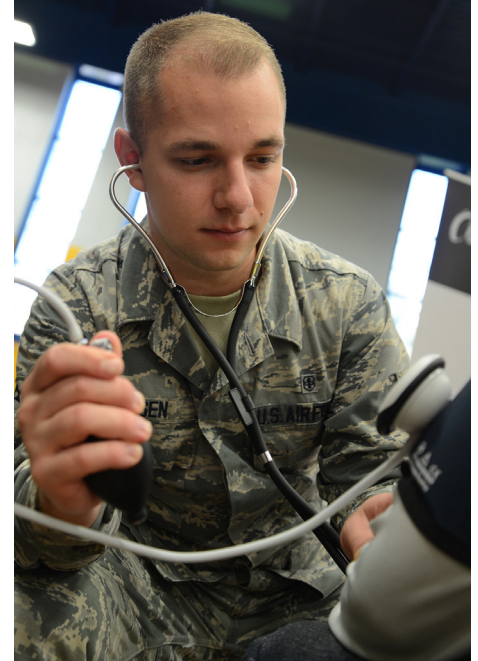


NJDMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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Stand Down North aids homeless vets



Above: Staff Sgt. Debbie Macalalad, 108th Medical Group, New Jersey Air National Guard, performs a blood pressure check on homeless veteran William Brown at the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Stand Down at the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center in Newark, N.J., on Oct. 10, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, Released) Above right: Airman 1st Class Daniel Hansen, 108th Medical Group, checks the blood pressure of a homeless veteran. The stand down day allows the veterans to get much-needed care and services from a wide array of state agencies and non-profit organizations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, Released) Right: Pvt. Juan Rodriguez, 2nd-113th Infantry Battalion, New Jersey Army National Guard, serves salad to a homeless veteran. Stand down is a 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 grass roots, community-based intervention programs to help veterans battle life on the streets. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Donnelly/Released) Below: Airmen with the 108th Medical Group, provide blood pressure checks to homeless veterans. The 108th Medical Group have been providing checks at stand downs for more than 10 years and were providing blood pressure checks as a means to have conversations with the veterans about their overall health and wellness (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, Released)



COVER PHOTO A HAND UP, NOT A HAND OUT

Lt. Col. Mauricia Alo, 108th Medical Group, New Jersey Air National Guard, checks the blood pressure of a homeless veteran at the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Stand Down at the John F. Kennedy Recreation Center in Newark, N.J., Oct. 10, 2015. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Carl Clegg, Released)

ASSOCIATION SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

By Spc. Oscar Baldriche, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

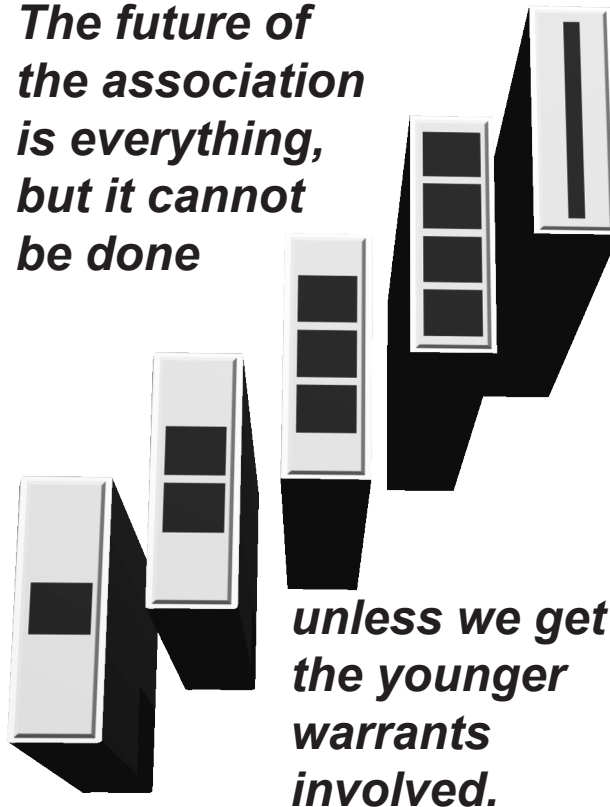
“Lead, follow or get out of the way!” said, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Thomas Comyack, past president of the Army Warrant Officer Association chapter at Fort Dix.

Recently the National Guard Training Center was the site for a picnic that Comyack planned to boost membership by inviting all current warrant officers and retirees.

Just like the state officer and enlisted associations, the Doughboy Chapter is part of a national association that lobbies Congress for benefits and services. The local warrant officers started a care package committee in 2004, which sends packages to military service members overseas. The warrant officers annually provide higher education scholarships program to military families.

“I want to bring warrants together and express the importance of the association,” said, Comyack. “We try to keep from losing benefits we have so strenuously fought for.

The future of the association is everything, but it cannot be done



unless we get the younger warrants involved.

I believe in strength in numbers and I have seen how this program promotes professional development, mentorship, camaraderie and a working relationship between fellow warrant officers and the surrounding community.”

Previous members have inspired those around them to become leaders and develop skills, but now it is time for the younger generation of warrant officers to carry the torch and take ownership.

“The future of the association is everything, but it cannot be done unless we get the younger warrants involved” said, Comyack. “They must continue the mission we have started. For one to lead one must lead by example and that is the message that the Doughboy chapter is attempting to convey. This picnic isn’t only an attempt to gain membership, but a reminder that together, so much has been, and will be accomplished.”

Nominations open for 2016 ESGR Freedom Awards

Nominations for the 2016 ESGR Freedom Awards are open until Dec. 31, 2015.

Any Guard or Reserve service member can nominate their employer. If a service member does not have access to submit a nomination, a family member can nominate the service member’s employer on their behalf.

You can nominate small, large (500+) and public employers. The employer MUST be the service member’s current employer. Nominations for friends, family, schools, stores, etc. that are not the service member’s employer will not be considered.

To nominate your employer, go to <https://esgr.csd.disa.mil/fa/NominateYourEmployerView.aspx>

Click on the “Nominate” button at the top or bottom of this page. Open the form and review the questions before filling in any of the fields.

If you do not know how to answer any of the questions, print the form and gather the pertinent information before going any farther. Ask your employer or HR representative for clarification if you need assistance answering the questions.

A nomination form must be completed in one session, so fill out the nomination form fully and accurately. There is not an option to save your data and submit later.

It is recommended that you use the cursor to enter your information in each field. Do not hit the “Backspace” button, as all typed information will be lost. Your information will not be saved until you hit “Submit.”

For each question, please provide supporting information in the text box below each question. This is your chance to enhance your nomination by providing thorough explanations of why your employer deserves to be considered for this award. For example: elaborating on pay and benefit policies, service member and family support provided. Explaining on all of the ways in which your employer supports you, your family, other service members and the military community will ensure the strongest nomination possible.

After your nomination is submitted,



it will go to a review committee in your state. Once the nomination period closes, the state will select semifinalists to move forward. A review board at HQ ESGR, a Department of Defense agency, considers all semifinalists for selection to the next round. The group of finalists goes before a National Selection Board comprised of senior Department of Defense officials, representatives from each of the seven Reserve Components, employer associations and past recipients of the Freedom Award. This selection committee makes recommendations for up to 15 recipients to the Secretary of Defense for final approval. Semifinalists are announced in early spring, and recipients are finalized by early summer.

5 WAYS HEARING LOSS CAN AFFECT YOUR LIFE

From the Army National Guard Chief Surgeon's Office

Imagine this: you're hanging out with your buddies and you can barely hear what they're saying. You see their lips moving but you're struggling to keep up with the conversation. Unfortunately, this is the everyday reality for more Soldiers than you may think.

The Department of Veterans Affairs reports that more than 445,000 Veterans have service-related hearing loss. Seventy one percent of Soldiers returning from Iraq or Afghanistan have reported some level of hearing loss. The Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) (<http://www.hearingloss.org/>) shares insight on five ways hearing loss can affect your life:

1. Hearing loss can affect relationships. If your friends and family don't know about your hearing loss, they can't help you understand what they are saying. Bottom line: be upfront. Tell them the best ways to communicate with you so your relationships don't suffer.

2. Social situations can be frustrating. It's common for individuals with hearing loss to prefer be-ing alone than risk misunderstanding someone because they can't hear them. Remember that you can always find a quiet place to have a one-on-one conversation. You can also use a personal Assistive Listening Device (ALD), such as a hearing aid, to help you hear better.

3. Completing tasks at work can be difficult. Hearing loss can make hearing details and instructions needed to complete work tasks challenging. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), employers with 15 or more employees must make adjustments in the workplace for an employee with a hearing loss. Speak up, work with, and educate your employer about hearing loss so that you can perform your job better.

4. Hearing loss can affect your safety. Our ears help us identify danger such as a beeping smoke alarm. Living with hearing loss means you need to rely on your other senses to alert you to sounds you might not hear. For example, an ALD such as a vibrating pager can let you know when a baby cries or a doorbell rings.

5. Enjoying some of your favorite activities may become harder. You might find



HOW TO WEAR HEARING PROTECTION PROPERLY



To straighten your ear for earplugs, grip the cartilage of your ear and stretch it away from your body. Insert the earplug, then release your ear.

Do a few jumping jacks to test the security of the earplugs: if they fall out, try again, or get a smaller size.

FOAM EARPLUGS

Pinch the foam, insert the earplug, and allow the foam to expand in your ear until a tight, non-painful seal is obtained.



SILICONE EARPLUGS

Slide silicone earplugs carefully into your ear until you feel slight resistance. Never jam anything into your inner ear.

EARMUFFS

Secure any long hair. Adjust the headband until the muffs completely cover your ears, creating a tight seal on the skin of your face. The bottom of the muff should sit about two fingers up from your jawbone.



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it difficult to hear the dialogue during a movie or other events. ALDs expand the functionality of hearing aids and cochlear implants (<http://hearing.health.mil/DiagnosisTreatment/TreatmentOptions/CochlearImplants.aspx>) by helping you separate the sounds you want to hear from background noise. The ADA requires most public venues to provide them. So next time you visit a movie theater, ask for one!

Although hearing loss can affect your life in numerous ways, there are just as many ways to treat and reduce the impact of hearing loss. Talk to your Medical Readiness NCO or health care professional to make an appointment for a hearing evaluation if you feel you may have some hearing loss. You'll be surprised at all the options available – hearing aids, cochlear implants, and more! Review your options and decide what makes the most sense for you.

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Veterans Outreach Campaign

<p>Oct. 15 "Life after Service Conference" Vineland National Guard Armory 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. 2560 S. Delsea Drive Vineland, NJ 08360</p> <p>Oct. 19 Veterans Health & Wellness Fair Saint Francis Residential Community – Denville 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. 122 Diamond Spring Road Denville, NJ 07834</p> <p>Nov. 1 "15th Annual Salute to Military Veterans" Sussex County Fairgrounds</p>	<p>11 p.m. – 3 p.m. 37 Plains Road, Augusta, NJ 08722</p> <p>Nov. 6 & 7 4th Annual Operation Stand Down In Morristown Morristown National Guard Armory 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Daily 430 Western Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960</p> <p>Nov. 9 Veterans Job & Resource Fair Moorestown Community House 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. 16 East Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057</p>
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Check your attic door!

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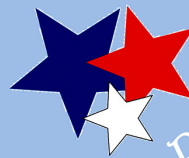
A poorly installed attic door can be responsible for up to 15 percent of your home's heat loss. Attic doors are usually located at the highest point in a house, so that's where most of the heat tries to escape! Whether it's the type that pulls down from the ceiling, or just an ordinary door, adding insulation and weatherstripping to your attic door can reduce heat loss and save you money on your heating bill.

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