



DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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NJNG receive Humanitarian award

By Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs

More than eighty New Jersey Army and Air Guard members received the Humanitarian Service Medal on May 3 for their assistance in the Superstorm Sandy rescue, recovery and rebuilding efforts.

All of the 2,300 Soldiers and Airmen who took part in the largest domestic mobilization in the New Jersey National Guard's history will be ultimately awarded the medal.

"You the brave men and women did not only save lives...You protected a wounded state where devastation spanned 150 miles," Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno said at the award ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. "Wherever, whatever, whenever, you did it and we saw and we can't say thank you enough."

Although Sandy and the Guard's epic response took place more than three years ago, Pentagon approval of the award took time, and the intervention of U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-3rd Dist.). The lawmaker, whose district includes Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, sought Department of Defense approval for all National Guard troops who responded to the storm after he was approached by New Jersey Air Guard Master Sgt. Carl Clegg.

Clegg, a 108th Wing public affairs videographer who spent days documenting the relief efforts undertaken by the National Guard that had saved lives and helped civil authorities with recovery efforts said that the Guard deserved recognition. MacArthur agreed.

"You, the men and women of the National Guard chose to go wherever and whenever and that deserves our gratitude," he said.

One of MacArthur's staff members, Kyle Melander, began work on convincing



Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cuniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, presents the Humanitarian Service Medal to a New Jersey Army National Guard Soldier during the award ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, N.J., May 3, 2016. More than 80 New Jersey Army and Air Guard members received the Humanitarian Service Medal for their assistance in the Superstorm Sandy rescue, recovery, and rebuilding efforts. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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the Department of Defense to reinterpret the criteria for the award, which is normally awarded only to military personnel on Title 10 active duty. All National Guard troops mobilized for the storm fell under Title 32 state active duty, but served alongside Title 10 troops who became eligible for the award immediately.

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cuniff and Guadagno assisted MacArthur in presenting the medals during the ceremony. New Jersey National Guard troops rescued more than 7,000 residents and their pets in the days after the storm made landfall. The troops remained on duty following the storm, assisting civil authorities with security, transportation, logistics, and reconstructing efforts, delivering more than 10,000 meals and hundreds of thousands of gallons of fuel.



U.S. Rep Tom MacArthur, left, New Jersey 3rd Congressional District, presents the Humanitarian Service Medal to Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard. For more photos and videos from the ceremony, click on any of these images to go to the New Jersey National Guard Flickr page. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

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Senior Airman Willie Cruz-Moya, 108th Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, along with Airmen from the 108th and the 177th Fighter Wing stand at attention after receiving the Humanitarian Service Medal at an award ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, N.J., May 3, 2016. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Take our daughters and sons to work day

Photos by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley, New Jersey National Guard Public Affairs

The New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and New Jersey National Guard celebrated national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day at the Joint Training and Training Development Center, Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 28, 2016.

The children of our Soldiers, Airmen and our civilian employees spent a day testing their marksmanship in weapons simulators, their aim on a mock hand grenade (softball) assault course, their strength on a rock climbing wall, and their curiosity inside a number of tracked vehicles and the cockpit of a UH-72 Lakota helicopter.

For more photos, click on any of these images to go to the New Jersey National Guard Flickr page.



Serving State and Nation



Downpour

Maintainers with 177th Fighter Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, run for cover during a rain storm at Naval Air Station Key West, Fla., April 21, 2016. The 177th is in Florida for training. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew DeMartini/Released)



Everhart visits JT2DC

Sgt. 1st Class Albert Veltri Jr., left, briefs Gen. Carlton Everhart II, second from right, commander, Air Mobility Command, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Shelina Frey, right, on the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment at the Joint Training and Training Development Center at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; N.J., April 27, 2016. For more photos, click on this image to go to the New Jersey National Guard Flickr page. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Logisticians prepare for future

By Kryn P. Westhoven, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Public Affairs



(Courtesy photo)

New Jersey Army Guard Soldiers have a new acronym and system to learn - GCSS-A.

The Global Combat Support System-Army is a complete overhaul of the non-integrated logistics systems that operate in a stand-alone capacity into one integrated web-based system.

The new equipment training of GCSS-A started in March, but it was more than a year in the planning process.

"Data cleansing was the most arduous and time consuming part of the migration," said Capt. Belinsky Toussaint, the GCSS-A migration lead. "Like most change, it took many people out of their

comfort zones, but our Soldiers were able to adapt and overcome the challenges the system presented."

GCSS-A will affect every property book, supply room, motor pool, field maintenance shop, and warehouse, in the New Jersey Army National Guard. It will dramatically change how the Guard operates logistically. The main focus of the migration was to ensure that it had little to no impact on unit readiness.

All property book, supply and maintenance records needed to be migrated into one database. The tedious adjustments were made in the year leading up to training held at the Joint Training

and Training Development Center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst in March. More than 120 logisticians and maintainers received 40 hours of classroom training followed by weeks of data validation and post-go-live activities to complete the fielding process.

"The support from the Chief of Staff on down was vital to ensuring we were out ahead of the fielding," added Toussaint.

With the 100 percent migration of records in the rear view mirror, the Jersey Guard now is among states that have completed the change to provide financial auditability and asset visibility.

TAG addresses commanders

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cuniff, at podium, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, addresses commanders of New Jersey's veteran service organizations at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville, N.J., April 25, 2016. Twice a year, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs brings together veteran leaders to brief the latest information to share with their respective groups. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)



New IG and chaplains sworn in

Martin new IG

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, swears in Lt. Col. Joel Martin as the Detailed Inspector General at the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, located in Lawrenceville, N.J., April 26, 2016. This is Martin's second term as the IG, he had previously served from 2005 to 2008. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)



NJARNG gets three new chaplains

Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, left, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, swears in three chaplains, left to right, Capt. Byungho Kim, 1st Lt. Damon Missouri and Capt. Hyun-Bo Shim in to the New Jersey Army National Guard at Joint Force Headquarters at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., April 27, 2016. Kim will serve

with 1-114th Infantry Battalion, Missouri will be with the 3-112th Field Artillery and Shim will be assigned to the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion. In the same ceremony, Missouri was promoted to captain. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen/Released)

Veterans Outreach Campaign

NEW JERSEY VIETNAM VETERANS REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

May 7, 11 a.m.

New Jersey Vietnam Veterans
Memorial

Garden State Parkway Exit 116
Holmdel, NJ 07777

VETERANS INFORMATION AND OUTREACH FAIR

May 7, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Fair Lawn Community Center
10-10 20th Street

Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

“SPIRIT OF THE JERSEYS”

May 14, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

State History Fair

Monmouth Battlefield State Park
16 Business Route #33, Manalapan,
N.J. 07726

HUDSON COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE FAIR

May 21, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hudson County Schools of
Technology

525 Montgomery Street

Jersey City, 07302

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

May 24-26, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Daily)

DMAVA medal ceremony May 24 at
11 a.m. at Center Court

Paramus Park Mall

700 Paramus Park

Paramus, NJ 07652

JUNE CONVENTION OUTREACH ELKS CONVENTION

June 2-3, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., daily

AMERICAN LEGION STATE
CONVENTION

June 8-10, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., daily

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE CONVENTION

June 15-17, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m., daily

Wildwood Convention Center
4501 Boardwalk

Wildwood, N.J. 08260

SUSSEX COUNTY “BIKE NIGHT FOR VETERANS”

June 23, 5 – 8 p.m.

Chatterbox Restaurant

1 State Route 15

Augusta, NJ 07822

63RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE KOREAN WAR ARMISTICE

July 27, 11 a.m.

New Jersey Korean War Memorial
Brighton Park Amphitheatre and
the Boardwalk

Atlantic City, NJ 08401

“VETTE TO VET NIGHT”

Sept. 9, 5 – 8 p.m.

Chatterbox Restaurant,
1 State Route 15

Augusta, NJ 07822)

VETERANS OUTREACH CAMPAIGN & MEDAL CEREMONY

Sept. 20-21, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Daily
DMAVA medal ceremony Sept. 20 at
11 a.m. at Center Court

Bridgewater Commons Mall

400 Commons Way

Bridgewater, NJ, 08807

Laid to rest

A New Jersey National Guard Honor Guard carries a Soldier's remains during the New Jersey Mission of Honor's 23rd committal ceremony for nine veterans at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, at Arnetown, N.J., April 28, 2016. The veterans served in the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard during World War II and the Korean War. The veterans' remains, some of which had been abandoned for as long as 40 years, were laid to rest with full military honors as dozens of veterans from across the state came to pay their respects. (NJDMAVA photo by Kryn P. Westhoven/Released)




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