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FREEHOLDERS KICK OFF VETERANS ID PROGRAM

County Vets Can Receive Free Photo Cards For Verification

Burlington County Freeholder Deputy Director Joseph B. Donnelly, Sheriff Jean E. Stanfield and County Department of Military and Veterans Services Director Walt Tafe announced today a joint program to provide County veterans with free identification cards beginning September 13th.

“We want to ensure that all our veterans have a valid ID card displaying their veterans’ status,” said Donnelly. “This will not only enable card bearers to readily show their veteran status, it will also enable them to take advantage of discounts and promotions offered by various businesses.”

The County DMAVS will coordinate the program with the Sheriff’s Department. The ID cards will be issued only to veterans who do not have another valid identification card displaying their veteran status. The cards are not valid to conduct official business or to secure veterans benefits. Military retirees and those veterans holding VA Health Care Cards need not apply.

The ID card program was prompted by numerous requests from veterans in recent weeks. Sheriff Stanfield already was providing ID cards to senior citizens, and volunteered her department’s camera and manpower to help produce the veterans’ cards.

“We realized right away that this would be a viable, low cost approach to getting ID cards in the hands of veterans who need them,” said Stanfield. “We’re pleased to partner with Military and Veterans Affairs to make this work.”

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The initial issuance of ID cards to veterans will be provided alphabetically on four separate dates. All cards will be issued 9 AM to 3 PM at the County’s Human Services Building, 795 Woodlane Road, Westampton.

Veterans will be required to bring their discharge papers (DD Form 214) displaying an Honorable Discharge and a photo ID.

Strict adherence to the dates listed below is strongly encouraged to greatly reduce waiting times. Only those whose last names end in the letter listed that day will be processed.

After the initial schedule is completed, veterans can follow a two-step process in obtaining their free ID card.

1. Veterans must bring their application, DD-214 or discharge paper and a photo ID to the County Department of Military and Veterans Services Office in Westampton. Their honorable discharge will be verified and their application stamped.
2. Once the application process is completed, they can simply call **609-265-5795** and make an appointment with the Sheriff’s Office Community Services Unit in Mount Holly to have their photo taken and card processed.

The upcoming schedule for initial ID cards is as follows:

<u>Last Names Beginning</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
A-F	Monday, Sept. 13	Conference Room A
G-M	Wednesday, Sept. 15	Conference Room B
N-S	Monday, Sept. 20	Conference Room B
T-Z	Wednesday, Sept. 22	Conference Room A

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Ed Bednarek, Commander Post 49, Westampton AMVETS and Chaplain of the NJ. State AMVETS, poses for his ID card photo when Sheriff Stanfield and Freeholder Joe Donnelly look on. In the foreground, Chief Warrant Officer Vince Contreras processes the card.

