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COVER: Remember

Korean War veterans look for names of fallen friends at the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial in Atlantic City, N.J., July 27, 2017. The Memorial was created to ensure that future generations remember and honor the pride and dedication of those who served and the freedom they preserved. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Mark C. Olsen)

NJ DISABLED VETS GET FREE PARKING

Story and photo by Kryn P. Westhoven
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The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (NJMVC) announced the availability of new placards for disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients, which will exempt them from municipal parking meter fees for up to 24 hours. The placards were unveiled Aug. 3,



2017 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1333 in Asbury Park.

“This placard honors the service and sacrifices these individuals have made in service to our country, and the MVC is committed to recognizing our veterans and making life easier for them where we can,” said Raymond P. Martinez, Chairman and Chief Administrator, NJMVC. “Eligible veterans will be able to obtain this placard free of charge at any MVC agency or by mail.”

Said Raymond Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs:

“Throughout our history, men and women of the United States Armed Forces have served with distinction. These new placards will ensure that disabled veterans and Purple Heart recipients receive the consideration they deserve for their honorable and faithful service to our State and nation.”

Local veterans groups celebrated the announcement.

“This placard is a great way for New Jersey to say thank you to the many veterans who have given so much for their country,” said Joe Belardo, Military Order of the Purple Hearts, Department of New Jersey Naval History and Heritage Command.

The placards will be subject to recertification every three years. The placard holder can also obtain a Person with a Disability (PWAD) placard, if eligible. Disabled veteran or Purple Heart placards cannot be used for parking in PWAD-labeled parking spots.

Applicants who meet the requirements for both disabled veteran and Purple Heart recipient placards must decide which type of placard they wish to receive, as only one type of these unique placards may be issued per individual.

The placard may only be used in a vehicle that is owned by the disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient, and only when that individual is a driver or passenger in that vehicle.

Eligible veterans will need to provide proof of disabled veteran or Purple Heart recipient status (DD-214, DD-215, award of disability letter, citation awarding Purple Heart, etc).

For more information on how to obtain a disabled veteran or Purple Heart Recipient placard, veterans are invited to visit www.state.nj.us/mvc/Vehicle/disvet.htm or call (609) 292-6500.



FLAG DAY



Scouts of all kinds: Boy, Girl, Cub, and even Brownies, placed flags on every grave at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, Hanover, N.J., May 26, 2017, the day before the state Memorial Day Ceremony. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Kryn Westhoven)



REMEMBER THESE SACRIFICES

By Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey
Photo by Kryn P. Westhoven, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Public Affairs Office

Memorial Day is the day we remember the more than one million men and women who gave their lives to ensure the light of freedom never dies.

As President Reagan once put it: They didn't volunteer to die; they volunteered to defend the values for which men have always been willing to die if need be, the values which make up what we call civilization.

Although Memorial Day is the day our nation has set aside to honor these heroes, it's worth remembering that their spirit is with us every day.

A part of the reason for that? There are those among us who help us remember.

No group has done more to strengthen our collective memory than our Gold Star Families. These families who gave their most precious resource – a son, a daughter, a father, a mother – to preserve the American way of life.

The Gold Star Families are the people who loved the fallen. And while their grief is unique and personal, they have also managed to form a fellowship that helps us all honor and remember those who gave their lives.

More than a decade after his death, the family of Marine 2nd Lt. John Wroblewski still makes their way from their home in Jefferson Township to their son's graveside in Arlington National Cemetery more than a dozen times a year, and always on April 4, the anniversary of his death in 2004 in Iraq.

John Thomas Wroblewski was a natural athlete, a standout foot-

ball and baseball player at Jefferson Township High School who then went on to Rutgers University where he earned top grades and ultimately a commission as a Marine infantry officer. He was, by all accounts, a Marine's Marine. He had been married less than a year, and was 10 days shy of his 26th birthday when he died in Ramadi.

In the last few years, the Wroblewski family has started bringing others from their community to Arlington to participate in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Wroblewski's mother, Shawn, has explained that paying tribute to four unknown American Service members who fell in combat World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam also honors her son.

Others who help us remember the fallen were those that served with them. They do it by telling their story.

Shortly after Army 1st Lt. Salvatore Corma died in Afghanistan in 2010, one of his classmates from Saint Augustine Prep asked some of the Soldiers who served with him to share their memories.

One of them, Sgt. Michael Hearn wrote a long email about Corma's last day. He told of how Corma had been among the first to spot an improvised explosive device, how he had alerted his platoon and got them to

a safe place, and how he ultimately died trying to mark this device so a bomb-disposal unit could find it.

Hearn credited his platoon leader for saving his Soldiers that day. In his words: "He gave his life for his



men. Sal wouldn't have wanted it any other way. He was an American hero."

The sergeant finished his email with this request: "Please be sure to tell others his story, so that his selfless act is known."

The people who build memorials to the fallen also help us to remember. The names of the dead can be found on brass plaques, or granite markers, in nearly every town. It's always worth pausing, to read the names.

At the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs headquarters in Lawrenceville, a simple granite memorial bears the names of the four New Jersey National Guard Soldiers – Sgt. Frank Carville of Carlstadt, Spc. Christopher M. Duffy of Brick,

Sgt. Humberto Timeteo of Newark, and Spc. Ryan E. Doltz of Mine Hill – who died in two separate attacks a day apart in Iraq in 2004.

A fifth name – Sgt. Jorge Oliveria was added to the memorial after his death in Afghanistan in 2011. In 2014, an additional monument to Oliveira was dedicated in Newark, the city where he grew up, and where he served as an Essex County Sheriff's Officer.

There are others who have done the work to ensure the names and stories of the men and women who gave their lives will live on in virtual reality.

The Internet is not just a place for silly cat videos and political arguments, it's also a place for many moving tributes to our nation's heroes. From the state's online Fallen Heroes Memorial to the many listings of New Jersey's Medal of Honor recipients, there are stories of heroism and selfless service.

In places such as these, we can learn about people like Maj. Marie Rossie Cayton of Oradell. She had been the outstanding ROTC Cadet at Farleigh Dickinson University and went on to become the commander of Bravo Company of the 159th Aviation Battalion. She is believed to be the first woman to fly a combat mission in the Persian Gulf War. She was lost when the Chinook helicopter she was piloting crashed in that war's final hours.

These online archives can help us learn about Cpl. Thomas O'Shea of Summit, who jumped from the safety of his trench and into no man's land to try to save the crew of a disabled tank in World War I and was cut down by enemy fire. He was 23. He was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions near Le Catelet France on Sept. 29, 1918.

Or we can read about Pfc. Henry Svehla. The narrative of his Medal of Honor citation runs nearly a full page. It tells a story of a man from Newark who spent his final day on earth in heavy fighting in Korea, repelling multiple enemy attacks, taking control of his unit after his superiors were killed and wounded, and ultimately saving his buddies by throwing himself on a grenade.

He was 20 years old.

As I mentioned in the beginning, Memorial Day is a day to remember, and want to remember these sacrifices.

I guess the question for us all is, not that we remember, what do we do about it?

Former President Obama had a suggestion about what we do when we remember.

"We can do so not just by hoisting a flag, but by lifting up our neighbors. Not just by pausing in silence, but by practicing in our own lives the ideals of opportunity and liberty and equality that they all fought for. We can serve others, and contribute to the causes they believed in, and above all, keep their stories alive."

NJ veterans can save \$3,000

By Mark C. Olsen
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Public Affairs Office

It's the 2017 tax year and if you are a New Jersey veteran, you are eligible for a \$3,000 exemption on your Income Tax return.

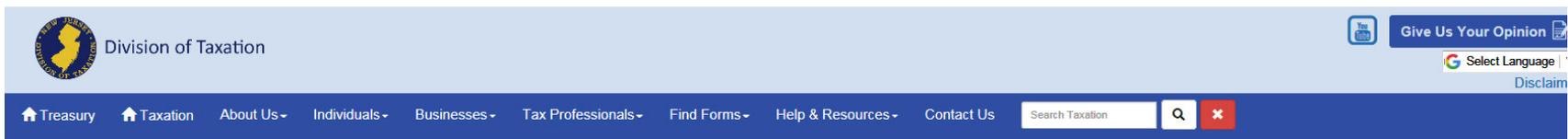
This exemption applies only to military veterans who were honorably discharged or honorable released from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or any time before the last day of the tax year.

Veterans' spouses (or civil union partners) are also eligible for an exemption if he/she is a veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances and are filing a joint return. This exemption is in addition to any other exemptions veterans are entitled to claim and is available on both the resident and nonresident returns. Veterans cannot claim this exemption for a domestic partner or for dependents filing separately.

There are four ways to certify – they all revolve around veterans submitting a member 4 copy of their DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (see the story Service records requests on page 9) and a filled out copy of the Veteran Exemption Submission Form.

Veterans applying for the first time on their New Jersey tax return must fill in the oval (resident return) or check the box (nonresident return) to indicate that they are claiming this exemption. Otherwise, the exemption(s) will be disallowed. Veterans must provide a copy of their member 4 copy of their DD-214, with their return the first time they claim the exemption(s).

Veterans can also upload their DD-214 online. Go to www.state.nj.us/treasury/



Income Tax Exemption for Veterans

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New for 2017

You are eligible for a \$3,000 exemption on your Income Tax return if you are a military veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States on or any time before the last day of the tax year. Your spouse (or civil union partner) is also eligible for an exemption if he/she is a veteran who was honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances and you are filing a joint return. This exemption is in addition to any other exemptions you are entitled to claim and is available on both the resident and nonresident returns. You cannot claim this exemption for a domestic partner or for your dependents.

Claiming the Exemption

- When completing your tax return, you must fill in the oval (resident return) or check the box (nonresident return) to indicate that you are claiming this exemption. Otherwise, the exemption(s) will be disallowed.
- You must provide a copy of Form DD-214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, with your return the first time you claim the exemption(s).

Providing Documentation

You must provide a copy of your Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, DD-214, the first time you claim the exemption. We can only accept the member 4 copy of DD-214. **This form does not need to be provided each year.** The [United States National Archives and Records Administration](#) can assist with obtaining a copy of your DD-214.

You can certify for the exemption by sending a copy of your DD-214 and [Veteran Exemption Submission Form](#) to the Division before you file, which may help process your return faster. To certify:

- Use our [secure document upload feature](#) to submit your DD-214 and [Veteran Exemption Submission Form](#). Enter the notice code VET and select PO Box 440; or
- Mail a copy of your DD-214 and [Veteran Exemption Submission Form](#) to: The New Jersey Division of Taxation, Veteran Exemption, PO Box 440, Trenton, NJ 08646-0440; or
- Fax your DD-214 and [Veteran Exemption Submission Form](#) to 609-633-8427.

Note: We can only accept the member 4 copy of DD-214.

If you do not certify before you file for the exemption, you will need to submit a copy of your DD-214 when you file using:

- A Paper Return.** Enclose a copy of your DD-214 with your return;
- NJ Fill'nFile.** Upload your DD-214, along with all of your other documentation, into the repository;
- Other Electronic Filing Methods.** If you file your return using NJ WebFile, third-party software (such as TurboTax), or you have a tax professional who electronically submits your return, you can send a copy of your DD-214 and [Veteran Exemption Submission Form](#) using one of the three certification methods listed above.

[taxation/military/vetexemption.shtml](#), download the Veteran Exemption Submission Form, fill it out, and upload both the form and the DD-214.

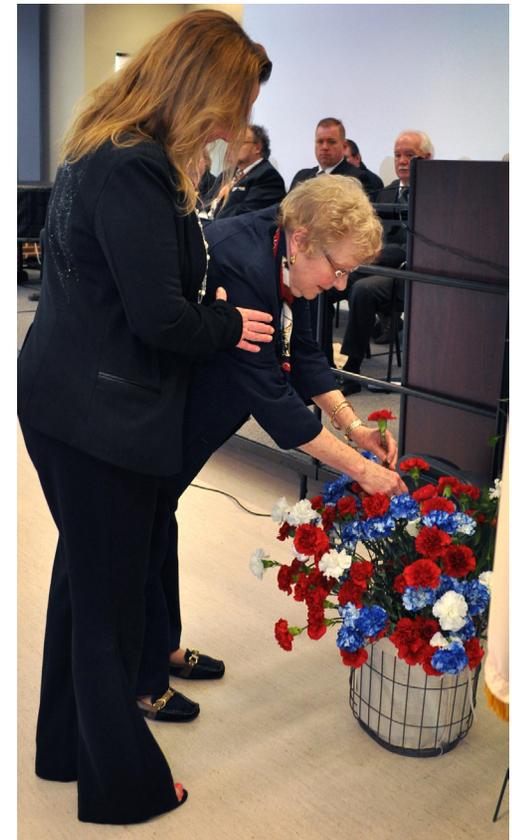
Veterans who choose to file online will need to enter the notice code VET and select PO Box 440 when uploading the files on the New Jersey Tax Correspondence Manager.

Veterans can also mail a copy of their DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form to: The New Jersey Division of Taxation, Veteran Exemption, PO Box 440, Trenton, NJ 08646-0440; or can fax their DD-214 and Veteran Exemption Submission Form to 609-633-8427.

MEMORIAL DAY AT THE HOMES



Above left: Vineland High School Band members perform for the residents of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland prior to the Memorial Day ceremony May 24, 2017. The ceremony honored both the Home's residents, as well as residents who had passed away since the 2016 Memorial Day ceremony. Center: Bill Dillahey, a member of the Home's housekeeping staff, cooks hot dogs. Right: Volunteers, family members, and staff serve residents during the picnic after the ceremony. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photos by Mark C. Olsen) Below left: The New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus multi-purpose room was filled with music from the Rosa Parks High School choir for the Memorial Day ceremony May 25, 2017. Below center and right: The ceremony included a color guard, speeches, and a Last Retreat roll call of names of residents who have passed since May 1, 2016. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photos by Kryn P. Westhoven)



AIRMEN HELP VETERANS



Story by Airman 1st Class Cristina Allen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office
Photos by Mark C. Olsen, New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs Office



Airmen from the New Jersey Air National Guard participated in a Stand Down event for homeless veterans on May 17, 2017, at the All Wars Memorial building in Atlantic City, N.J.

The event provided services to homeless veterans, including veterans affairs benefits, medical and mental health services, addiction counseling, welfare benefits, legal services, housing, employment, hair grooming, and clothing provisions.

“It’s very heartwarming,” said Tech. Sgt. William Laguer from the 108th Wing. “I’m very grateful for the opportunity to serve.”

Airmen from the 177th Fighter Wing and 108th Wing provided services to the event through medical care, directing individuals, protecting off-limit areas, and assisting with the clean-up.

“We realize the need to help our brothers and sisters,” said Robert W. Looby, Department of New Jersey American Legion. “So just being able to help our fellow veterans with every facet like homelessness, education, business workshops, and job fairs is just the right thing to do.”

The American Legion, Department of New Jersey, was the event’s primary sponsor, but other service providers such as the city of Atlantic City, various veterans’ service organizations, the American Red Cross, military personnel, local grammar schools, civic leaders and numerous other organizations all provided aid to veterans in need.

Above left: U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Justin Vidal, 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, serves lunch to a homeless veteran during Stand Down 2017 at the All Wars Memorial Building in Atlantic City, N.J., May 17, 2017. Top right: Master Sgt. Mary M. Connelly, 177th Security Forces Squadron, carries food to be distributed to homeless veterans. Middle right: Tech. Sgt. David Dumlao, 177th Fighter Wing, delivers a serving tray. Bottom right: Staff Sgt. Melissa A. Seel, 177th Medical Group, checks a homeless veteran’s blood pressure.

RUN FOR THE FALLEN

Military runners with the New Jersey Run for the Fallen, Sept. 24, 2017, stop at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, N.J., to honor New Jersey Army National Guard Staff Sgt. Frank Carvill. The runners ended their 190-mile journey with a ceremony at the New Jersey Gold Star Families monument at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Holmdel that same day. The Run honors every New Jersey service member killed in support of Operations' Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, New Dawn, and other conflicts. For more information, visit: www.njrunforthefallen.org. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Kryn P. Westhoven)



SERVICE RECORD REQUESTS

From the National Personnel Records Center

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The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) holds Military Personnel Records of nearly 100 million veterans. The vast majority of these records are paper-based and not available on-line.

The NPRC responds to more than 1.4 million requests annually for copies of military personnel and/or medical records.

Military personnel records can include DD 214s/Separation Documents, service personnel records found within the Official Military Personnel File, and medical records. These records can be used for proving military service or as a valuable tool in genealogical research.

Nearly half of all requesters are seeking only a copy of the separation document, which is the necessary document required for veteran benefits.

Since the 1970s, standard procedure has been to provide only copies of key documents and extracts of vital information, rather than a copy of every document in a personnel and/or medical file. This approach avoids delays in reviewing and copying some documents — such as leave papers, identification card applications, and clothing issuances — that are not normally needed for benefit claim purposes. Exceptions to this procedure are files more than 62 years old, U.S. Marine Corps files, all certified legal cases, and all requests from the Department of Veterans Affairs. In these instances, copies of all documents are provided.

This extract contains copies of all essential documents to certify entitlement to most

rights and benefits associated with military service, to identify key events in a military career, and to identify significant events in health care. Personal data pertaining to third parties is redacted from the file, pursuant to Privacy Act provisions.

When only key documents and extracts are provided from the official military personnel file and the medical record, the response package contains a copy of all separation documents and all of the following information if it is in the file: Military services dates, character of service, promotions and reductions, duty stations and assignments, foreign or sea service, military schooling and training, awards and letters of commendation, disciplinary actions, lost time, enlistments contracts, entry and separation physical exams, immunizations, dental examinations, and clinical summaries.

If a requester submits a follow-up request for additional information, NPRC will send copies of all the other documents in the file.

Documents can be requested online at: <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html>. Documents can also be requested by submitting a Standard Form 180 by Fax at 314-801-9195, or by mail to:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138

For copies of New Jersey National Guard records, contact the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (NJDMAVA) Archives Office at (609) 530-6823, or by mail at:

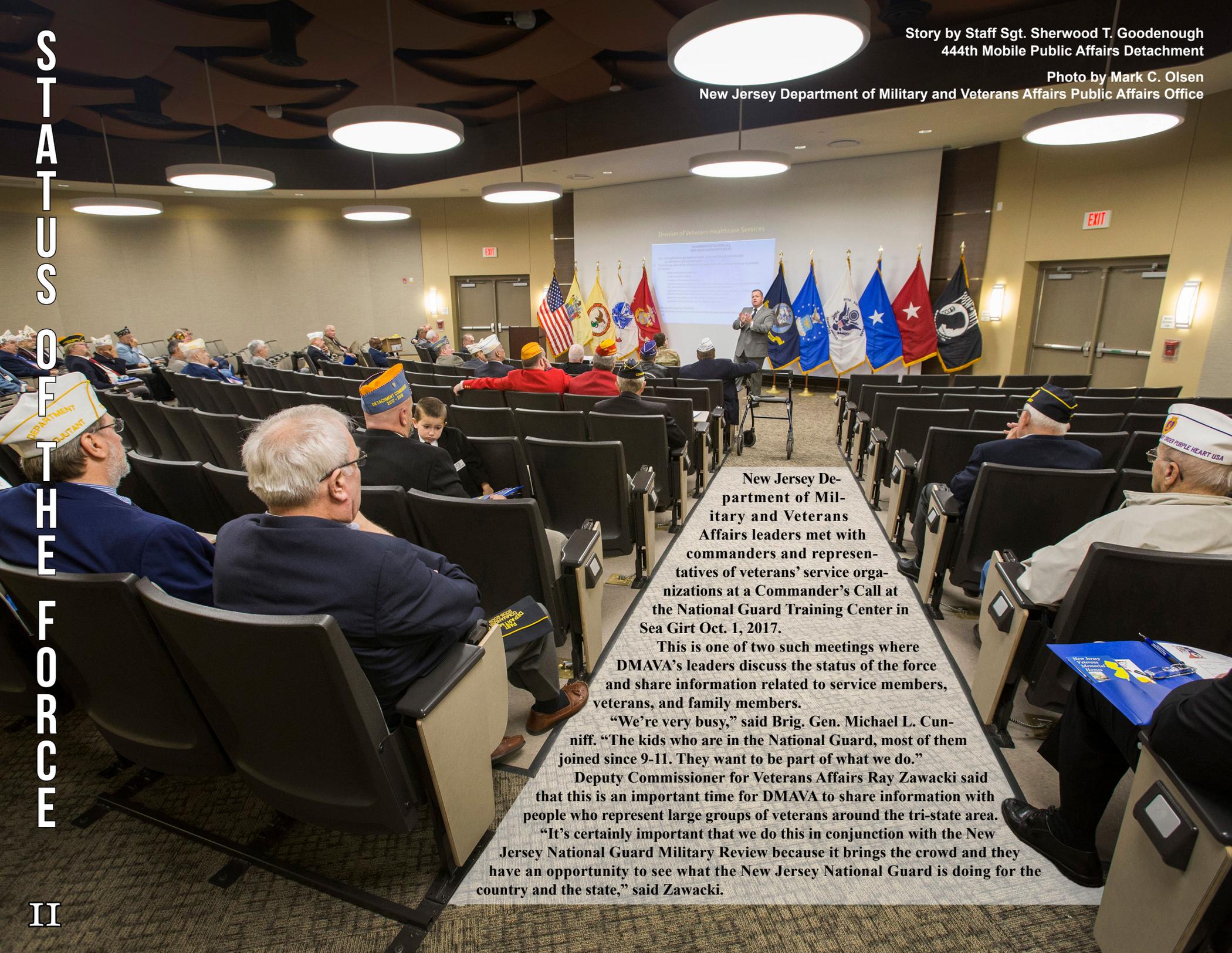
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Left: A sample DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty is a Department of Defense document issued when a military member retires, separates, or is discharged from the Armed Forces. (Courtesy image)

Cruisin' at Vineland



Veterans look at classic cars at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland Aug. 27, 2017. The vehicles are part of the 10th annual Salute to Our Veterans, a car and motorcycle cruise dedicated to the home's residents. More than 500 vehicles and 200 motorcycles attended the event. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Matt Hecht)



New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs leaders met with commanders and representatives of veterans' service organizations at a Commander's Call at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt Oct. 1, 2017.

This is one of two such meetings where DMAVA's leaders discuss the status of the force and share information related to service members, veterans, and family members.

"We're very busy," said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff. "The kids who are in the National Guard, most of them joined since 9-11. They want to be part of what we do."

Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs Ray Zawacki said that this is an important time for DMAVA to share information with people who represent large groups of veterans around the tri-state area.

"It's certainly important that we do this in conjunction with the New Jersey National Guard Military Review because it brings the crowd and they have an opportunity to see what the New Jersey National Guard is doing for the country and the state," said Zawacki.



BICYCLE, BICYCLE, BICYCLE I WANT TO RIDE MY BICYCLE

Top left: Members of American Legion Post 239, Tuckahoe, N.J., the Ocean City Rotary Club, and Veterans Haven-South residents unload 50 donated bicycles at the facility in Winslow Township, N.J., Aug. 16, 2017. Top right: A Veterans Haven resident tries out his new bicycle. Bottom: American Legion, Rotary Club and Veterans Haven residents pose for a photo with the donated bicycles, which will provide the residents transportation to bus and train stations once they complete the transitional program. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Mark C. Olsen)



STAND DOWN

Story and photos by Kryn P. Westhoven
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs Office

HELPING HOMELESS VETS SINCE 1996



Above: Volunteers pass out supplies as homeless veterans exit South Jersey Stand Down 2017 at the National Guard Armory at Cherry Hill Sept. 22, 2017. Left: Airman 1st Class Alyssa Purkins with the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing Medical Group gives a veteran a flu shot. Right: A volunteer gives a veteran a haircut.



More than 200 homeless veterans received a helping hand at the South Jersey Stand Down 2017.

The Stand Down of South Jersey Committee, Inc., held the event at the National Guard Armory in Cherry Hill Sept. 22, 2017.

The South Jersey Stand Down, which started in 1996, provides homeless veterans access to healthcare, mental health screening, substance abuse counseling, social services, a haircut, and winter clothing.

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs supported the event with veteran service officers and representatives from Veterans Haven-South, the homeless veterans' transitional housing program in Winslow Township.

Army Guard Soldiers from the 328th Military Police Company, headquartered at the armory, cooked a hot lunch for the veterans while the New Jersey Air National Guard's 177th Fighter Wing Medical Group gave shots to the veterans that attended the event.

Stand Down comes from the military term referring to exhausted combat units that were removed from the battlefield to a place of security and safety for rest and recovery. Today Stand Downs are community-based intervention program's to help veterans' battle life on the streets.

Homeless veterans or their families can call NJDMAVA at 1-888-8NJ VETS for information on entitlements.



LEST WE FORGET



Story and photos by Mark C. Olsen
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Public Affairs Office

On July 27, 1953, U.S. Army Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, Jr., senior delegate, United Nations Command Delegation; and North Korean Gen. Nam Il, senior delegate, Delegation of the Korean People's Army and the Chinese People's Volunteers, signed 18 copies of the tri-language Korean Armistice Agreement that silenced the guns and ended the bloodshed.

It took 158 meetings during two years and 17 days to get that armistice signed. The United States involvement in the war, which lasted from June 25, 1950 to July 27, 1953; resulted in 36,574 dead and 103,284 wounded.

Sixty-four years later, on July 27, 2017, veterans, public officials, and members of the Korean-American community gathered at the New Jersey Korean War Memorial located on the Atlantic City Boardwalk for the Anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice.



Above: The Korean War Honor Guard present the colors at the opening of the armistice signing ceremony at the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial in Atlantic City, N.J., July 27, 2017. Below: The Mourning Soldier is reflected on the Honor Roll at the New Jersey Korean War Veterans Memorial.



The Memorial was created to ensure that future generations remember and honor the New Jerseyans who served and the freedom they preserved. More than 191,000 New Jerseyans served and 830 were killed. Five received the Medal of Honor.

The ceremony included tributes from Youngho Sohn, Consulate representative, Republic of Korea; Atlantic City Mayor Donald A. Guardian, retired New Jersey State Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Francis representing U.S. Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo (R-2nd Dist.), Raymond L. Zawacki, Deputy Commissioner for Veterans Affairs, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Charles Koppelman, Commander, Korean War Veterans Department of New Jersey; William D. Coulter Sr., Commander, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 148; Gil Boyer, Past Commander, Korean War Veterans Association Chapter 234; and Tom McHugh, National Director, Korean War Veterans Association.

“This memorial ensures that the sacrifices of our Soldiers, our Airmen, our Sailors, and our Marines will never be forgotten,” said Brig. Gen. Edward J. Chrystal Jr., the Deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey.



Above: Members of Korean War veterans groups participate in the wreath presentation during the armistice signing ceremony. Below: Brig. Gen. Edward Chrystal, the Deputy Adjutant General of New Jersey, addresses the audience during the ceremony.



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Vets for Vegas blood drive



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Above: Veterans Haven-South resident William Flynn, the driving force behind the Vets for Vegas Blood Drive, poses for a photo in front of the Community Blood Council of New Jersey, Inc., Bloodmobile at Veterans Haven-South in Winslow Township, N.J., Oct. 12, 2017. Bottom left: Veterans Haven-South resident Reginald Washington, right, shares a smile with phlebotomist Nancy Hedgpeth during the blood drive.

The impact of the Las Vegas shooting sent ripples across the United States.

“I was heartbroken when I heard about it,” said Veterans Haven-South resident William Flynn.

More than 2,500 miles away, in Winslow Township, N.J., Flynn knew he had to do something.

It all started during the monthly house meeting with the Veterans Haven residents and Superintendent Walter Nall and William Lobach the Assistant Superintendent.

“Flynn said he felt called to put something together for the Las Vegas victims,” said Lobach. “He felt ‘as veterans there was something we could do’ and that he would like to get a blood drive put together.”

According to Lobach, the whole room collectively nodded in agreement.

So Nall and Lobach contacted Loriann Burris-Reinhardt, Donor Recruitment Account Manager with the Community Blood Council of New Jersey, Inc., and arranged for a blood drive at the facility.

“Even though we’re out of the service now, we still have a duty as veterans to help fellow Americans in a time of need,” said Flynn.

On Oct. 12, 2017, eleven days after the mass shootings in Las Vegas, a bloodmobile was parked at Veterans Haven.

“I felt that with everything Veterans Haven had given to us, it was time for us to give back,” said Flynn.

Veterans Haven – South is one of two transitional housing programs run by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs for homeless veterans, which provides rehabilitation services and employment training for its residents. The two-year program currently has 81 residents whose age range from 25 to 70 and includes veterans who served in the Vietnam through Iraq conflicts.

“There is a good sense of volunteering and giving back here, this is what makes Veterans Haven great,” said Lobach. “The residents are looking for ways to show their appreciation.”

THE VETERANS PROM

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A senior prom was held for the residents of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park May 17, 2017. The Hollywood themed Veterans Prom was organized by Yuti Patel, a junior at John P. Stevens High School in Edison as part of her school club activities. Patel and her fellow students handled out flowers and sun glasses as the residents entered the homes town square that was decorated for the event. Volunteers with Capital One Bank added cheer for the event serving food and dancing with the residents.



STATE HONORS VETERANS



Korean War veteran Anthony J. Parisi poses for a photo after being awarded the New Jersey Meritorious Service Medal and the New Jersey Korean Service Medal at a New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs state medals ceremony at the Woodbridge Center in Woodbridge, N.J., April 20, 2017. Medals were presented to veterans and family members during the ceremony. Since 2005, 32,250 New Jersey Distinguished Service Medals, 4,184 New Jersey Meritorious Service Medals, 810 New Jersey Korean Service Medals, 11,599 New Jersey Vietnam Service Medals, and 78 New Jersey POW-MIA Service Medals have been awarded at more than 600 ceremonies statewide. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Mark C. Olsen)



NEW CAR



The veterans community came together to provide a car to Veteran's Haven-North resident Leroy Shivers, center. The 2005 Mitsubishi was owned by Patricia Devine, right, who decided she wanted to donate it to a veteran who would benefit from it. Devine contacted the Gem Vac veterans group, who contacted Veteran's Haven-North and Andrew Castaiano, left. Castaiano and his wife, Chrysa, who are both veterans, completed the vehicle repairs, service, and detailing to ensure the vehicle was in working order. (Courtesy photo)

HOMES HONOR VOLUNTEERS



PHOTO LEFT: Allyson Bailey, right, CEO, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland, presents Vernon Foote the Volunteer of the Year Award at the Annual Volunteer Luncheon at the Centerton Country Club and Event Center, N.J., April 27, 2017. Volunteers – both individual and groups – donated 37,710 hours of time more than \$99,000 in goods or services combined for a \$1.1 million dollars to the Home's residents. **PHOTO CENTER:** Vineland Home residents Greg Miller, left, and Ed Mislin, recipients of the Most Valuable Player Award, congratulate each other at the lun-

cheon. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photos by Kryn P. Westhoven) **PHOTO RIGHT:** Dorothy De Los Reyes, center, Supervisor of Recreation, holds a certificate as Glenn Osborne, left, Resident Council President, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park, reads it during the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park's 37th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 19, 2017, in Edison, N.J. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Mark C. Olsen)



PHOTO LEFT: Vic Guarnera, Volunteer Coordinator, addresses the audience during Menlo Park's Volunteer Luncheon. More than 200 people, representing numerous veteran and other service organizations attended the luncheon. This past year, volunteers worked nearly 24,000 hours providing the Home's 302 residents activities ranging from Alzheimer assistance, music therapy, birthday parties, to gardening, pet therapy, and bingo games. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Mark C. Olsen) **PHOTO CENTER:** More than 100 volunteers attended

the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus Annual Volunteer Luncheon April 12, 2017, at Hasbrouck Heights, N.J. In the past year, members of veteran and service organizations, churches, schools, and businesses volunteered more than 6,000 hours at the Home. An additional \$160,627 in goods and services were provided to the Home's residents. **PHOTO RIGHT:** Susan Moran, New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus, greets volunteers at the luncheon. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photos by Kryn P. Westhoven)

AROUND THE HOMES



Left: Several residents from the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland were ready to chant E-A-G-L-E-S at the Philadelphia football team's training camp at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, July 30, 2017. The trip was sponsored by the Brigantine Elks. (Courtesy photo) Top right: The residents of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park were entertained June 24, 2017, by the Jersey All Pro Wrestling Group complete with a full size ring set up in the town square of the home. The veterans clapped, cheered, and booed the villains during the hour long show. (New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs photo by Kryn P. Westhoven) Bottom right: New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Paramus residents were treated by trick or treaters Oct. 31, 2017. (Courtesy photo)



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While World War I ended with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles June 28, 1919, the actual fighting stopped seven months earlier when an armistice went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Because of World War I's scope and devastation – nearly 10 million soldiers died in the war – the world came to look upon that war as a singular event, describing it as “the war to end all wars.”

To acknowledge America's World War I veterans, Nov. 11 – Armistice Day – was created to honor their sacrifice. The day was to be observed with parades and meetings starting at 11 a.m.

While World War I is the war that inspired Armistice Day, it is World War II with its immense mobilization that has come to define it. On June 1, 1954, Congress changed Armistice Day to Veterans Day making Nov. 11 a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

On Nov. 11, 2017, Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey; along with the leadership of both the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the New Jersey National Guard, were joined by New Jersey's citizens at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Hanover to honor the states' veterans.

“I say that if not for the heroic acts of our (World War II) Veterans, America would look very different today – if it existed at all,” said Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General of New Jersey.

“Old, yellowed copies of Warren Kennet's dispatches from the Newark Evening news captured the drama and heroism of the 44th Division.



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Kennet's copy made the boys of the 44th sound like Supermen,” said Cunniff. “They weren't. They were just ordinary young men from places like Passaic, West Orange, Flemington, Toms River, Marlton, and Atlantic City and just about everywhere else in New Jersey.”

Yet, if it weren't for these ordinary young men's heroism, the world today might be a more disturbing place.

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SAVING NEW JERSEY'S VETERANS' STORIES

From the Center for U.S. War Veterans' Oral History Project

Sixteen years and more than 580 oral histories later, the staff of National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey ensures that voices and stories of New Jersey's veterans are not lost.

On Nov. 28, 2017, the Museum held its annual Veterans Oral History Luncheon at the Manasquan Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 2534.

The luncheon honored 24 participants who served in conflicts from World War II through Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Museum, which is located at the National Guard Training Center in Sea Girt, is the home of the Center for U.S. War Veterans' Oral History Project. The Center's mission is to collect and preserve the memories of New Jersey veterans through recorded interviews.

The Museum is a partner of the U.S. Library of Congress's Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center, which collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

The Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from World War II (1939-1946), the Korean War (1950-1955), the Vietnam War (1961-1975), the Persian Gulf War (1990-1995), the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present), and all other stateside service and overseas contingency operations.

Additionally, civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories. Recently, the Gold Star Families Voices Act extended the scope of the Project to include stories shared by relatives of service members who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Each interviewee receives a DVD copy of their interview.

To schedule an interview, contact Fowler at (732) 974-5966, by email at: carol.fowler@dmava.nj.gov, or visit: www.nj.gov/military/museum/oralhistory.html.



The cremated remains – cremains – of the nine veterans sat unclaimed on the shelves of the funeral homes.

They included one World War I veteran – John J. Aron, seven World War II veterans – Leslie H. Allen, Louis J. Bakelaar, Gilbert C. Johnson, Theodore Martin, Robert W. Milner, James K. Molony, and Edith L. Sherwood, and one Vietnam veteran, Bruce King.

They had remained unclaimed because they had no family or close relatives to claim them.

Collectively, they laid forgotten for 184 years.

On Nov. 30, 2017, the nine veterans were finally laid to rest at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery at North Hanover Township, N.J., during the 26th New Jersey Mission of Honor Ceremony (NJMOH).

Since 2007, NJMOH's mission is to identify, retrieve, and intern those cremains. Since then, 528 veterans have been located due to their efforts. Of those, more than 306 cremains have been reunited with their families.

Prior to each ceremony, the NJMOH researches the veterans' lives and assembles a biography, which becomes part of the eulogy.

At the beginning of the service, Soldiers and Airmen with the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery Honor Guard carry the urns containing the cremains and American flags, which are placed on a table in front of the attendees.

Following the eulogies and remarks, a firing squad fires a three volley salute followed by a bugler performing taps.

And at the end of this ceremony, the nine veterans had finally received the honors that had eluded them for more than 18 decades.

HONORING THE FORGOTTEN

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SECOND WIND DREAMS DELIVERS



More than 300 gifts were presented to the residents of the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Vineland, N.J., during the Second Winds Dreams event Dec. 20, 2017. This is the seventh year that the Second Wind Dreams Organization and the Vineland Boscov's department store have treated the Home's residents to an early Christmas. Top left: Lillian Acosta, right, the Vineland Boscov's store manager, opens the curtain unveiling Santa Claus and New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home staff and volunteers photo during the Second Winds Dreams event. Center left: Melissa Bethune, activities assistant, aslong with other Vineland staff members, volunteers and Boscov's employees distribute gifts during the Second Winds Dreams event. Bottom left: Veterans Home residents receive a visit from Santa Claus. Photo below: Gregory Miller prepares to open his gift. Top right: Residents Walter Hunter, left, and James Moseley open their gifts. Middle right: Angelina Franciotti, left, thanks a Pinelands Learning Center student. Bottom right: Maria Rodriguez, recreation department, gives residents a poinsettia for their room from Lucas Greenhouses in Monroeville after the Second Winds Dreams event.



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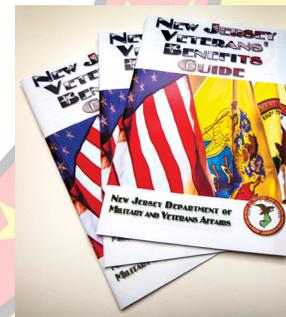
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