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NJDMAVA opens Camden County Veterans' Service Office

In conjunction with the Camden County Administration, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Camden County Veterans' Services Office Friday, November 3, 2023 at 11 a.m. at 200 Federal Street, Suite 146, Camden, NJ 08103.

"The opening of a State of New Jersey Veterans Service Office in Camden County reflects Governor Murphy and the Administration's ongoing efforts to ensure service members, veterans, and their families receive essential state and federal benefits," said Brig. Gen. General Lisa J. Hou, D.O., Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and The Adjutant General of New Jersey. "This office will serve as a helpful, one-stop resource for those who have served as we work to expand access to assistance in every county throughout the state. I wish to thank our partners in the Legislature and Camden County government for their shared commitment to providing accessible services to our Garden State heroes."

The Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Governor Phil Murphy signed in June aims to expand Veterans' access to the services they need by ensuring that each one of the state's 21

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counties has its own Veterans Services Office through the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

The FY2024 Budget includes over \$500,000 for the expansion of the state's Veterans Service Offices to Camden County, Cape May County, Union County, Middlesex County, Salem County, Warren County, and Passaic County. Importantly, the expansion to Camden is a significant step as the Murphy Administration works to reach historically underserved communities with limited access to services.

The opening of the Camden office brings DMAVA's regional Veterans Service Offices number to 16 following the opening of the Passaic County office in Paterson, New Jersey, last month. Staffed by trained and certified Veterans Service Officers, these offices provide information and guidance on filing claims, assisting with employment issues, and facilitating access to state and federal education, counseling, housing, social and medical services.