay it forward and it feels good to give to those who have given so much for our freedom and our way of life."

The fund rising went above the target with more than \$18,000 going to the goal of another bus.



NJDMAVA photos by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released

## Energy Conservation

### Energy Conservation Tip of the Week

Air sealing - caulking cracks and weather stripping doors and windows - and adding insulation can cut your home's energy costs by up to 10 percent and is one of the most cost effective ways to save energy. It also helps reduce noise, pollen, and insects from getting inside.

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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](mailto:christopher.moore@dmava.nj.gov).

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**2014 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event – Camden, NJ**  
 Susquehanna National Bank Center  
 One Harbour Boulevard  
 Camden, NJ 08103  
 May 14, 2014

**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**  
**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 8:30 A.M.**

This American Legion- and ESGR-sponsored hiring event is being hosted by the Susquehanna Bank Center and conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, Camden County, Board of Freeholders; the Camden County Office of Veterans Affairs; the American Legion Camden County Executive Committee; the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS); New Jersey Committee, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR); the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMVA); the New Jersey State Parole Board; the New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development (NJ LWD); NBC News; and other local partners.

<b>EMPLOYERS</b> Must register for FREE at <a href="http://www.hiringourheroes.org">www.hiringourheroes.org</a>	<b>JOB SEEKERS</b> Veterans, Active Duty Military, Members Of Guard And Reserve Components, Military Spouses Register for FREE at <a href="http://www.hiringourheroes.org">www.hiringourheroes.org</a> Walk-ins always welcome
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A workshop for veterans and other military job seekers that focuses on resume writing, tips for successfully navigating hiring fairs, military skill translation, and interviewing will start at 8:30 a.m. To register for Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshop, visit [hiringourheroes.org](http://hiringourheroes.org).

Registration questions? Please contact [hiringourheroes@uschamber.com](mailto:hiringourheroes@uschamber.com) or call 202-463-5807.



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**2014 Hiring Our Heroes Veterans Event – Somerville, NJ**  
 Stevenson – D'Alessio American Legion Post #12  
 232 Union Avenue – Somerville, NJ  
 June 18, 2014

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP: 8:30 A.M.**  
**HIRING FAIR: 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.**

This American Legion-, Merck- sponsored hiring event is being conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation, the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service (DOL VETS), the New Jersey Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Goodwill Industries International, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the New Jersey State Parole Board, NBC News, and other local partners.

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY HUEY HELICOPTER DEDICATION

May 7th was created by legislation in 1991 as a unique day in New Jersey to honor all those who served in the military during the Vietnam Era from 1959 to 1975. As part of this year's ceremony the Foundation will unveil its newly restored Huey Helicopter at the Vietnam Era Museum.

A special thanks to our donors and volunteers for making Operation Huey Restoration a reality.



**WEDNESDAY • MAY 7, 2014 • 11:00 AM**  
 New Jersey Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
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 Vietnam Veteran  
 Four-time Super Bowl Champion

**REMARKS BY**  
**Major General Clark W. Martin**  
 USAF (Ret'd) & Chairman, NJVMF  
**Brigadier General Michael L. Cunniff**  
 Adjutant General of New Jersey

**Al Sever**  
 116th Assault Helicopter Company  
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 VIETNAM ERA MUSEUM & EDUCATIONAL CENTER**

ABOUT THE NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation offers a meaningful and engaging experience that recognizes the sacrifice, courage and valor of Vietnam Veterans and encourages and fosters a thorough understanding of the Vietnam Era including the political, historical, social, cultural and military aspects, which affected the United States, and especially New Jersey. To support the Foundation and the Huey project, visit [WWW.NJVMF.ORG](http://WWW.NJVMF.ORG).

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## SOUTH JERSEY VETERANS JOB FAIR



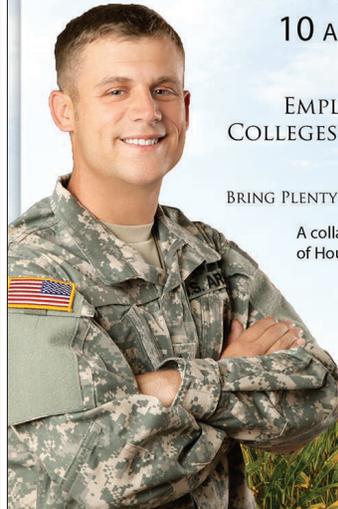
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# Vets Helping Vets



Combat Vets Motorcycle Association NJ 38-1 visited Veterans Haven-South on Saturday March 29, 2014, to present the residents with gift bags filled with toiletry items such as shampoo, conditioner, razors, shaving cream, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, combs etc. Vets Helping Vets is the motto of the Combat Vets and this was the first of what

will be an annual event. This event wouldn't have been possible without contributions and donations. We would like to thank Christy Mullen, Barbara Weiss, Margie O'Neill, Lakisha Patton, James Sauls and the Combat Vets Motorcycle Association. Their hard work and contributions are much appreciated. (Courtesy photo)

## New Jersey Military Family Assistance Centers



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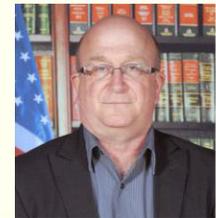
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## *NJNG Soldiers teach leadership, life skills to student-athletes*



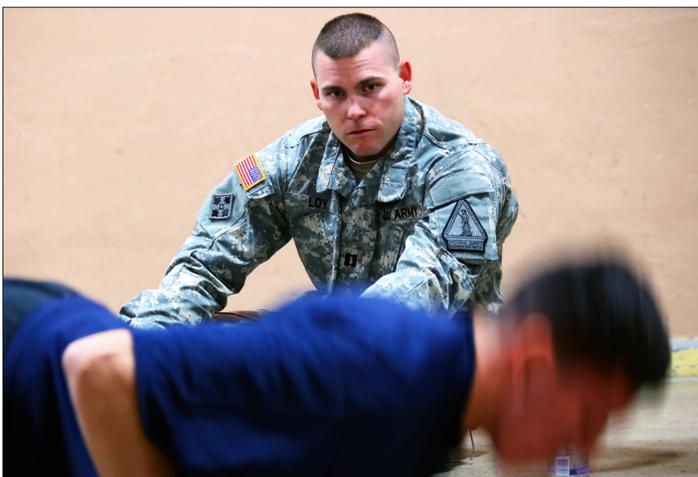
### **Story and photos by Tech. Sgt. Armando Vasquez**

Brig. Gen. James Grant, Chief of the Joint Staff, New Jersey National Guard, addressed approximately 60 high school student-athletes who are aspiring for a scholarship to attend a Division 1 college, and recounted the story of a Soldier he knew very well. A Soldier who pushed himself to be the best student, athlete and leader while in high school, military academy and in the U.S. Army.

Grant's point described the leadership and dedication skills that this young Soldier displayed as a 15-year-old student and how those attributes benefitted him in Iraq as a young 23-year-old lieutenant leading troops, some older than himself, into battle.

"Life is about choices," said Grant. "Leaders have a vision of where they want to go and how they are going to get there."

Subsequently, the New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion participated in the NFL's High School Development Program April 29 at the Morristown Armory to



**Capt. Stuart Loy, New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting and Retention Battalion, counts push-ups during the push event at the NFL's High School Player Development Program.**

provide leadership and life skills training to the student-athletes. These student-athletes, identified as leaders on and off the field, were chosen by their coaches to attend the event.

The NFL's High School Development Program addresses challenges facing high school football programs across the country focusing primarily on underserved communities. HSDP serves as a free resource for both high school players and coaches. In addition, the program emphasizes safety and concussion awareness, character and life skills development, and football fundamentals.

The National Guard has partnered with the NFL in this endeavor, said Ken Seal, New Jersey Army National Guard Recruiting marketing specialist. "Our goal is to provide leadership skills to these young men."

During the event, the student-athletes participated in five competitive challenges: rock wall climbing, timed shuttle runs, pass/toss football, push-ups and a ping-pong relay. Afterwards, they volunteered at a local food bank and visited the New York Jets' training facility.

Soldiers from various NJNG armories assisted and provided tips to the student-athletes. Between breaks in the events, the Soldiers provided advice and career counseling to the athletes.

According to some statistics, less than six percent of student-athletes in high school will play football in a Division 1 college. Therefore, knowing there are military tuition assistance options to attend college is critical for these young men.

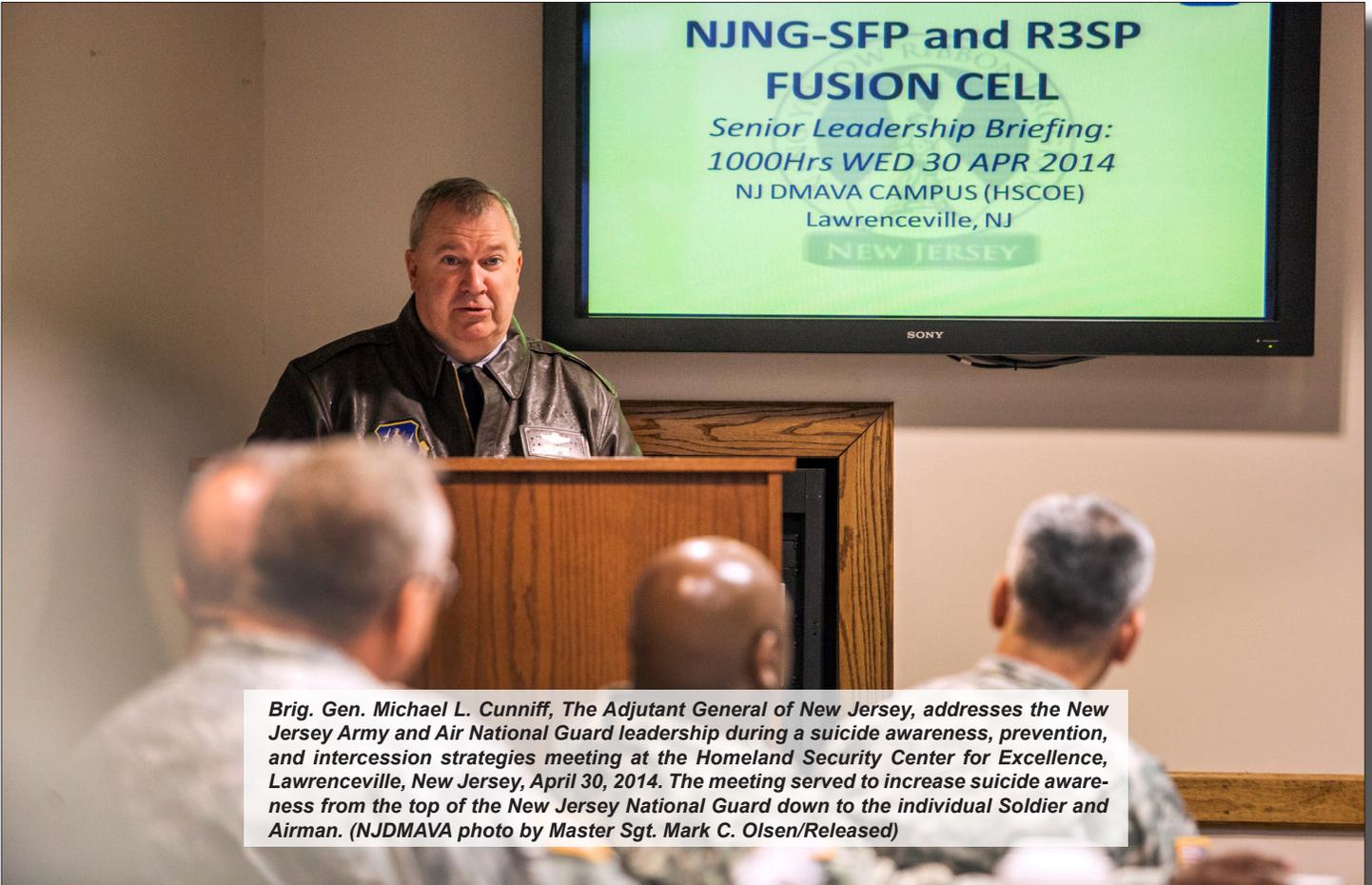
"Maybe some of you will make it to division one. Some of you won't," said Grant. "But you all have the opportunity to make choices to be leaders, community influencers."

"We want them to know that if they don't make it to the pros, there are other choices," said Sgt. 1st Class Peter Sarni, senior non-commissioned officer at the Recruiting and Retention Battalion and the non-commissioned officer in charge during the event. "Military service is an honorable and rewarding career. We want them to know that."

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**Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, the Adjutant General of New Jersey and Brig. Gen. James J. Grant, Director, Joint Staff, along with New Jersey National Guard Soldiers and Airmen, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs employees, Lawrence Township officials and Lawrence Township Intermediate School students celebrate Arbor Day April 25, 2014, with a dedication ceremony for a red maple at the NJDMAVA campus at Lawrenceville, New Jersey. (NJDMAVA photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)**



**Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, addresses the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard leadership during a suicide awareness, prevention, and intercession strategies meeting at the Homeland Security Center for Excellence, Lawrenceville, New Jersey, April 30, 2014. The meeting served to increase suicide awareness from the top of the New Jersey National Guard down to the individual Soldier and Airman. (NJDMAVA photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)**

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US Family Health Care, a Tricare Prime option providing a civilian based managed care network, will be holding Question and Answer sessions to provide information for servicemembers and families.

USFHP pushes forward effective Jan. 1, 2014, and they are adding an extra benefit to their already robust benefit package! Eye glasses for \$0 to low cost. To hear more about USFHP and this added benefit, come to one of their upcoming information sessions listed below:

**Fort Dix Housing Community Center**  
Bldg. 1134 Hemlock Street, JB-MDL  
May 12 / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

**JB-MDL McGuire Library**  
2603 Tuskegee Airmen Ave, JB-MDL  
May 12 / 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

**JB-MDL McGuire Housing  
Jim Saxton Community Center**  
3811 South Boiling Street, JBMDL  
May 6, 22 / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

**108th Wing Airmen & Family Readiness Office**  
3327 Charles Blvd, JB-MDL  
May 21 / 1 to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

**Picatiny Arsenal Army Community Service**  
Bldg. 119, Dover, NJ  
May 13 and 30  
Contact Darrel Hutchinson at 646-354-0126

**Pemberton Community Library**  
16 Broadway Street, Brownmills, NJ  
May 19 / 12 to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

**Mount Laurel Library**  
100 Walt Whitman Ave, Mount Laurel, NJ  
May 15 and 23 / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

**Camden County Veterans Affairs**  
3 Collier Dr., Lakeland Complex, Blackwood, NJ  
May 5, 12 and 19 / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Wil Acosta at 646-300-1312

**NJDMAVA Bldg**  
IASD Section,  
101 Eggerts Crossing Road, Lawrenceville, NJ  
May 7 and 21 / 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

**177th Fighter Wing**  
Bldg. 229, 400 Langley Rd., Egg Harbor Twp, NJ  
May 8 and 27 / 12 - 4 p.m.  
Contact: Josephine Grey at 347-501-2308

**NJNG Jersey City Armory**  
678 Montgomery Street, Jersey City, NJ  
May 1, 8, 15 and 22 / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Darrel Hutchinson at 646-354-0126

**NJNG Toms River Armory**  
1200 Whitesville Road, Toms Rive, NJ  
May 15 / 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Contact: Pam Kwiat at 646-341-2545

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Bldg. C29, 201 Highway 34 South, Colts Neck, NJ  
May 14 / 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.  
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Call 1-800-241-4848 option 3 or visit [www.usfhp.net](http://www.usfhp.net) for more information.

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