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Dear Post Commander:

On behalf of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I would like to invite your members and their families to attend the American Veterans Traveling Tribute and Traveling Wall exhibit that will be visiting Somerset County's North Branch Park on Milltown Road in Bridgewater from Oct. 1-4. This large-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., features the names of all the service men and women who are listed on the original Wall.

During Opening Ceremonies on Oct. 1, we will present medals to current and past residents of Somerset County who served in the U.S. military in **Southwest Asia** between 1990-1995. Please see the enclosed press release for details.

Eligible veterans are asked to complete a registration form by Sept. 1. To complete the form online, veterans can visit www.co.somerset.nj.us/medalforms.

If you'd like further information about this event, or a printed copy of the medals registration form, please call the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 541-5720 or email veteransmedal@co.somerset.nj.us.

Please help us spread the word by posting the enclosed press release for your membership.

Sincerely,

Mark Caliguire
Freeholder Director

c: Freeholder Board
Office of Veterans Services
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Somerset County Freeholders to Honor Veterans Who Served in Southwest Asia *Online Registration for Medals*

Somerset County Freeholder Director Mark Caliguire has announced that the Freeholder board will present medals this fall to past and current Somerset County residents who served in the U.S. military in Southwest Asia between 1990 and 1995.

The presentations will be made as part of the American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) exhibit at the Somerset County Park Commission's North Branch Park on Milltown Road in Bridgewater. The AVTT is a large-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall will be open to visitors at the park from 3 p.m. on Oct. 1 through 1 p.m. on Oct. 4. Visitors will be welcome around the clock. The AVTT's appearance in Somerset County is sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 452, which sponsored a similar event here in 2011.

"Somerset County is honored to be able to host the Traveling Tribute for a second time," Freeholder Director Mark Caliguire said. "We want our veterans to know that we have not forgotten them or the sacrifices they made on behalf of our country. It will be our privilege to present medals to county residents who served in Southwest Asia as part of the opening ceremony on October 1."

Eligible veterans are asked to complete a registration form by Sept. 1. To complete the form online, go to www.co.somerset.nj.us/medalforms. For more information or to request that the form be mailed to you, call (908) 541-5720 or email veteransmedal@co.somerset.nj.us.

To be eligible, a person must be a current or former Somerset County resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in support of Operation Desert Shield or Desert Storm between Aug. 2, 1990, and Nov. 30, 1995, in one or more of the following areas: Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, that portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees N latitude and west of 68 degrees E longitude, and the land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates; or individuals serving in Egypt, Israel, Turkey, Syria and Jordan (including territorial airspace and waters) directly supporting combat operations between Jan. 17, 1991, and Nov. 30, 1995.

The county is accepting registrations for the Southwest Asia medal by veterans themselves, by family members on behalf of a veteran, and by relatives of deceased veterans. The Board of Chosen Freeholders will present the medals during the Opening Ceremony on Oct. 1. Medals also will be available at North Branch Park Oct. 1 through 4, at times to be announced closer to those dates.

The veteran or family must provide a copy of his or her Report of Separation DD214 or other proof of service.

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