At the eleventh hour, on the eleventh day, of the eleventh month, Governor Jon S. Corzine (center) lowered the remains of 2,000 retired American flags into the ground during the Veterans Day ceremony at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery chapel in Arneytown. Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (left), The Adjutant General of New Jersey and retired Col. Stephen G. Abel (right), Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, assisted the Governor during the ceremony. Veterans Day coverage begins on page 6. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.
Dear Veteran,

We all start a new year with expectations that next twelve months will be better. Those expectations take the form as goals we hope to achieve.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) started 2006 with an ambitious list of goals and high expectations to serve the veterans community.

I am happy to report that the DMAVA team did very well achieving those goals with help from Governor Jon S. Corzine, the state legislature and the Veteran Service Organizations.

The Executive and Legislative branches showed their support for you with keeping this Department as one of the few to be fully funded for this current budget. That support to ‘Those Who Served’ included an additional $2-million dollars to expand the transitional housing program for homeless veterans.

The past year saw many improvements of facilities as the new wing at Vineland Veterans Memorial Home opened which included the first assisted living unit to be built in any state veterans’ home in the U.S.

The maintenance complex at the Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Cemetery was completed and the expansion of the busiest state veterans’ cemetery in the country moves forward as additional federal funding has been secured to add to the existing crypt field.

For 2007 we will continue to search for the under-served veterans throughout the state. We will expand our outreach efforts in the community and will explore new ways to fulfill the Governor’s vision of giving our homeless veterans a hand up. We will work with the federal Veterans Administration to provide funding to ensure several smaller projects at our facilities get the attention they deserve.

And finally it looks like 2007 will be the year that fund raising begins in earnest to get the World War II Memorial in Trenton built.

These are our expectations and I look forward to working with you to make them a reality.

Best Wishes,

Stephen Abel
Message from the Governor

Dear Veteran,

This year, for the first time as Governor, I took part in a Veterans’ Day ceremony at Doyle Cemetery. Afterwards, I had a chance to take a tour and I can tell you first hand, it truly is “a place of honor for those who served.” I am pleased to report that the cemetery’s much needed Administrative and Maintenance Complex will be completed before the first of the year, helping the facility’s dedicated staff more efficiently maintain this noble place of honor.

Veterans’ Day affords us the opportunity to reflect on the service and sacrifice of all veterans, especially those still among us. Of New Jersey’s 600,000 veterans, 180,000 served in World War II, and many of these distinguished residents are now well into their 80’s. These facts make it imperative that we complete the New Jersey World War II Memorial without delay. To that end, I signed an Executive Order on December 8 expanding the membership of the New Jersey World War II Commission.

The new members of the commission are prominent New Jersey citizens who will be able to greatly assist the veterans on the commission in their efforts to raise the remaining funds needed to begin construction. As you may know, a site directly across the street from the Statehouse had been selected for the memorial and both design and construction documents have been completed. It’s time to finish the job and build a memorial to these veterans who answered when their nation called.

Additionally, my administration recently opened a new wing at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, adding 153 new beds to the facility. Major General Glenn K. Rieth and Deputy Commissioner Steve Abel were on hand at the dedication, and pictures from the event are included in this issue.

Let me thank each and every New Jersey veteran for their service to our state and nation. I wish all of you and your families a joyous holiday season and only the best in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Jon S. Corzine
Governor
Commander’s Call: challenges and possibilities

Photos and story by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA

The leaders of veterans’ service organization from across New Jersey gathered together on Oct. 28 to learn of the latest information for their members and to hear about the newest ideas that the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) has to support the nearly 600,000 veterans in state.

The meeting began with a warning that unlike the current state budget where DMAVA was one of two departments to be fully funded, the next budget year starting in July 2007 could be different.

“Everything going forward is going to be a challenge,” said Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, the Adjutant General of New Jersey.

The department is looking at two approaches to use the $2 million dollars added in this year’s budget to address the homeless veterans’ issue. The original idea was to expand the existing Veterans Haven facility located on the grounds of Ancora State Hospital in Winslow Township, adding 34-beds to the transitional housing program.

With the department being involved with the Fort Monmouth Economic Revitalization Authority, eyes have turned to the base as a possible second Vets Haven site. The leadership is exploring the idea of using the state money with Federal funds to convert the current Patterson Army Hospital into a 200-bed transitional housing facility and a permanent home for the Veterans Administration clinic. There should be decision in the spring if the Fort Monmouth proposal is feasible.

There are an estimated 8,000 homeless vets in the Garden State, many who continue to suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

“PTSD is for real,” noted Rieth as he spoke about increased efforts to catch the problems early and the department’s counseling hotline (1-866-838-7654).

“That hotline serves any veteran from any war, with thirty percent of the phone calls coming from families,” added retired Col. Stephen G. Abel, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs.

There has been a distinct shift in the age and health of veterans entering the state’s three memorial homes, with many more being admitted in poor health and most being older. Abel noted that the length of a residents stay in a memorial home has dropped steadily to where the average is now three years.

Those demographic changes along with rising costs have lead to widening of the gap between actual costs of care for a veteran and the daily care rate charged. The actual cost is $231 dollars per day while Veterans Memorial Homes only charge $159 dollars, a rate that has not changed in nearly five years.

“The gap has gotten too wide and we can not make up the difference,” said Abel as he announced the rate will go up $25 as of January 1, 2007 to $184 dollars per day. When compared to private nursing homes, the state facilities are very cost competitive added Abel, “Even at the full rate it would still be a bargain.”

When the topic of legislative issues came up Abel gave the veterans leaders some ideas to focus on in 2007.

In the Garden State the ‘Vet-is-a-Vet’ legislation in its simplest form of allowing any veteran in the eyes of the Federal rules to be awarded Veterans Preference in the state is still a priority. There is a need for the state legislature to look at forming a state committee dedicated to the issues of women veterans.

Abel stressed that the lack of increased funding for many Federal Veterans Administration programs could affect the future expansion of the state facilities for veterans. The VA Home Constructions Fund has been stuck at $85 million dollars and there is need for additional funding in the VA’s State Cemetery Grant Program.

“It is an uneven playing field for states and state cemeteries,” explained Abel when he talked about how there is currently no Federal Plot Interment Allowance for spouses. Bringing more Federal dollars back to New Jersey is goal for the department, not only for facilities and programs, but more importantly for individual veterans in the form of VA entitlements.

The outreach efforts of the state Veteran Services Officers to assist veterans in applying for VA benefits or revisiting an existing claim has resulted in one out of every four VA applications being handled by DMAVA.

Veterans are more successful in getting VA entitlements approved, over 90 percent, when assisted by DMAVA according to David Walther, State Supervisor of the Veteran Services Officers. He made the analogy that not using a state VSO when applying to the VA is like going to court without an attorney.
Veterans Homes state-of-the-art

By Brig. Gen. Frank R. Carlini, Director, NJDMAVA/VHCS New Jersey

With the dedication of the new wing at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home, New Jersey now has three state-of-the-art Veterans Homes serving nearly 900 veteran residents.

Paramus, our northern most home, was completed in 1986 and has the largest resident population of all our Homes. Menlo Park, in the middle of the state, is our second newest home completed in 1999. The facility is centered around a “Town Square” which serves not only as the social hub for the residents but doubles as an open area for a variety of entertainment programs.

All of New Jersey’s State Veteran Homes can accommodate a full spectrum of residents nursing needs. Additionally, each Veteran Home can boast of a full range of amenities including chapels, libraries, barbershops, beauty salons, clinical offices, private examination rooms, complete physical therapy services, a snack shops and much more. The new Vineland facility also contains a wing dedicated to independent living – the first for a state Veteran Home.

The chapel in the new wing at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

All the Homes have a host of volunteer programs. These programs, a majority of which are run by Veteran Organizations, significantly enhance the quality of life for our Veterans through donations of both time and funds.

We invite veterans and their families to contact one of our Homes to schedule a tour. You will be impressed with both the facilities and the professional caring staff.

Veterans Treated To Barbecue, Airshow At Range

Vineland Veterans Memorial Home residents visited the Warren Grove Training Range Sept. 21 for a barbecue and airshow hosted by 177th Fighter Wing and 108th Air Refueling Wing Airmen. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.
How to read a Rate Table

Choose a row from the left side column and a column from the top row. Where those two choices intersect is the rate payable based on the conditions shown in the table. Some tables have few conditions, some have more. Sometimes there are add-in rates, such as Aid & Attendance (A&A) allowances. Occasionally calculations must be made to determine the rate.

Commission takes to the air

Members of the WW II Memorial Commission along with leaders of various veterans groups board a 108th Air Refueling Wing KC-135E Stratotanker on Nov. 30. Photo by Senior Airman Robert Finley, 108ARW/PA.

Elks present check

The Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks of the USA, Lodge 105, presented a $1,000 check to the WW II Memorial Construction Fund. Accepting the check from (l-r): Lou Eggert E.R; Col. Ronald Cefalone, Americanism Chairman and Harry Houghton, P.D.D.G.E.R; are retired Col. Stephen Abel, DCVA; and committee member retired Brig. Gen. Robert Dutko. Photo by Jack Stoffa, NJDMAVA/DCVA.

Rates are effective as of Dec. 1, 2006. To view all rate tables visit the VA website at www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Rates/#BM01
The temperature dropped to 40 degrees below zero in the rugged mountains of Korea in November 1950. Marine Sgt. Russell Reed, 18, manned his Browning .30-caliber light machine gun with fingers black from frostbite. His weapon froze up as 70,000 Chinese poured across the Yalu River and surrounded the United Nations force of 30,000. Luckily, some of the Chinese carried whale oil to keep their guns working in the sub-zero temperatures. He soon had some of that.

"We walked 72 hours coming out of Chosin," Reed remembers. "We stumbled, really. And you're sweating and your feet are freezing right to your boots while you are walking." After the battle, it took three Marines to remove Reed's boots, and when the boots came off, the bottoms of his feet came off with them.

Reed and the rest of Charlie Company, 7th Marines, are some of "the Frozen Chosin," or "the Chosin Few" as survivors of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir are sometimes called. Their cold and bloody slog out of the reservoir began 56 years ago on November 26, 1950. For 56 years, Reed has suffered from the damage frostbite did to his hands and feet, yet he never filed for a nickel of the monthly disability-compensation payments the Department of Veterans Affairs would like to pay him.

"I often run into older veterans who, for whatever reason, never filed a claim and think that it’s too late," says Joseph Bucco Jr. is a Veterans Service Officer (VSO) with the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMAVA) and a former Army lieutenant colonel.

That’s what happened when Bucco ran into Reed in late October. "I asked him if he had gotten frostbite and he said yes. I asked if he ever filed a claim and he said no. He said he didn’t want to." Bucco suggested that Reed stop by the Newton VSO office run by the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. Reed did stop at the Newton VSO, but he only inquired about a VA grave marker for his recently deceased son, a former Marine who died in September of a heart condition. The worker there encouraged Reed to file a disability claim for himself, but Reed left without doing so.

New Jersey has the highest percentage of World War II and Korean War veterans in the nation. Almost 30 percent of all veterans living in the state served during these war periods. But this generation’s reluctance to accept hand-outs contributes to New Jersey having the lowest VA disability claim rates in the nation.

"If you were wounded or injured in service during World War II, Korea or Vietnam, and you never filed a claim for benefits, you may have missed out on thousands of dollars of monthly benefits already," says John McCourt, director of the VA Regional Office in Newark and a Vietnam combat veteran. "The bad news is that we can’t pay you any benefits for those past years. The good news is you can still file and begin receiving your benefits as soon as we decide your claim."

McCourt urges veterans who did file years ago and who now receive monthly disability payments to consider filing for an increase in payments. There are 50,000 vets already on the rolls in New Jersey receiving from $112 to $6,845 each month.

"We are encouraging all veterans, but particularly those combat-injured, to review their current disability-compensation rates and apply for an increase if their conditions have worsened."

Seeing their elders pass up these VA benefits should teach injured veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to file claims as early as they can. Approved claims for service-connected disabilities also provide access to the VA healthcare system; a benefit America’s newest veterans should not pass up.

Like many veterans of his generation, Reed was at first reluctant to talk about his war experience. His silence and half-century refusal to file a disability claim seem to have the same roots. And about the disability payments, "To be honest with you, I didn’t know whether I deserved it or not."

Congress thinks he deserves it. The VA thinks he deserves it. And the folks at the New Jersey State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs think so, too.

So Reed filed his claim on Nov. 13. After 56 years. Reluctantly.
On Saturday, Nov. 11, members of the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard, along with representatives from various veterans organizations joined forces with members of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and Governor Jon S. Corzine to honor the men and women who have served America.

The ceremony was held at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery Chapel to honor all New Jersey veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces. The ceremony also included a flag retirement service, wherein the ashes of 2,000 flags were entombed.

Veterans Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918 at 11 a.m. Since then the holiday has been observed at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In 1954, the name of the holiday was changed to Veterans Day to honor those who had served in World War II and the Korean War. Today, the holiday honors all veterans.

The Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery is New Jersey’s sole state-operated veterans’ cemetery. Dedicated in 1986, it is funded jointly by state and federal dollars and is under the management of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.
**Volunteer drivers needed**

The New Jersey Disabled American Veterans (NJ DAV) Transportation Network is looking for a few good drivers.

For many veterans on fixed incomes, transportation costs to VA hospitals are too high. That forces some into deciding between treatment, food or other necessities.

The NJ DAV is looking for drivers so our veterans will never be forced to make that choice. Drivers are coordinated through NJ DAV Hospital Service Coordinators (HSCs) at VA medical centers. The NJ DAV is committed to this program and has purchased four vans specifically for transporting veterans.

Volunteers interested in becoming drivers must pass a physical examination and health screening administered at a VA Medical Center. Once determined physically fit to safely transport passengers, volunteers must show proof of a safe driving record, a valid driver’s license, and current motor vehicle bodily-injury liability and property damage and be willing to attend training.

Those interested should contact the NJ DAV Transportation Network at (609) 396-2885.

**Bluebirds find home at cemetery**

Cadets from the New Jersey ChalleNGe Youth Academy hang bluebird nesting boxes and various types of feeders at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Nov. 9. This is part of an effort by the cemetery toward getting designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. Currently there are only four cemeteries in the United States with this designation.

**Scholarship awarded**

Casey Duffy wipes away tears as she thanks the New Jersey League of Community Bankers during the presentation of the first scholarship from the League’s Education Foundation. Duffy is the wife of New Jersey Army National Guard Soldier, Spc. Christopher Duffy, who was killed in action fighting in Iraq in June 2004. The League is still awarding scholarships to family members of New Jersey residents killed serving in the Global War on Terrorism. For more information go to the New Jersey League of Community Bankers Web site www.njleague.com/scholarship.htm. Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, NJDMAVA/PA.

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**Combat Veterans Information:** www.va.gov/Environagents/page.cfm?pg=16  
**Transition Assistance Program:** www.va.gov/opafact/transasst.asp  
**PTSD and Combat Veterans:** www.ncptsd.org/topics/war.html  
**Survivors Benefits:** www.vba.va.gov/survivors/index.htm  
**Women Veterans Information:** www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/Topics/Women/
Iraqi Freedom vet receives medal

Retired Col. Stephen G. Abel presents Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Sgt. 1st Class Joel Allen with a Meritorious Service Medal after the DSM/MSM ceremony that was held at the Edison Elks Lodge, Edison, on Oct. 19. Allen, a member of the 411th Chemical Company, U. S. Army Reserves, received the MSM after 23 years of service with the USAR. Allen is also the recipient of a Purple Heart and the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal with cluster. Photo by Staff Sgt. Barbara Harbison, NJDMAVA/PA.

Governor checks out Guide

Governor Jon S. Corzine (left) and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth (right) review the N.J. Veterans Guide prior to attending the annual Military Review at the National Guard Training Center at Sea Girt Oct. 14. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

Outreach visits Paramus Park Mall

A member of the media interviews a veteran during the Veterans Outreach Program at the Paramus Park Mall on Dec. 6 to 8. This all part of the ‘One Mall a Month’ traveling kiosk program whereby the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs brings benefit information to ‘those who served’ as part of the Veterans Outreach Program. The outreach is designed to inform as veterans and their families of all the benefits that they may be eligible to receive from the state and federal governments. Veterans who miss the opportunity to visit the mall kiosk can call the department’s toll free benefits information line any time at 1-888-8NJ VETS.

Veterans Outreach Kiosk Schedule

January 11 – 13:
Brunswick Square Mall

February 8, 9*, 10:
Moorestown Mall

February 28, March 1 and 2:
Hamilton Mall

March 14, 15, 16*:
Paramus Park Shopping Center

April 4 – 6:
Cherry Hill Mall

May 16, 17*, 18:
Ocean County Mall

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

* Indicates medal ceremonies, which begin at 10:30 a.m.
Monmouth County donates $25,000 toward Memorial

Monmouth County Freeholder Theodore J. Narozanick (center) presents a check for $25,000 to E. Larry St. Laurent (second from right), a member of the WWII Memorial Commission, to help build the planned WWII Memorial in Trenton. Also pictured are (from left) Manuel Almeida, past state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; retired Col. Stephen G. Abel, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, and James Manning (far right), of VFW Post 2639, Neptune. Photo courtesy Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

POW/MIA Medal design approved

The design for the New Jersey Prisoner Of War and Missing In Action Medal has been approved. The design was executed by Hannah Ueno-Olsen, an Associate Professor in Graphic Design at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey and the spouse of an Airman from the 177th Fighter Wing.

VFW Aide-de Camp

Retired Col. Stephen Abel (second from right) was presented with a National Aide-de Camp cap at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) convention in Atlantic City on Dec. 9. Also pictured are (left to right) Bob Wallace, Executive Director of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Frank Moore, N.J. VFW State Commander; Abel and George Lisicki, Senior Vice Commander in Chief of the VFW. Photo courtesy VFW.

Memorial Receives $25,000 boost

The New Jersey WW II Memorial received a check for $25,000 during the Veterans Dinner Dance held at Cherry Hill Armory on Nov. 4; (l-r) retired Col. Stephen Abel, Philadelphia Eagles player Jon Runyan, Eric Spevak, Vets Gala organizer, comedian Joe Piscopo. Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Moore, 444MPAD.
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For information on your veterans' entitlements call toll-free 1-888-8NJ-VETS, or go online to:

www.state.nj.us/military/veterans/index.html
Approximately 400 people attended Holiday Lighting ceremony at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial in Holmdel on Dec. 9.

The event was designed to not only remember the holidays soon to come, but to remember the men and women who cannot be with us today to celebrate the holidays, because they were killed or became missing in action.

The ceremony began with a welcome address by John LeGates, President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, New Jersey State Council. After various presentations on the holidays, a group of children touched the Christmas tree to help it “magically” light up. This was followed up by a procession into the heart of the Memorial for the presentation of wreaths was led by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800 Color Guard.
The New Jersey World War II Memorial

New Jersey World War II Memorial at Veterans Park (Trenton)

Today fewer and fewer Americans have a personal connection or awareness of the sacrifices and courage of New Jersey’s World War II Veterans and Generation. Time is quickly passing. We urge you to support the New Jersey World War II Memorial through a tax-deductible contribution.

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On Nov. 9, a new wing at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home was dedicated. U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo was the guest speaker, and proclamations were read by state Senator Nicholas Asselta, and state Assemblymen Jeffrey Van Drew and Nelson Albano. Special remarks were made by Vineland Mayor Perry Barse, Joseph Romano, Chief Executive Officer of the Home; retired Col. Stephen Abel, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey.

The 1st Battalion 150th Aviation (Air Assault), New Jersey Army National Guard, provided a fly-over with UH-60A Blackhawk helicopters.

The new wing can house 300 residents and replaces three older structures. It features semi-private rooms with their own bath rooms, internet connectivity, and a bi-level courtyard. The new Home can accommodate a wide range of residents needs and also contains a wing dedicated to independent living – the first for a state Veteran Home. The new home also boasts a chapel with stained glass, a library and a full range of amenities including a barbershop, a beauty salon, a dental clinic, vision and auditory offices, private doctor offices, a complete physical therapy room and a snack shop.