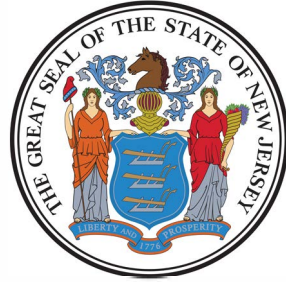


## NUMBER OF VETERANS IN EACH RESPECTIVE COUNTY

Atlantic - 14,497	Middlesex - 25,583
Bergen - 24,846	Monmouth - 23,981
Burlington - 29,484	Morris - 17,765
Camden - 23,326	Ocean - 33,143
Cape May - 7,169	Passaic - 12,067
Cumberland - 6,823	Salem - 3,666
Essex - 22,046	Somerset - 9,717
Gloucester - 15,322	Sussex - 6,883
Hudson - 14,199	Union - 15,012
Hunterdon - 5,939	Warren - 5,803
Mercer - 11,687	



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ACADEMIA AWARD



## VALUING OUR VETERANS



The New Jersey Governor's *"We Value Our Academia Award"* gives your institution the opportunity to value and honor the sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform.

Your institution may already recognize Veterans in numerous ways. This award provides an additional avenue to honor New Jerseyans who have answered the call to arms in defense of American Values. Our Veterans' service represents an important part of New Jersey heritage, and receiving this award will serve as a conspicuous representation of your support of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen.

To our Veterans, past, present, and future, we thank you for your service and sacrifice.



## AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The prestigious New Jersey Governor's *"We Value our Veterans"* Academia Award will come with a certificate from Governor Philip D. Murphy specifically for your institution. This award designation can be used for your website, letterhead, flyers, and banners for the year.

- Hold quarterly Veterans Round-tables (5 points)
- Parking spaces designated for Purple Heart recipients (5 points)
- Offer priority registration for Veterans (10 points)
- List Veteran resources and include the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs link on your website (5 points)
- Have Veteran Service Officers available for Veterans (5 points)
- Honor Veterans at board meetings (5 points)
- Incorporate a Wall of Honor or Memorial on prominent display (10 points)
- Breakfast with the President for those who are serving or have served (10 points)
- Care packages sent to families left behind during deployment (10 points)
- Ensure that a Veteran sits on one of the schools boards (15 points)
- Hold Veteran Service Organization Meet and Greets (15 points)
- Host a recognition ceremony on Veterans Day or other military related dates thanking the military and/or Veterans for their service (15 points)
- Any initiatives not on this list that have been done towards helping Veterans (15 points)

**Total of 70 points needed to be awarded the Governor's We Value our Veterans Academia Certificate and Designation.**