



NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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READINESS

Soldiers gear up ahead of annual training



Photos by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJANG Public Affairs

New Jersey Army National Guard Soldiers with Delta Company, 2-113th Infantry Regiment, conduct weapons training and qualification on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst April 24. This training prepares them for an upcoming qualifications test.

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PEOPLE FIRST

Coppering caps 34 years of service with 108th fini flight



Photos by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJANG Public Affairs

Congratulations to 108th Wing Vice Commander Col. Thomas Coppinger, who flew his "fini" flight May 12, retiring after 34 years of service and more than 5,000 flight hours.

<https://www.facebook.com/NJNationalGuard/posts/5110377842351484>

PEOPLE FIRST

JFHQ opens new room for new moms



Video by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJANG Public Affairs

Joint Force Headquarters celebrated the opening of a lactation room for mothers in Building 3650 at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst May 12. The room is available for women from the Army and Air National Guard including units doing field training.

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=792801075216147>

PEOPLE FIRST

Newest American defends America with the 177th



Story and photo by Breaking AC

Members of this group sworn in as U.S. citizens at Stockton University, Galloway Township, May 9 include 177th Logistics Readiness Squadron's Airman 1st Class Nand Patel (second to left, second row), the 177th Fighter Wing's newest citizen.

<https://breakingac.com/2022/05/stockton-helps-swear-in-19-new-citizens/?fbclid=IwAR26ly7EviewB27DsagKnTcMomi3SJ8-9zK7YmvddfQqjxsWfHAzilXuzaUI>

PEOPLE FIRST/HISTORY

Legends Tell All with Craig Carton: Warren Schlapfer



Video by Craig Carton, WFAN

Craig Carton interviews U.S. Army veteran Warren Schlapfer who fought in the Pacific theater during World War II; they discuss battle experiences* and the liberation of a prisoner of war camp in 1945. Warren Schlapfer lived July 11, 1923 to March 14, 2022 and resided at the NJDMAVA Veterans Home at Paramus.

<https://youtu.be/d2PFSO1bjxk> [*Warning: Some violent content is discussed]

VETERANS SERVICES

A gift: New Jersey Air Guardsman returns to Vineland

Story and photo by Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA Public Affairs



“This is a gift,” said John S. Walker, referring to his new role as resident advocate at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland, after serving at the home in his NJ National Guard capacity.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/420479/gift-new-jersey-air-guardsman-returns-vineland>

VETERANS SERVICES

Outreach finds Vietnam veterans in Edison



Photo by Chuck Robbins, NJDMAVA

NJDMAVA Veterans Outreach Specialist Luisa Sanchez, right, discusses State and Federal Benefits and programs with Vietnam Veterans Pedro Silva, left, and Robert Volovar at the Menlo Park Mall during the NJDMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign in Edison Township, May 13.

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HISTORY

This day in NJ military history: Remembering the Harlem Hellfighters



Archive photo at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

May 14, 1918: Trenton native Pvt. Needham Roberts, an African American soldier serving with the segregated 369th Infantry Regiment of the New York National Guard, assigned to the French Army, was badly wounded when a post he manned with Sgt. Henry Johnson was attacked by a German patrol. Both men continued to fight with rifles, knives and hand grenades, killing 20 German soldiers, and were awarded the Croix de Guerre by the French army.

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