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Pickering Manor Presents a Special Air Refueling Video and Presentation for Veterans

NEWTOWN, Pa. – On November 11th at 3:00pm, Veteran’s Day, we will be having SMSgt David Falkowski with the New Jersey Air National Guard here presenting the American Flag with a Certificate that was flown over Afghanistan and Iraq during his last deployment. SMSgt Falkowski has been deployed overseas many times from 1990 for support of Desert Shield/Desert Storm, 2001 after 9/11 in Operation Iraqi Freedom to include a recent deployment this past August through September in support of Operation Freedom Sentinel and Operation Enduring Freedom. He has served in the NJANG for nearly 30 years as an Electronics Counter Measures Technician with the F-4E Phantom to include the last twenty years as a mission Boom Operator, Instructor and Evaluator Boom Instructor. His accomplishments include safely flying over 4500 hours in the KC-135R model Stratotanker and during his many deployments on the war on terror, SMSgt Falkowski has completed over 150 combat and combat support sorties. SMSgt Falkowski was recognized and awarded the Maj. General Francis R. Gerard trophy for an exceptional and extraordinary act for successfully refueling two F15’s blindly, on three concurrent successful nighttime Air to Air Refueling missions, after hydraulic fluid sprayed and covered his Boom sighting window which seriously inhibited his ability to clearly see the receiver aircraft let alone the 4-inch air refueling receptacle. The Maj General R. Francis Gerard Trophy is an annual award that recognizes an individual on flying status while serving as a member of the New Jersey National Guard, who has been determined to perform an outstanding or extraordinary act or series of acts. SMSgt Falkowski is the only enlisted recipient of this prestigious award.

SMSgt Falkowski will show a refueling video and a slideshow presentation to the residents of Pickering Manor’s Skilled Nursing and Personal Care Units and Independent Living. He will then present the Veterans of Pickering Manor with the American flag flown overseas and a framed certificate certifying its authenticity.

Located in Newtown, Pickering Manor is a non-profit Continuing Care Resident Community offering 10 semi-detached Cottages, 24 Apartments, 22 private Personal Care units and 47 licensed Rehab/Skilled Nursing beds. Pickering is a six-time recipient of a 5-star overall quality rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the highest score possible. For more information about Pickering Manor visit www.pickeringmanor.org.

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