

# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS

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# OPERATION GRIDIRON



**Above:** A crew chief with the 1-150th Assault Helicopter Battalion monitors U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion as they transport simulated casualties to a New Jersey Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter during Exercise Gridiron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 27, 2016. **Right:** Tactical Air Control Party Airmen from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron coordinate aerial support during Exercise Gridiron. The 227th supported the 404th Civilian Affairs Battalion's training exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)

## Cover: TACP

Tactical Air Control Party Senior Airman Ryan Muller from the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron poses for a portrait during Exercise Gridiron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., June 27, 2016. The 227th supported the 404th Civilian Affairs Battalion's training exercise. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Hecht/Released)





# 328th patrols West Point

By Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



**Pfcs. Matthew J. McCann, left, and Eric J. Ramos, both with the 328th Military Police Company, take down information prior to making a report while on patrol at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., June 20, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Donnelly/Released)**

Military Police officers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 328th MP Company are working to keep the Cadets, Soldiers, staff and faculty of the United States Military Academy at West Point safe and secure.

The 42 Soldiers spent their annual training period from June 13-26 serving as the garrison's own military police force.

For many of the MPs, it's their first taste of what it takes to do real police work.

"We're shifting more toward the law enforcement side, which is one of the core MP functions," said 1st Lt. Justin Hunter, officer in charge of the MP mission. "They haven't had much chance to do this mission."

Hunter, a Cherry Hill Police officer, said that while some of his MPs do work as full time civilian police officers, many have had no police experience leading up to this mission.

He noted that the past fifteen years of military deployments have seen MPs serving in a variety of functions; anything from gate guards and quick reaction forces to detention operations and even infantry type functions. The one thing they haven't had much experience in has been police work.

"This mission is a perfect example of how we not only need to be doing this more, but our Soldiers are really good at it," he said.

During their stay, the MPs will be conducting 24-hour garrison operations, patrolling the grounds, issuing vehicle and parking citations and even making arrests when needed.

"It's really nice to get to use our training and perform MP functions on a daily basis," said Pfc. Brett Fischer.

Fischer said that the unit spent the past year preparing for this mission, training with civilian law enforcement teams on everything from reacting to active shooter scenarios, emergency vehicle operations and the use of non-lethal weapons such as Oleoresin Capsicum Spray and Tasers.

"I'd never been sprayed with OC before," he said. "That was an experience; I'll never forget that."

Once at West Point, the MPs spent three days of on the job training with the garrison MP Company before turning over the mission to the 328th.

Hunter noted that this mission has instilled a greater sense of confidence in his Soldiers that they can step up and conduct law enforcement missions when needed.

"The biggest thing for any law enforcement member to have is confidence," he said. "They know now, you're taught, you know what to do, we're going to back you up."



# MAJURY TO LEAD 42ND RSG

By Sgt. Bill Addison, 444th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Col. David Majury formally took command of the New Jersey Army National Guard's 42nd Regional Support Command from Col. William Peace during a change of command ceremony at the RSG's headquarters in Somerset, N.J., June 26, 2016.

Col Edward Chrystal Jr., NJARNG Land Component Commander oversaw the ceremony and credited Peace with his leadership during a major transition of units and personnel in the NJARNG.

"It was his keen insight, planning and organizational skills that were the key factor for the integration of units within New Jersey," Chrystal said.

Part of that transition will see the addition of the 119th Combat Support Brigade to the command effective July 1.

Majury, a native of Manahawkin, N.J., thanked Peace for his work to grow and develop the command over the past two years, and made a promise to the the Soldiers of the RSG.

"To the Soldiers of the 42nd RSG, my pledge to you is that you get 110 percent of me, but I expect that in return," Majury said.



Col. David Majury, left, receives the 42nd Regional Support Command colors from Col. Edward Chrystal Jr., Land Component Commander, New Jersey Army National Guard, at the change of command ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Somerset, N.J., June 26, 2016. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Jorge Morales/Released)

## New partnership provides free mentorships to women veterans

From the Center for Women Veterans

VA's Center for Women Veterans and Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Office are pleased to announce that the American Corporate Partners is providing a minimum of 500 personalized corporate mentorships to transitioning post-9/11 women Veterans, for a one-on-one, year long, customized mentorship focused on career development.

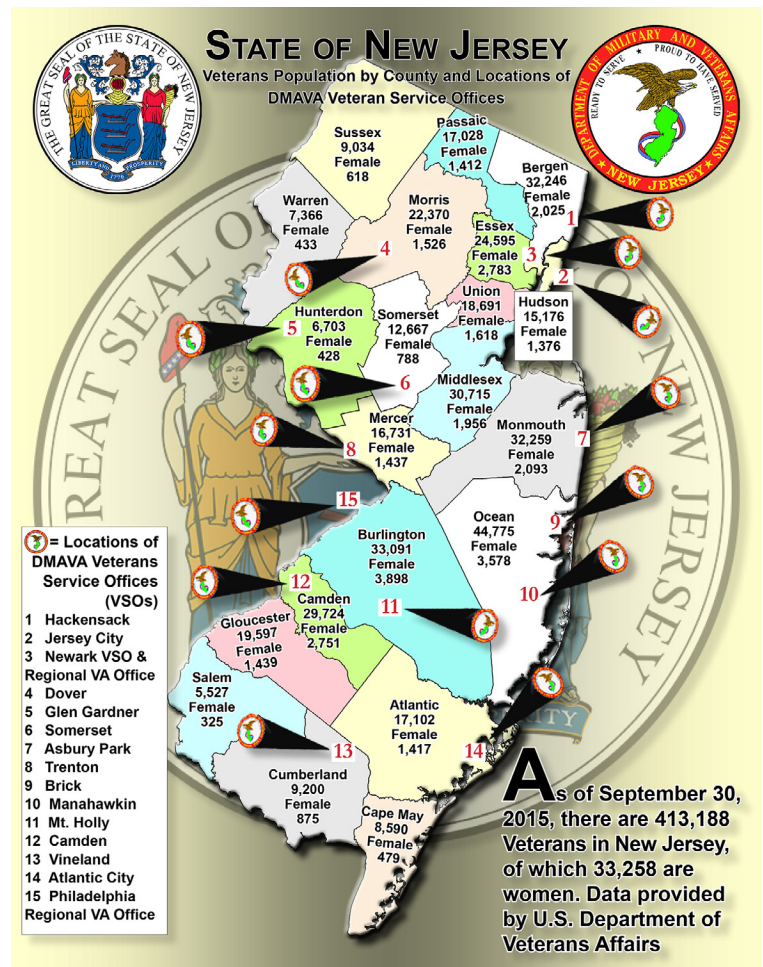
ACP is a non-profit organization, which offers free career counseling and mentoring to post-9/11 Veterans by professionals from America's top corporations and select universities and hospitals. More than 2,500 senior corporate employees are currently volunteering as mentors in year-long mentorships with transitioning service members. To date, more than 7,500 Veterans and Service members have completed an ACP mentorship.

ACP has more than 60 corporate partners in their mentorship program.

Participation is simple. Women Veterans can apply online and an ACP staff member will contact them within two business days. An ACP operations associate will interview the Veteran to better understand her goals and career objectives. The ACP team works to pair the Veteran with the best mentor they can find. Once the Veteran approves, the mentorship officially begins, and ACP will supply a profile of the mentor, resources and a staff person to assist throughout the year.

Once paired, ACP will follow up with the Veteran and their mentor throughout the year to see how the mentorship is progressing and offer personalized resources to ensure the Veteran has a valuable experience. This is an amazing resource, and best of all, membership is absolutely free.

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## Elizabeth Toepperwein and women in the military

By Joseph Bilby, National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, exhibition shooting was a major source of public entertainment. Perhaps the best known shooter of the era is Annie Oakley, who spent her retirement years in Nutley, N.J., and was the subject of an iconic Broadway musical and a fictional 1950s television series.

Less well known today are Adolph “Ad” Toepperwein and his wife Elizabeth, better known as “Plinky.”

Ad and Plinky traveled the country as “The Wonderful Topperweins,” the first “e” in their name was dropped to make their name more readable, performing eye-popping marksmanship tricks, including hitting tossed targets in midair with .22 caliber rifles.

At a stop at Sea Girt’s renowned National Guard rifle range in 1906, Plinky took to the firing line with a nine-pound Krag Jorgensen army rifle and completed a course of fire – as the only shooter in a skirt. While “eyebrows were arched and cigars chewed” in initial consternation at the sight, the male shooters eventually cheered her on, and she was awarded a marksman’s medal.

Sportswriter Tim Price tells their story in his forthcoming book, “Shooting for the Record: Adolph Toepperwein, Tom Frye and Sharpshooting’s Forgotten Controversy” to be published in August by Texas Tech University Press.

Price will present the story of the Toepperweins at the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey in Sea Girt July 3, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. Admission is free.





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