

DMAVA Highlights



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DMAVA unveils newest solar energy array

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With the newly installed photovoltaic solar electric power system above them, Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (left), The Adjutant General of New Jersey; President Jeanne M. Fox (center), Commissioner, Board of Public Utilities and retired Brig. Gen. Jeff L. Pierson (right), Superintendent, National Guard Training Center, cut the ribbon inaugurating the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs newest onsite solar generation system

on August 26 at the NGTC, located at Sea Girt.

This project highlights DMAVA's ongoing effort to support Governor Jon S. Corzine's energy incentives for New Jersey known as "Greening the Government." In addition, this initiative demonstrates the Department's leadership in the adoption of the Governor's Executive Order No. 54 that calls for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in New Jersey.

The photovoltaic solar electric power system is expected to save the Department more than \$55,000 annually and lower its use of conventionally-generated power. It also has the capability of producing 300 Solar Energy Renewable Credits annually, which are currently selling for \$650 per credit.

This project will be the first for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs utilizing a parking canopy; the Fort Dix and Lawrenceville systems are located on roof tops. Covering more than 20,000 square feet, the 230 kilowatt photovoltaic system uses 1,064 modular pre-engineered solar panels tilted at a ten degree angle to maximize energy output and convert sunlight directly into electricity, generating power to the facility.

With the completion of this project, DMAVA represents the largest commitment to install solar power by a military agency on the East Coast. With an estimated 300,000 kilowatt hours per year, the photovoltaic solar electric power system will reduce more than 7 million pounds of carbon dioxide emissions during the next 30 years; the equivalent to planting 1,000 acres of trees or by not driving 9 million miles on New Jersey's roadways.

New Jersey kicks off oral military history project

By Sgt. Wayne Woolley, Special to American Forces Press Service

An Army National Guard colonel who led a brigade in Iraq and a Vietnam veteran who retired from the Guard as a brigadier general recently helped Gov. Jon Corzine launch an oral history project to preserve the Garden State's military legacy.

Col. Steven Ferrari and retired Brig. Gen. Frank Carlini shared recollections about their time in war zones with Corzine on Aug. 17 after the governor signed a bill creating the state Veterans' Oral History Foundation. A board of nine representatives to be appointed by Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, New Jersey adjutant general, will guide the foundation's work. The foundation will raise money and publicize efforts to capture the oral histories of New Jersey veterans and preserve them at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey.

Corzine, a former Marine reservist, said he wanted to conduct the first few interviews himself to underscore the foundation's importance.

Ferrari told Corzine he was proud to have led the 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team during the handover of Baghdad's International Zone, a milestone of American involvement of Iraq.

The brigade began its mission in August 2008 with total responsibility for security and logistics in the strategic and symbolic heart of Iraq's capital, an area also known as the Green Zone.

After several months of training their Iraqi counterparts, the brigade handed them responsibility for the area. The brigade also was responsible for operating Iraq's two main detention centers and more than 20,000 detainees.

Carlini's military career spanned from Vietnam to the current conflicts. He retired last year. But it's his memories of service as an infantry platoon leader in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971 that will live on as an oral history.

Carlini's memories of the war are a blur of 28-day stints on patrol in the jungle and leading a unit that was authorized 44 men but never had more than two dozen. He said his platoon rarely got closer than two or three kilometers to another American unit.

"I was afraid because, here I am, 22 years old with a platoon out away from everybody," Carlini said. "I feared that I would do something stupid that would unnecessarily endanger my soldiers."

Carlini left the Army when his tour ended. Two years later, he joined the National Guard and stayed for more than three decades.

Peace is a journey of a thousand miles and it must be taken one step at a time.

--Lyndon B. Johnson, 36th President of the United States

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Grant gets his stars pinned on in ceremony

By Sgt. Wayne Woolley, DMAVA Public Affairs

James J. Grant, Chief of the Joint Staff, was promoted to Brigadier General last week in front of an overflow crowd at the Lawrenceville Armory. It was full of people who had been there for most of the milestones in Grant's life.

In addition to his wife, Betteanne Grant, his daughter, Kelly Grant, and his mother and stepfather, Martin and Theresa Cramer, three of his high school friends were in attendance, including his best friend, Kevin Mineiri. At 2 a.m. on Aug. 27, 1973, Grant and Mineiri stepped off a bus at Parris Island, S.C. to begin Marine Corps basic training. "Kevin and I remained buddies," Grant said in his remarks after his promotion.

Others in attendance included Grant's former colleagues from the New Jersey State Police, Joe Klecko, the Hall of Fame defensive end from the New York Jets and 1st Lt. Wil Crombie, an honored Iraq War veteran with whom Grant began a correspondence.

Of course, the largest contingent at Grant's promotion ceremony came from the organizations Grant now helps to lead, the New Jersey National Guard and the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General, called Grant "a leader with strategic vision" who played a key role in some of the most critical events in the National Guard, including the largest deployment of New Jersey National Guard Soldiers since World War II.

"We are blessed to have Jim on our team," Rieth said.



The newest New Jersey Army Guard general - Brig. Gen. James J. Grant - smiles as Maj. Gen. Glen K. Rieth, left, and his wife, Betteanne Grant, right, pin on his stars during a ceremony on Aug. 21 in the Lawrenceville armory.

DMAVA Green

By Tech Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs

The school year is just around the corner. Here are some "green" tips for brown bagging school – and even work – lunches. Wastefreelunches.org says that a disposable lunch costs \$4.02 per day, versus \$2.65 for a waste-free lunch. That translates to a savings of about \$246.60 per child per year.

Here are some tips for getting some of those savings: Use reusable fabric lunch bags for carrying, package the sandwiches in reusable containers, use reusable or recyclable containers for drinks or soups, package snacks that were bought in bulk in reusable containers or bags, send a whole fruit – apple, orange – that doesn't need packaging. Send them off with cloth napkins which are obviously reusable and stainless steel or reusable bamboo utensils.

Stay away from paper lunch bags, plastic bags that will be tossed after one use, individual snacks, meals, desserts, drinks, disposable "silver" ware and paper napkins when packing that proverbial brown bag.

It is suggested that you purchase snacks in bulk and repack in reusable containers; also, buy yogurt, applesauce, pudding in large reusable jars and bottles to put in smaller containers for your lunch kettle.

For more information, visit the EPA's Web site <http://www.epa.gov/osw/education/lunch.htm> on waste-free lunches.

Quotes

At twenty years of age the will reigns; at thirty, the wit; and at forty, the judgement.

--Benjamin Franklin

The best way to find out if a man has done something is to advise him to do it. He will not be able to resist boasting that he has done it without being advised.

--Comtesse Diane

When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained.

--Mark Twain

If you have no will to change it, you have no right to criticize it.

--Anonymous

The artist doesn't see things as they are, but as he is.

--Anonymous

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1-800-984-8523

Families

Expansion in Morris County brings social worker for military families

Family Service of Morris County's Military Family and Veterans Outreach program is happy to announce the addition to its program of Jack McFadden a licensed clinical social worker who is also a veteran with four tours of duty in Vietnam. He is available to see military personnel and their families during predeployment, deployment and post deployment for free counseling. This includes parents, siblings, children and significant others. We can also connect you to community resources. All services are highly confidential. For more information about the Military Services Outreach and Veterans Program, please contact, Jack McFadden, Military Families & Veterans Outreach clinician and case manager at jmcfadden@fsmc.org or call 973-538-5260. You can also contact Tammy Rosenthal, supervisor of the program at trosenthal@fsmc.org or 973-538-5260. We are privileged to work with you who have given so much for your country!

Money for college

The QuestBridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors to gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's leading colleges. If you are a student who has achieved academic excellence in the face of economic challenges, you can apply at www.questbridge.org.

QuestBridge works with selective colleges that are actively seeking high-achieving students regardless of family income. You may be concerned about tuition costs, but top-ranked colleges offer generous financial aid packages that cover 100 percent of demonstrated financial need, making them very affordable for students from low-income backgrounds.

Last year, more than 1,000 QuestBridge applicants were admitted to our partner colleges with generous financial aid worth over \$100 million. Of the 1,000 applicants, 260 of these students received College Match scholarships covering:

Full cost of tuition (up to \$40,000 per year)

Full cost of room and board (up to \$15,000 per year)

Most QuestBridge partner colleges also include the cost of books and travel in their scholarship packages and automatically renew the scholarship for all four years of college. All College Match scholarships are loan-free.

Family Readiness Council offers grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has increased the amounts of family and business grants up to \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively. Both are known as TIER I grants. TIER II family grants are also available to New Jersey Army and Air National Guard non-deployed service members who were on State Active Duty or State Missions (e.g., hurricanes, floods, border missions) for more than 20 consecutive days. Service members meeting these criteria are eligible to apply for a financial hardship grant up to \$1,500. Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers.



Morris County United Way sponsoring 'Morris March for Military Families' Sept. 27

By Andrea Conway, United Way of Morris County

United Way of Morris County is engaged in a new project to help local military families. We know that military families are strong, but stresses that arise when a family member is called upon to serve can be great – from preparation, to separation and finally reintegration into the family. While this can be true for all military families, this is especially true for our National Guard troops who reside outside of the immediate support system the military provides.

Military families need the support of the entire community to stay strong and deal with the additional burdens on their family; that strength depends on all of us! It is our pledge as signatories of the Community Covenant to do what we can to ensure the community is aware and supportive of our service men and women and their families while we are engaged in the war effort in the Middle East.

As part of this effort, United Way of Morris County has recently partnered with the Morris County Chamber of Commerce – specifically the Chamber's Leadership Morris program – to organize an event to raise funds for our neighbors who have a family member on active duty. The event is: Morris March for Military Families.

The will be on Sept. 27, 8 a.m. to noon at the County College of Morris – 214 Center Grove Road, Randolph.

All proceeds raised by the Morris March for Military Families will go to United Way of Morris County's Front Line Fund to ensure resources are available to help our military families as they cope with the difficulties that can accompany deployment.

To sign up to march or for more information on the Morris March for Military Families, visit http://www.uwmorris.org/news-events/events_template0.php?event_id=48.



State Family Programs

101 Eggert Crossing Road, Lawrenceville

Toll-free number 1-888-859-0352

Family Assistance – 609-530-6834/6884

State Youth Coordinator – 609-530-6836

Military Family Life consultants – 609-530-6835/6886

Yellow Ribbon Program – 609-530-6846/6853/6859

Fax – 609-530-6871

State Employees

Unity Day celebration slated for Sept. 17 at JT2DC



Come join in the New Jersey National Guard 11th Annual Unity Day celebration on Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Joint Training and Training Development Center,

Fort Dix.

Celebrate our ethnic and cultural diversity through music, food sampling, giveaways, homemade dessert contest, scavenger hunt and line dancing.

There will be a Fun Walk/Run at 8:30 a.m. starting at the JT2-DC and a blood drive 10 a.m.-3 p.m. also at the JT2DC.

For more information, contact Capt. Barbara Brown-Wilson, Barbara.g.brown@us.army.mil or 609-562-0856.

Protect yourself against the flu

Suzanne Miro, MPH, from the Department of Health and Senior Services will be at DMAVA central office on Wednesday Sept. 23, 10-11 a.m. in Conference Room A to discuss Seasonal Flu and H1N1 (Swine) Flu. What it is, how it is spread, and how to protect yourself and your family from it.

Deferred compensation program seminar slated for Sept. 18

A representative from Prudential Financial Services will be at DMAVA Central Office on Sept. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to discuss changes in the current Deferred Compensation program for state employees and give one-on-one consultations. Contact Paul Serdiuk at 609-530-6878 to arrange for a consultation time.

State employees reminded of direct deposit convenience

From the desk of Lisa Dandrea, Human Resources, Personnel Assistant

This is just a reminder that the convenience of direct deposit is offered to all state employees. It is encouraged that our employees consider taking advantage of direct deposit with all that it has to offer.

Enrolling into direct deposit means having your money directly deposited into your checking or savings account. You're going to be on vacation on pay day? Tired of waiting for Postal Service to deliver your money? Eliminate that with direct deposit. It is a convenient and reliable way to receive your pay and know it is safe in your account, when you need it to be. And the service is free!

To get enrolled you must complete the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Payroll Deposits" form, and turn it in to your Human Resources Payroll Department. A copy of this form is available on DMAVANet under "Human Resources – Helpful Forms." Just print, fill out and send to Human Resources. Please allow up to three pay periods (six weeks) for your direct deposit to take effect.

To request a form or more information, contact Lisa Dandrea in Human Resources at 609-530-6888.

Submit nominations for DMAVA employee awards

From the desk to Loreta Sepulveda, Director of Human Relations

We are accepting nominations for the DMAVA Employee Awards. Please submit nominations for the Winter Trimester (January – April) and the Spring Trimester (May – August) for 2009 by close of business Sept. 4. Forward all your nominations to Anna Marie Boutchia, HR Division, using the template that is available on DMAVANet. Please include the agency, division or group name where the nominee works; this information is needed for the certificates. It is requested that all nominations be typed when submitted for ease of processing and selection. Any questions regarding the Awards process can be directed to Loreta Sepulveda, Director of Human Resources. The awards presentation date (Fall 2009) will be announced in the near future.

Save money with your employee discount!

Instructions to access updated New Jersey State Employee Discount List

1. Go to CSC website at <http://www.state.nj.us/csc/>
 2. Click on Information on left side of web page
 3. Select employee discount
 4. Click on State Employee Discounts on left side
- The most recent employee discount list will come up.

Veterans & Military

Vietnam Era Educational Center hosts author lecture

On Sept. 26, at 1 p.m., the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation will host an author lecture by Philip J. Briggs, Ph.D., entitled "The Eisenhower Administration and the Fall of French Indochina," based on his book, *Making American Foreign Policy: President-Congress Relations from the Second World War to the Post-Cold War Era*. This program will be held at the Vietnam Era Educational Center in Holmdel.

Briggs, of East Stroudsburg, Pa., is a distinguished professor emeritus of political science at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and a fellow of the Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, headquartered at Loyola University Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He has been writing and lecturing on American foreign policy for 35 years. He is the author of numerous foreign policy studies, is a recipient of several honors for his political science teaching and has chaired panels at international political science conferences in Paris, Ottawa, Berlin, Madrid, Quebec City and Washington, D.C.

In this lecture, "The Eisenhower Administration and the Fall of French Indochina," Briggs explores the Eisenhower Administration's role in the epic struggle at Dien Bien Phu that ended France's longtime presence in Southeast Asia. He will also examine the consequences of the French withdrawal on American foreign policy.

Lecture attendees are asked to RSVP to 732-335-0033. A donation of \$5 per person is suggested. The Vietnam Era Educational Center is located adjacent to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116. The Educational Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Regular admission is free for veterans and active-duty military personnel. Adult admission is \$4; student and senior citizen admission is \$2; and children under 10 are admitted free.



Join the Warrant Officers Association



The United States Army Warrant Officer Association, Fort Dix Doughboy Chapter, is looking for members. For membership information, contact Chief Warrant Officer Nancy E. Rowbotham at nancy.rowbotham@us.army.mil.

Free job seminar open to all; help in making career moves

The New Providence United Methodist Church is sponsoring a free eight-week re-employment seminar. Held Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 21, the seminar will be led by Lloyd Feinstein, founder of Career Marketing Consultants.

The seminar will be helpful to those who are unemployed or who anticipate having to make a job change. Each week will work on a different topic to help those attending prepare for today's unpredictable employment market.

Topics will cover: communicating your value, how to figure where to go in your next career, the resume, mechanics of the job search, and much more.

Feinstein has more than 25 years experience conducting these types of seminars and working as a fulltime career consultant and adviser to everyone from college graduates up to and including senior management executives and entrepreneurs.

Anyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 1441 Springfield Avenue, New Providence.

ADA reunion picnic will be held Sept. 4 in Sea Girt

The Air Defense Artillery reunion picnic will be held at The Pavilion, Sea Girt, on Sept. 4, at noon. Cost is \$20 per person.

All prior ADA members and their families are invited.

Contact retired Col. Larry Stroud, 609-239-6911, LSSR@prodigy.net or retired Col. Bill Walsh at 732-928-1704 to RSVP if at all possible – it will be appreciated.

Pictures for your "wall"

If your armory needs photos for the Chain of Command "wall," contact Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison at barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us or call 609-530-7088. Tell us which photos you need and we will mail them to you or get them ready for pick-up.

Veterans Organizations contact information

State Veterans Service Council
 Richard Clark, RJClark21@msn.com
 BG William C. Doyle Cemetery Advisory Council
 William Rakestraw, warjrnj@msn.com
 Veterans Hotlines
 Benefits and Entitlements
 1-888-8NJ-VETS (1-888-865-8387)
 Mental Health
 1-866-VETS-NJ4 (1-866-838-7654)

Calendar

When – Sept. 21

What – 114th Inf Regimental Assoc. Golf Tournament

Where – Pitman Golf Course, Sewell

More info – royceray@comcast.net



When – Sept. 26

What – 22nd annual New Jersey Friends of the Guard and Reserve golf outing

Where – Falcon Crest golf course, McGuire Air Force Base

More info – 609-562-0156 or 609-562-0157

See the pros sink their putts in Jersey City for free

For those who enjoy golf and those who enjoy the great outdoors, take advantage of the generosity of PGA, Birdies for the Brave, Barclays, Liberty National and others who have opened up the Liberty National Golf Course during the FedEx Cup tournament to the military.

Military members and their dependents can enter Liberty National simply by showing their military ID at the gate and see the Barclays golf tournament. See Tiger, Phil, Boo, Vijay and more than 100 other golfers as they vie for the FedEx Cup.

If the weather gets too much, your feet get tired or you simply want to get away from the crowds for a minute, walk up to the 4th green and find the Patriots Outpost. Set up for military members only, the air conditioned tent provides complimentary (read that free!!) food and drinks along with play things for the kids and a video area for the bigger “kids.”



Staff Sgt. John Tinkler stands with PGA golfer John Rollins on the first tee of Liberty National Golf Course on Wednesday, Aug. 26. Tinkler was one of 26 military members from the New Jersey region who signed up to be a caddy for the first hole of the Pro-Am tournament during the Barclays. Some of the professional caddies gave the military men and women the green caddy vest to wear for the hole. Many of the volunteers left the course with souvenirs from the pros, along with huge grins they wore for the rest of the day. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Barb Harbison, DMAVA Public Affairs.

Veterans Outreach Campaign schedule

The DMAVA Veterans Outreach Campaign has kiosk displays at malls throughout the state and other special events to help veterans and their family members discover and apply for the benefits they are eligible to receive.

- Aug. 30****** TD Bank Ballpark, Home of the Somerset Patriots
- Sept. 22*, 23, 24** Rockaway Townsquare Mall



Oct. 20, 21, 22** Jersey Gardens Mall

Nov. 9*, 10 Woodbridge Center Mall

- *Medal ceremony at 10:30 a.m.
- **Medal ceremony at 1 p.m.
- ***Outreach program only, 7:05 p.m.
- ****Outreach program only, 4:05 p.m.

Deadline

Want to place an event or article in DMAVA Highlights?

Deadline for articles is noon Wednesday.

Send submissions to barbara.harbison@njdmava.state.nj.us.