

# **New Jersey's Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans**

P. O. Box 149, Lodi, New Jersey 07644

## Accomplishments & Milestones

The following pages reflect the dates and information on what NJMOH has accomplished, milestones reached, includes all the ceremonies at which veterans were interred, statistical information at each ceremony, and an array of functions and events attended by the Executive Board and other NJMOH members. Information is listed by calendar year for easy reference, with the exception of NJMOH Ceremonies listed at the end.

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#### <u>CALENDAR YEARS 2007, 2008, 2009</u>

- Fall 2007 Vietnam Veterans of American (VVA) Chapter 899 forms committee to research abandoned and orphaned cremains, appoints chairman
- Spring 2008 VVA #899 Committee Chairman and President State Council VVA meet with NJ State Assemblyman to amend cremains law
- Summer 2008 Chairman (VVA#899) and Vice Chairman (VVA #800) appointed to committee to pursue cremains law
- Fall 2008 NJMOH website created <u>www.njsmissionofhonor.org</u>
- Testimony to Assembly Committee, bill passes; Senate passes; NJMOH established to unite all veterans groups, NJMOH Chairman and Vice Chairman appointed
- February 1, 2009 Constitution of New Jersey's Mission of Honor for Cremains of American Veterans (NJMOH) approved and accepted
- February 4, 2009 Public Law 2009, c.14, approved/signed, State of New Jersey, Assembly, No. 2613, 213<sup>th</sup> Legislature, Governor Corzine signed bill into law
- February 24, 2009 First NJMOH meeting held at Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Holmdel. Attendance by various veterans organizations and non-profit groups supporting
- April 2009 NJMOH Approved by NJ State Funeral Directors Association for NJMOH presentations at County Funeral Directors Meeting
- April 2009 Protocol and Procedures establish with NJ Funeral Directors Association
- June 13, 2009 State Wide Meeting, Senior Citizens Center, Bordentown
- July 20, 2009 Tax Exempt Status approved 501(c)(19)
- November 11, 2009 Chairman Presentation to NJSFDA Monmouth/Ocean Counties
- November 19, 2009 Lakeland High School Special Education Class Students presentation of Fund Raising Efforts to NJMOH

- January 16, State Wide NJMOH Meeting, Sayreville
- March 6, Untimely passing of Beloved NJMOH Chairman Roman Niedzwiedz
- March 7, Francis Carrasco (VVA 800) Chairman position, NJMOH
- March 7, Ronald C Hathaway (VVA 899) Vice Chairman position, NJMOH
- March 12, Roman Niedzwiedz Funeral at BGD Cemetery w/ full military honors
- March 15, Change of Address for NJMOH to PO Box 149, Lodi, NJ 07644
- April 20, Burlington County Funeral Directors Association NJMOH Presentation
- April 22, Protocol btn NJMOH and Harleigh Cemetery, Camden Cty Veterans Cemetery
- April 24, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- April 29, Veterans View, TV Channel 19 Pemberton, Broadcast Chairman & Vice Chairman
- May 13, Pentagon News Broadcast Taping held at Volk-Leber Funeral Home
- May 29-30, Awareness/Fundraiser, Military Tribute The Walk, Atlantic City
- July 16-18, Awareness/Fundraiser, Fort Monmouth Closing Event
- August 7, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville

## <u>CALENDAR YEAR – 2010 (contd)</u>

- September 1, NJMOH Presentation to Toms River Rotary, Toms River
- September 7, NJMOH Presentation to Morris County FDA, Mountain Lake, Morrestown
- September 8, NJMOH representatives attend Monmouth/Ocean County FDA Meeting
- September 15, Vice Chairman Presentation to Free Masons, Burlington
- September 19, Rolling Thunder Freedom Run, VVM, PNC Arts Center, Awareness/Fundraiser
- September 24-26, Mercer County Italian Festival, Awareness/Fundraiser with VVA 899
- September 25, Vice Chairman Presentation St James AME Church, Havre de Grace, MD
- September 28, Vice Chairman Presentation to Rotary Club, Medford
- October 6, West Jersey FDA NJMOH Presentation, Harleigh Cemetery also presented
- October 16-17, Cranberry Festival, Chatsworth, NJ Awareness/Fundraiser
- October 20, Vice Chairman Presentation to VFW2290 & VVA454, Manville
- October 30, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- October 30, Chairman brief to firefighters/IAFF representative, Sayreville
- November 14, Can Shake, Wal-Mart, Sayreville

- February 19, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- February 26, Tribute to Roman Dedication, Bordentown
- March 6, Roman Dedication BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery
- April 2, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- April 26, Free Masons Convention Atlantic City/NJMOH donation
- May 15, Freedom Run McGuire AFB Awareness/Fundraiser
- May 24, BCBS Horizon, Wall/Awareness/Fundraiser
- May 28, KIA/MIA 5K, Medford, part of proceeds to NJMOH
- June 6, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Bordentown
- August 13, KIA/MIA 5K BBQ for Sponsors
- August 15, State Wide Meeting Bordentown
- August 21, Awareness & Fundraiser Table, Brick Riders Poker Run
- September 7, Bergen County FDA NJMOH Presentation, Maywood
- September 10, Sailfest Island Heights, Awareness/Fundraiser
- September 21, Tri County FDA
- September 22, Essex/Union County FDA
- September 23-25, Mercer County Italian American Festival, Awareness/Fundraiser
- October 1, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- October 13, NJMOH Presentation to Passaic County FDA
- October 15-16, Cranberry Festival, Awareness/Fundraiser
- November 11, Roman induction VVM, Holmdel
- November 20, Can Shake, Shop Rite, Sayreville
- December 3, Wreath laying (42) at BG Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

### CALENDAR YEAR 2012

- January 1, Ron Hathaway, Vice Chairman resigned
   Al Lucent, appointed Senior Vice Chairman
   Jerry Skorch, appointed Vice Chairman
   Wally Noonan, VVA899 appointed Ceremonial Chairman
   Lynn Gysell, VVA 899 appointed Honor Guard Chairman
- January 25, NJMOH Presentation to Tri County FDA
- February 11, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- March 20, NJMOH Presentation to Mercer County FDA
- April 14, State Wide Meeting, American Legion Post 129, Toms River
- April 27-29, Education/Awareness Table, Sussex County Swap Meet
- May 20, Freedom Run McGuire AFB Awareness/Fundraiser
- June 4, State Wide Meeting, Bordentown
- June 30, Chairman and Vice Chairman interviewed on Welcome Home, WIBG-AM by Vietnam Army Veteran, Joe Griffies
- July 25, NJMOH Presentation to Dignity Memorial FDA
- August 20, Education/Awareness Table, ALR Brick 348 Poker Run
- September 6, NJMOH Presentation to Hudson County FDA, Jersey City
- September 8, State Wide Meeting American Legion Post 129 Toms River
- September 8, Education/Awareness Table, Sailfest Island Heights
- September 29, Vice Chairman attend Annual Retiree Appreciation Day, Fort Dix
- October 7, Education/Awareness VVM Run, Senior Vice Chairman/Rifle Squad/Bugler
- October 15, NJMOH Presentation to Browns Mills Rotary Club
- October 20/21, Cranberry Festival, Education/Awareness Table
- December 8, Wreath Laying (91) at BG Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- February 23, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- March 7, NJMOH Presentation Florham Park VFW
- April 27-28, MTA Swap Meet, Augusta NJ, Education/Awareness Table
- May 4, State Wide Meeting NJMOH, Sayreville
- May 6, Lakeland High School, NJMOH Chairman/Vice Chairman
- May 9, NJMOH Presentation, Maywood American Legion
- May 13, NJMOH Rep at Pemberton HS for Vietnam Era discussion with students
- May 14, NJMOH Representation at Pemberton HS for Video
- May 19, Vice Chairman Education/Awareness Freedom Run McGuire AFB
- June 13/14, Education/Awareness American Legion NJ State Convention, Wildwood
- June 21, Inaugural Gold Outing at Paramus Golf & Country Club sponsored by American Legion Post 147, Elmwood Park
- June 22, Education and Awareness Table VFW Jackson
- July 26, Presentation to MC Coalition, Blackwood VFW 1795

## CALENDAR YEAR 2013 (contd)

- August 24, Education/Awareness Table Brick ALP 348 Fundraiser
- September 7, Education/Awareness Table, SAILFEST Island Heights
- September 24-26, NJMOH Exhibitor NJFDA Convention, Atlantic City
- October 5, NJMOH Senior Vice Chairman, Rifle Squad, Bugler participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual ALR NJVVM Ride and Ceremony
- October 9, WOBM 101.5 Interview with Chairman Carrasco
- October 19-20, Education/Awareness Table, Cranberry Festival, Chatsworth
- November 13, Vice Chairman Skorch Presentation to Mt Holly Rotary
- November 20, Vice Chairman Skorch Presentation to Knights of Columbus
- December 4, Wreath Laying (120) at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- January 2014, Statistics, 130 Interred, 28 WWI (22%), 80 WWII (62%), 12 Vietnam (10%), 7 Korea (5%), Peacetime-2/MexicanBorderWar-1(1%)
- February 6, Chairman/Vice Chairman Poling Springs Bank, photo op/presentation
- February 21, Chairman/Information Manager met with Assemblywoman Nancy Munoz
- February 25, Chairman/Information Manager presentation of plaques to New Egypt Elks and American Legion Post New Egypt
- March 12, Vice Chairman presentation at Mercer County College Mortuary Class
- March 12, Information Manager presentation to Jackson American Legion Post
- March 13, Information Manager presentation to Italian American Cultural Society
- March 19, Information Manager presentation to Bay shore Fire Chiefs, Marlboro
- April 1, Information Manager Appreciation to Brick American Legion Auxiliary
- April 25-27, Chairman Education/Awareness at MTA Swap Meet, Augusta
- June 6, Chaplain presentation Knights of Columbus, Marlton
- June 7, Chairman presentation to American Legion Post Saddle brook
- June 13/14, Information Mgr Education/Awareness, American Legion State Convention
- June 19, Chairman presentation to Elks Lodge, Elmwood Park
- August 17, Education/Awareness Table Brick ALP 348 Fundraiser
- September 6, Education/Awareness Table, SAILFEST Island Heights
- September 9, Chairman presentation to Mahwah Marine Moms
- September 19, Golf Outing at Paramus Golf & Country Club
- September 30, Oct 1-2, NJMOH Exhibitor NJFDA Convention, Atlantic City
- October 13, Chairman presentation to Bergen County Elks District
- October 18/19, Education/Awareness Table, Cranberry Festival, Chatsworth
- November 3, Information Manager presentation to Brigantine Elks
- December 10, Wreath Laying (146) at BG Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- February 12, Chairman presentation to Richfield Park Elks #1506 (Hudson/Bergen/Passaic Counties)
- February 25, Chairman presentation Rutherford Elks
- February 28, Chairman hour talk Radio Station
- February 28, Chairman presentation Richfield Park, Bergen County, Passaic and Hudson County Elks
- April 11, Information Manager presentation to Men's Club at Enclave Lakewood
- April 18&19, Chairman Education/Awareness Table at MTA Swap Meet, Augusta, NJ
- May 9, Vice Chairman Presentation Daughters of American Revolution, Haddonfield Chapter, Pennsauken
- May 14, Chairman/Information Manager Presentation Westlake Men's Club, Jackson
- May 18, Chairman Large Plaque presentations New Egypt Elks and New Egypt American Legion for Pub Crawl donation
- May 27, NJMOH Golf Outing, Franklin NJ
- June 10-12, Information Manager, Education Table, American Legion Convention, Wildwood
- June 17-19, Information Manager, Education Table, VFW Convention, Wildwood
- July 8, Chairman/Information Manager attend LtGovernor briefing to American Legion and Military personnel reference Military Task Force – prevention of another BRAC impact/US Army Downsizing initiatives
- August 1, Chairman presentation Bergen County District Meeting American Legion Post 136, Lodi
- August 8, Education Awareness Table American Legion Brick Memorial Poker Run
- August 8, Chairman presentation Large Plaque American Legion Brick Memorial Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL and Legion Riders.
- September 12, Education Awareness Table Sailfest 2015 Island Heights
- September 24, Chairman/Information Manager presentation to Middlesex FDA
- September 27, Chairman Education/Awareness at Oakland Car Show, \$\$\$ to NJMOH
- September 20, Vice Chairman Skorch presentation to Veterans @ Renaissance of Monroe Township
- Sep 29/Oct 1, Chairman/Information Manager attend NJSFDA Convention Atlantic City
- November 7, Information Manager w/NJMOH volunteers at Veterans Forum held at American Legion Post 129 Toms River
- November 7, Elks/American Legion New Egypt Pub Crawl support NJMOH
- November 11, Chairman/Vice Chairman in NYC Veterans Day Parade on DM Float
- November 14, Chairman/Vice Chairman accept donation-Norwood American Legion
- November 14, American Legion Post 493, Mystic Island, Chicken Dinner, \$\$ to NJMOH
- November 15, Chairman participate in opening of Sparta Cemetery
- December 6, Vice Chairman accepts donation from Glassboro VFW
- December 10, Vice Chairman presentation to Pemberton HS JROTC
- December 17, Wreath Laying (169) at BG Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

- January 27, Vice Chairman presentation Knights of Columbus, Cape May Courthouse
- April 13, Vice Chairman presentation Fraternal Order of Police
- April 15-17, Chairman & members MTA Swap Meet Sussex County Fair
- April 28, Vice Chairman post interment presentation New Egypt Elks
- May 15, Chairman attend Steak/Stogie, American Legion Mystic Island
- May 27, Vice Chairman address Veterans Luncheon, Evans School, Marlton
- June 8-10, Chairman/Info Mgr American Legion Convention, Wildwood
- July 6, Chairman/Senior Vice Chairman presentation Senior Women's Club Northvale
- July 26, Information Manager presentation to Marine Corp League, Bayville
- August 21, Chairman/Info Mgr/Members Awareness Brick Post 348 Riders Poker Run
- September 6-7, NJMOH Black Bear Golf Outing
- September 10, Education Awareness Sailfest 2016 Island Heights
- September 20-22, Chairman/Information Mgr attend NJFDA Convention Atlantic City
- September 25, Education Awareness Oakland Rotary
- September 28, Chairman presentation to Masons ref NJMOH/wreath laying
- October 10, Information Manager present Plaque AL Aux Unit 129 Toms River
- October 18, Vice Chairman presentation Rotary Club Medford/Vincentown
- October 19, Chairman/Senior Vice Chairman presentation Northvale Women's Club
- October 30, Chairman accepts Commendation Medal by NJ Governor, Sea Girt
- November 5, Elks/American Legion New Egypt Pub Crawl support NJMOH
- November 5, Information Manager attend Pub Crawl accept donation
- November 6, Vice Chairman Philadelphia Veterans Parade
- November 6, Chairman presentation Ramsey Church meeting
- November 9, Chairman presentation Free Masons, Lambertville
- November 12, Chaplain Invocation at Willingboro Veterans Day Parade
- November 13, Vice Chairman attend Willingboro BaptistChurch Veterans DayCeremony
- November 19, Chairman, Senior Vice Chairman presentation Norwood American Legion
- November 20, Vice Chairman attend South Jersey MC Coalition/POW-MIA MC Luncheon, accepting award
- November 29, Vice Chairman address Pemberton HS JROTC ref wreath laying
- December 8, Wreath Laying (188) at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery

## **NJMOH CEREMONIES**

- <u>May 15, 2009</u> <u>1st NJMOH Ceremony</u> at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 2 Veterans
- <u>August 14, 2009</u> <u>2nd NJMOH Ceremony</u> at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 5 Veterans
- <u>August 18, 2009</u> <u>3rd NJMOH Ceremony</u> at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 2 veterans
- October 21, 2009 4th NJMOH Ceremony at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery – 3 Veterans, started Sayreville Town Hall ceremony w/dignitaries present, full military honor guard, proceeded with full police escort and Patriot Guard Riders escort to BGD Cemetery
- <u>April 5, 2010</u> <u>5th NJMOH Ceremony</u> at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 3 Veterans
- <u>May 19, 2010</u> <u>6th NJMOH Ceremony</u> at BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 9 Veterans from Bergen County (4 Bergen County Funeral Homes) Pentagon News taped ceremony at Bergen County and at BGD Cemetery
- <u>May 20, 2010</u> <u>7th NJMOH Ceremony</u>, first ceremony at Harleigh Cemetery 6 Veterans (Bergen, Middlesex and Monmouth County Funeral Homes)
- <u>October 4, 2010</u> <u>8th NJMOH Ceremony</u>, BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 3 Cremains from Volk-Leber Funeral Home, Teaneck, first ceremony for the Hamilton Township Fire Department Pipe & Drum Band participation
- <u>August 4, 2011</u> <u>9th NJMOH Ceremony</u>, BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 10; Harleigh 2
- <u>October 28, 2011</u> <u>10th NJMOH Ceremony</u>, BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery Interment 6; Harleigh 1
- <u>May 18, 2012</u> <u>11th NJMOH Ceremony</u> BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 7; Harleigh 1
- <u>June 22, 2012</u> <u>12th NJMOH Ceremony</u> Radzieta Funeral Home, Cape May Court House BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 8
- <u>August 16, 2012</u> <u>13th NJMOH Ceremony</u> Richards FH/VFW Pompton Lakes, BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 11; Harleigh 1
- <u>August 30, 2012 14th NJMOH Ceremony –</u> McCorry FH/American Legion Post 129, Toms River – BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery – 4; Harleigh - 2
- <u>September 7, 2012</u> <u>15th NJMOH Ceremony</u> Dangler/Kingston&Kemp FH, held at American Legion Post 348, Brick BGDoyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 6
- June 6, 2013 16th NJMOH Ceremony Inglesby (7), Richards MH (3)
   Godfrey FH (2), Alesso (1), Norman Dean FH (1); BG William C Doyle Veterans
   Memorial Cemetery 8, Harleigh 6
  - *Veterans Interred 105* Family Claimed 193 Total Veterans 298

- <u>September 18, 2013</u> <u>17<sup>th</sup> NJMOH Ceremony Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes -</u> Becker (5), D'Elia (7), Gutterman/Musciant (2), Shinn (4), Neary-Quinn (2), Bloomfield Cooper (5) BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery–24 Harleigh Cemetery–1 <u>Veterans Interred – 130 Family Claimed – 200</u> <u>Total Veterans - 330</u>
- April 10, 2014 18th NJMOH Ceremony Dignity Memorial Funeral Homes Anderson/Campbell (19), Quinn Hopping (2);
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery– 19 Harleigh 2
   Veterans Interred 151 Family Claimed 225 Total Veterans 376
- <u>October 9, 2014</u> <u>19<sup>th</sup> NJMOH Ceremony</u>, Carmona Bolen FH, Whiting (7) BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery – 6 Harleigh - 1 <u>Veterans Interred – 158 Family Claimed - 230 Total Veterans - 388</u>
- <u>November 6, 2014 20th NJMOH Ceremony</u> 10 Veterans <u>- Dignity Memorial</u>
  Bernheim-Apter-Kreitzmann/Livingston (5), Hegarty/OldBridge (2), Leber/UnionCity (3)
  BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 10
  Veterans Interred 168 Family Claimed 250 Total Veterans 418
- June 4, 2015 21st NJMOH Ceremony 10 Veterans
   Volk Leber/Oradell (4), Gaita/Little Falls (4), Frech/Dumont (2)
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 7 Harleigh 3

   Veterans Interred 178 Family Claimed 250 Total Veterans 428
- July 30, 2015 22<sup>nd</sup> NJMOH Ceremony 10 Veterans, plus Wife
   Vainieri/North Bergen 10, plus wife at American Legion Brick Memorial Post 348
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 10 Veterans, plus Wife
   Veterans Interred 188 Family Claimed 250 Total Veterans 438
- April 28, 2015 23<sup>rd</sup> NJMOH Ceremony \_9 Veterans
   Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, Iselin (6), Paul Ippolito Summit Memorial (3)
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 10

   Veterans Interred –197 Family Claimed 273 Total Veterans 470
- June 30, 2015 24<sup>th</sup> NJMOH Ceremony 6 Veterans
   Vander Plaat Funeral Home, Wyckoff (4)/Olthuis Funeral Home (2)
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery-6
   Veterans Interred 203 Family Claimed 275 Total Veterans 478
- October 6, 2015 25<sup>th</sup> NJMOH Ceremony 10 Veterans
   Blake Doyle Funeral Home (6), Oakland Memorial Home (1),
   McCracken Funeral Home, Union (3)
   BG William C Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery 9 Harleigh 1
   Veterans Interred 213 Family Claimed 293 Total 506 Veterans