



## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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NJ NG Returns to Ft. Dix  
By Scott Shepherd



During our first year of The Call Out, I hope you have been inspired by reading of the activities of our NJ EDS Teams. From assisting at emergencies to working drills and exercises as well as taking additional training, our Teams are sometimes very active and at other times staying ready for the call. But either way, we have some of the most dedicated

Volunteers in New Jersey and I salute each one.

Speaking of dedication, we want to dedicate this first issue of our second year to the brave men and women of the New Jersey National Guard. Just over a year ago, 2875 men and woman were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Starting on Memorial Day, all 2875 returned home over a period of 10 days. How proud we are of the brave souls who accepted and met the challenges of deployment and most importantly, every Soldier returned home safely. Through our dedicated EDS Volunteers, some giving up Holiday parties with their own family and friends, a great big THANK YOU was expressed to the returning Soldiers. Thank You to those Volunteers for their gift of time and effort to make the Welcome Home events a success.



**As one of our Volunteers likes to say**  
**“the teamwork was awesome”.**

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## NJ National Guard Returns to Ft. Dix



*That which we do  
for ourselves we  
take to our graves.*

*That which we do  
for others in this  
world lives on for  
eternity.*

**Arthur Pine**

American Author  
And Publisher

**Memorial Day Weekend** once again saw The Salvation Army/New Jersey Division reaching out to support members of the military and their families as The Salvation Army has done since The Spanish American War.

On Saturday, May 23, Captain John Stewart, Paterson Corps staff, advisory board members, and volunteers, ministered to the family, friends and local law enforcement who gathered to remember the life of a young soldier, Christian Bueno Galdos, who tragically lost his life in Iraq. Cold drinks, coffee and snacks were served to those in the community who were in mourning that day.

On Memorial Day, a group of eleven including staff and volunteers under the direction of Russ Hendrickson gathered at

Fort Dix to help welcome home 390 members of the New Jersey National Guard's 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team returning from a year's service in Iraq. The returning soldiers **represented only the first wave** of 2,875 soldiers scheduled to arrive from Iraq over the following two weeks. According to New Jersey's Adjutant General, Major General Glen Reith, the returning soldiers represent the largest deployment of NJ National Guard soldiers since World War II.



As might be expected, family members and loved ones began gathering at Fort Dix hours before the soldiers were scheduled to arrive at nearby McGuire AFB. Our team provided snacks and beverages to those arriving early. As the hours passed, we supported the local USO in providing lunch, including hot dogs, hamburgers, and assorted salads. Over 1,700 individuals were served before the soldiers, having spent two short hours with family and loved ones, were bussed off to begin the process of demobilization.



It was just over a year ago that Salvation Army staff, volunteers, officers, and the junior soldiers from Newark Urban Ministries labored together to ensure that each of the 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Combat Team being deployed to Iraq would have a deployment kit from The Salvation Army/New Jersey Division. These ongoing efforts in support of our military have not gone unnoticed. Both Governor Jon Corzine and Major General Glen Reith took time on Memorial Day to visit with The Salvation Army team and thanked them for their continuing support of New Jersey's Hometown Heroes.

## June 12 Welcome Home National Guard - Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton NJ

June 12, 2009 was chosen as Home Town Heroes Day, a day that New Jersey paid tribute to the NJ National Guard. Working with the National Guard, the USO, American Recreational Military Services (ARMS), NJ 101.5 and Big Joe Henry and the wonderful folks at the Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton a huge celebration was given to say **THANK YOU** to the Soldiers and their families for their year of sacrifice and struggle.

The day started with a parade from the Statehouse to the Arena giving the citizens of NJ the chance to show their appreciation. At the Arena, families of those who served were invited to a day of entertainment, food, drinks, games and surprises. The Salvation Army was asked to provide bottled water to the soldiers, marching bands and dignitaries at the start of the parade. No small task. Over **4,000 bottles of water** were distributed. Along with our friends from the NJ Dept of Human Services/ Emergency Management Office, water was moved from the Arena to the parade route for distribution.



The second challenge was to provide everyone with hot dogs at the Arena, including feeding the **2875 soldiers** before they headed inside the Arena for the planned program. Through the use of our Field Kitchen, a 50 Ft. tractor trailer kitchen, **3,000 hot dogs** were cooked and served to the waiting soldiers and marching bandmen, in just under **45 minutes**. What a job! It took EDS volun-

teers, Soldiers from various Corps and Officers to pull it off. Water was passed out and hot dogs served down the entire parade line of soldiers. All had to be fed and hydrated. We **also used the Arena kitchen to cook another 10,000 hot dogs** for the families and friends that had gathered for the party upstairs. **100 volunteers, staff, Soldiers and Officers worked throughout the day** to make this a success. To those that worked so hard to bring this about, I say **THANK YOU**. The **"Army behind The Army"** did it once again, making the seemingly impossible, possible. **At days end we had cooked over 13,000 hot dogs and served thousands of drinks and snacks.** A job well done!


This past May, the NJ Emergency Preparedness Conference was held in Atlantic City. During the Conference, 4 EDS personnel became Amateur Radio Operators by passing the FCC test (some of us just barely). Congratulations are in order to Henry Wise, Ed Angster, Major Daniel Miles and me! (Russ Hendrickson). The test is only 35 questions and you're allowed to miss 9 of them in order to pass. Not necessarily easy but if you study and make some good guesses, as I know I did, it can be done.



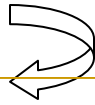
That's the first step in becoming a SATERN HAM operator. The next is completing the paperwork to be a volunteer for the Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network. Now, when disaster strikes and communications are lost I can use the equipment that has been installed in my office as a base station. With call letters KC2VFH, I will be able to use the radios in the Command Vehicle, with a volunteer at the base station. With HAMs on the Canteens as EDS Volunteers we will have constant communication between the field, DHQ and the Command Post should the need arise.

Have an interest in getting your license? Like to learn more? Give our SATERN Coordinator Dick Montgomery, N3DV, a shout at [N3DV@aol.com](mailto:N3DV@aol.com).

**After several weeks of activity and challenges connected with the celebration of our returning National Guard troops, EDS activity continued ...**

- June 17-18 Morris County Health Department and Office of Emergency Management held a two day POD (point of distribution) exercise. The Salvation Army was tasked to provide 3 meals and snacks to 75-100 responders and local officials.
- June 22  Medic First Aid Training for 21 Camp staff was held at the Ironbound Boys and Girls Club. Training was conducted by Henry Wise and Russ Hendrickson.
- June 24 Atlantic County held a Domestic Abuse Advanced Scenario. Canteens and resources from Atlantic, Ocean, Cumberland counties and DHQ were involved. Over 200 responders were served in 2 locations.
- June 24-26 Brenda Beavers and Russ Hendrickson attended the Territorial EDS Directors meeting held at the Eastern Territorial Headquarters in Nyack, New York.
- June 25 The Hunterdon county team responded during the early hours of June 25 to a serious hazmat event which closed both sides of Route 78. First responders were provided drinks, snacks, and eventually, breakfast the following morning.

**Its Hurricane Season!**  
**June 2009– Nov 2009**  
**Are you prepared?**



**Links**

**Hurricane Preparedness**

[www.ready.nj.gov/plan/hurricane-before.html](http://www.ready.nj.gov/plan/hurricane-before.html)

**NJ Office of Emergency Management**

[www.state.nj.us/njoem](http://www.state.nj.us/njoem)

**The Salvation Army—New Jersey Division**

[www.salvationarmynewjersey.org](http://www.salvationarmynewjersey.org)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

**Volunteer  
Management  
Database**

Did you know that you can keep your volunteer information current by accessing the new online Territorial Database?

Go to <http://eds.use-salvationarmy.org/index.php>

**Mark Your Calendars**

- July 11                      **Sea Bees Family Picnic—11:00 AM - 4 PM Lakehurst Naval Base**
- July 22                      **Medic First Aid Training—9AM –2PM Edison, NJ (spaces available)**
- August 17-18              **Atlantic City Air Show**
- August 30-September 3    **Territorial EDS Training Seminar—Nyack NY**
- September 12              **Five (5) CERT Drills sponsored by the NJ State Police OEM**  
(Host County is listed first)  
1. Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem  
2. Sussex, Passaic  
3. Camden, Gloucester  
4. Monmouth  
5. Bergen
- September 26              **Five (5) CERT Drills sponsored by the NJ State Police OEM**  
(Host County is listed first)  
1. Ocean, Burlington  
2. Somerset, Middlesex  
3. Mercer, Hunterdon  
4. Morris, Warren  
5. Essex, Hudson, Union
- October 3                      **Boy Scout Jamboree celebrating 100th Anniversary**  
Sussex County Fairgrounds  
This will be an overnight event with the Mobile Command Vehicle

For more information on these events contact Russ Hendrickson at 908-851-8238 or [Russell.Hendrickson@USE.salvationarmy.org](mailto:Russell.Hendrickson@USE.salvationarmy.org)

# How We Did It



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## Can you help?

### **Preparation and Response**

Takes financial support as well as the personal gift of time and energy from the volunteers.

If you would like to support the outreach of The Salvation Army—NJ Division's Emergency Disaster Services with your monetary gift please mail your check with "EDS" in the memo line to

The Salvation Army  
4 Gary Road, Union, NJ 07083

On behalf of all of your fellow New Jersey citizens, thank you!



**Meeting the Need  
at the Time of Need**

### **New Jersey EDS Mission Statement**

The Salvation Army provides the ministry of Emergency Disaster Services throughout all of New Jersey using trained volunteers, staff, officers, and local resources to both survivors and first responders in a timely manner without discrimination.

We will work with other relief agencies to help provide physical, emotional and spiritual care at the time of need for as long as the need exists.