



NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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READY & RESILIENT TEAMS

Leonard takes top senior enlisted role



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Wayne Woolley, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Leonard became the top enlisted Soldier in the New Jersey Army National Guard at a change-of-responsibility ceremony at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt May 1, 2022. He assumed the mantle of State Command Sergeant Major from Command Sgt. Maj. Earnest Williams Jr., who has held the position since 2017 and is now retiring from the military.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/njnationalguard/albums/72177720298556513>

PARTNERSHIPS

Albanian Armed Forces, New Jersey Guard leaders exchange insights



Video by Forca Tokesorë

The 177th Medical Group commander, Col. Eric Erickson, traveled to Albania with the New Jersey State Partnership Program to participate in a workshop to determine future means to increase interoperability between U.S. and Albanian Armed Forces military personnel.

<https://www.facebook.com/NJNationalGuard/posts/5069026806486588>

VETERANS SERVICES

VFW, DMAVA honor Burlington County Veterans



Photos by Chuck Robbins, NJDMAVA

Retired Army Sgt. Joe Nyzio, left, pins the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster and the New Jersey Vietnam Service Medal on Vietnam Veteran and Purple Heart recipient Marine Corps Sgt. Victor M. Hendrix at an NJDMAVA Medal Ceremony April 30, 2022.

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PARTNERSHIPS

New Jersey and Albania officer candidates conduct joint training in Vlorë



Photos by Senior Master Sgt. Andrew Moseley, 177th FW PA

U.S. Army Officer Candidate School cadets, with the New Jersey National Guard, and Albanian Armed Forces OCS cadets participated in combined leadership and tactics familiarization at the Bunavi Individual Training Center, April 6, 2022, in Vlorë, Albania.

<https://www.facebook.com/njngspp/posts/123377303632231>

<https://go.usa.gov/xu4YZ>

READINESS & MODERNIZATION

The other kind of spring training: 42nd Regional Support Group drills in Somerset



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Armando Vasquez, 42nd RSG

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 42nd Regional Support Group Soldiers had a busy Unit Training Assembly weekend: it conducted a Military Decision Making Process staff exercise and M4 carbine Individual Weapons Qualification training, as well as promoting and recognizing Soldiers.

<https://www.facebook.com/42ndRSG/posts/319689533615096>

READINESS

Spring sorties prepare 1-224th Security and Support Battalion



Photo by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJANG PA

A U.S. Army UH-72A Lakota with the New Jersey National Guard's 1-224th Security and Support Battalion prepares to take off from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, April 25, 2022 for a routine area training mission.

<https://www.dvidshub.net/image/7163691/uh-72a-lakota>

READINESS

Target acquired!



Photo by Private First Class Seth Cohen, 444th MPAD

Soldiers with the New Jersey National Guard familiarize themselves with the M110A-1 Squad Designated Marksman Rifle weapon system at a range in Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey on April 23, 2022.

<https://www.instagram.com/p/CdCBVwROO4T/?igshid=YmMyMTA2M2Y=>

READINESS

New Jersey Airman competes in Best Warrior



Article by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht, NJANG PA

Twelve Soldiers and one Airman geared up for the ultimate face-off: finding out who was the New Jersey Guard's Best Warrior this year during the state's annual competition on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, New Jersey, April 19-21. Senior Airman Alex Potts, a survey team member on the 21st Civil Support Team, said he was motivated to compete this year by the Soldiers with whom he works.

<https://www.ang.af.mil/Media/Article-Display/Article/3013042/new-jersey-airman-competes-in-best-warrior/>

PEOPLE

Children of 108th Airmen visit the base



Photos from 108th Wing Public Affairs

Parents within the 108th Wing brought their children to units at McGuire-Dix Lakehurst April 28, 2022 as part of a Bring your Child to Work Day event.

<https://www.facebook.com/100064383201442/posts/363616855794418/?d=n>

HISTORY

New Jersey women make up the fabric of the WWII home front



Photo from the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

Marjorie Collins sews a United States flag in 1943 at the Annin flag company factory in Verona, New Jersey.

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