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NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF VETERANS' SERVICES NEWSLETTER



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SOCIAL MEDIA

By Shannon MacColl, Dir. of Public Information

Check out our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages.

Events, informational postings and general FYIs about what is happening in New York State are posted daily on all of these platforms. If you have comments, questions or suggestions for postings, please send them to me at shannon.maccoll@veterans.ny.gov

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EXECUTIVE DEPUTY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

By Joel Evans

Veterans and Advocates,

I am happy to announce that the agency has received its long awaited name change to the New York State Division of Veterans' Services!

But wait! There is more good news! we are excited to be hosting our 2nd Annual Celebration of Military Children in New York as April is the Month of the Military Child. If you would like to participate or just help spread the word, please check out the flyer attached for our 2nd Annual celebration taking place on April 17th in Albany, NY.

In June, we will have a Women Veterans Art Exhibit at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, NY where Women Veterans will showcase their masterpieces. There is also a flyer attached with information on how to participate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all DVS staff for a wonderful response and putting in a herculean effort to honor and welcome home our Vietnam Veterans on Friday March 29th. In total, DVS staff attended or participated in over 35 events across the state!

The impact of the work you all do is felt not only every time we assist a Veteran or family member in our offices, but every time we go out into our communities and reach out to those we are here to help. With this in mind, I would like to share an email I received from one of our staff members. Thank you very much for your continued service to Veterans and their families.

"I haven't taken the time to thank you recently, Joel and Benjamin, for hiring me and allowing me to be a part of NYS DVS.

This morning, I took part in the reading of the names of the 1,741 NYC men and women who fell during the Vietnam War. The reading of the names was part of three commemorative events taking place in NYC for Vietnam Veterans Day on Saturday, March 23.

Upon entering the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary (Lower Manhattan across from Battery Park) where the ceremony was to take place, I noticed a woman, maybe 50 to 55-years-old, sitting by herself holding a military issue camo jacket in her lap. I sat next to her and offered one of the Vietnam lapel pins DVS personnel were given to distribute. This seemed to move her and she reached into the pocket of the camo jacket she was holding and pulled-out a Mass Card with a picture of a young man in his Army uniform. She said, 'I haven't gone into the pockets of this coat for eleven years. Not until this morning and I found this card. It's my son. He was killed in Afghanistan eleven years ago. He was 18. Would you like to have it?'

Of course, I took the card and told her I was honored to have it. It was then my turn to read a hundred names of the fallen and I moved to another part of the church. But I kept thinking about the mother I had just met. After the ceremony, I approached the woman again and told her that I had five children and they would all know her son's name. I also said my youngest child was only three-years-old and that meant her son's name would live and stay with my daughter for at least, God willing, another 97 years.

I'm so grateful to be a part of our Division. I've never been involved in any work that has meant more to me. As I write this, I'm so extremely grateful to the two of you. It's an honor and a privilege. I wish you all good things."

VETERANS AND NEW YORK'S CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM

By Benjamin Pomerance, Deputy Dir. of Program Development

“The State Division of Veterans’ Services always encourages Veterans to pursue a career in State Service after they return home to New York. To encourage Veterans to enter State Service, New York State offers some important advantages to Veterans in the Civil Service system.

Wartime Veterans who were discharged under honorable conditions are eligible to receive extra points on their Civil Service Exams. Adding these extra points to a Veteran’s exam score can significantly improve that Veteran’s standing on an eligible list for a Civil Service position.

The biggest mistake that Veterans make is assuming that they are not wartime Veterans if they did not serve in a combat zone. A “wartime Veteran” is any Veteran who served on active duty for at least one day during a period when the United States was at war, regardless of where in the world that service took place.

Here are the dates that qualify as “wartime eras”:

Conflict	Period of Conflict
World War II	Dec. <u>07, 1941</u> - Dec. 31, 1946
Korean Conflict	June 27, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955
Vietnam Conflict	Feb. <u>28, 1961</u> - May 7, 1975
Persian Gulf War	Aug. <u>02, 1990</u> - the date which hostilities end

In addition, any Veteran who received an expeditionary medal during any of the following time periods qualifies as a “wartime Veteran”:

Conflict	Period of Conflict
Hostilities in Lebanon	June 01, 1983 - <u>Dec. 01, 1987</u>
Hostilities in Grenada	Oct. 23, 1983 - <u>Nov. 21, 1983</u>
Hostilities in Panama	Dec. 20, 1989 - <u>Jan. 31, 1990</u>

Any wartime Veteran discharged under honorable conditions is eligible to receive an additional 5 points on a Civil Service Exam for an open-competitive position or an additional 2.5 points on a Civil Service Exam for a promotional position.

Any wartime Veteran discharged under honorable conditions and receiving at least a 10% disability compensation rating from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is eligible to receive an additional 10 points on a Civil Service Exam for an open-competitive position or an additional 5 points on a Civil Service Exam for a promotional position.

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Typically, these extra credits can be applied toward only one Civil Service Exam score. However, if a wartime Veteran receives extra points on a Civil Service Exam, and then subsequently receives a disability compensation rating of at least 10% from the VA, that Veteran may receive some extra credits on a later Civil Service Exam. Article 5, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution allows Veterans in this situation to receive an additional grant of credits equal to the difference between the number of extra credits available and number of extra credits already received.

For example, let's say that a wartime Veteran used 5 extra points toward an exam for an open-competitive position. Six months later, that same Veteran receives a disability compensation rating of 10% from the VA. That Veteran can now use an additional 5 extra points (subtracting the 5 extra points that the Veteran already used on the prior exam from the 10 total available extra points for a Veteran with a rating of at least 10%) on a new Civil Service Exam for an open-competitive position.

To all wartime Veterans who are interested in a public service career, please remember that these extra credits on Civil Service Exams are available to you. We look forward to you joining us in State Service!

U.S. VA Considers Recognizing New Agent Orange Presumptives

According to testimony given before the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee by the VA's Dr. Richard Stone, the four conditions that the VA is considering recognizing as presumptives are bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, hypertension, and Parkinson's-like symptoms.

However, all of these conditions (especially hypertension) are rather commonplace in older adults, even if without facing exposure to Agent Orange. The VA therefore must decide whether the prevalence of these conditions among older individuals who were exposed to Agent Orange is significantly higher than the prevalence of these conditions among non-exposed older individuals.

The VA set a "soft deadline" of 90 days to make a decision regarding these four conditions.

GOVERNOR RELEASES

Governor Cuomo and Legislative Leaders
Announce Agreement On FY 2020 Budget

Governor Cuomo Announces Opening of
New York's Trout and Salmon Fishing
Season April 1

Governor Cuomo Announces Statewide
Efforts to Deliver Millions of Meals to Older
New Yorkers

Governor Cuomo Announces Start of
Construction on Affordable Housing and
Community Center Development on
Buffalo's West Side

Governor Cuomo Announces Expansion of
Support Program for Incarcerated Victims
of Sexual Abuse

U.S. VA RELEASES

New study finds rising VA employee engagement
key to increased success at nearly 150 medical
centers

VA partners with Objective Zero Foundation

On eve of joint conference in August, DOD and VA
issue call for strategies to prevent suicide

VA to make new nasal spray drug available for
treatment-resistant depression

VA releases health care inspection reports
and staffing data for more than 100
Community Living Centers

VA continues to pioneer new approaches for
treating Veteran mental health conditions

DIVISION UPDATES

By Shannon MacColl

Congratulations, we finally made it into Spring!

I know you all are looking forward to the warm weather AND all of the exciting events we have coming up!

This month we will be hosting a Queens Veterans Resource Fair, happening at Queens College on **April 9**. All Veterans, Service members and their families are welcome to attend! Come join us! More information on our flyer.

Also happening on **April 9**, we will be hosting a ceremony in honor of Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day at Cortlandt Town Hall. Norman Bussel, a WWII Radio-Gunner and former P.O.W. will be the featured speaker. Please see our flyer for more information.

We are pleased to announce the 2nd Annual Month of the Military Child celebration will be taking place in Albany at Empire State Plaza on **April 17**. Please be sure to check out the details on the flyer and register! #purpleup

We had another overwhelming success with the first of our 2019 series of Veterans Human Rights Conference at Albany Law School! So to keep the momentum going, we are excited to announce the next conferences will take place at the University of Buffalo Law School on **April 26**! We hope to see you there! Interested in joining? Call us at 888.838.7697 for details.

We had so many successful programs in March and would just like to thank all of our staff and partner organizations who allowed us to reach thousands of Veterans and their families.

*"Sometimes
you will never
know the value
of a moment
until it
becomes a
memory."*

--Dr. Seuss



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 - Queens Veterans, Service members & Families Resource Fair
(Queens College); National Former Prisoners of War Recognition Day
(Cortlandt Town Hall)

April 16 - Female Veterans Dinner (Amherst, NY)

April 17 - Month of the Military Child Celebration (Empire State Plaza)

April 26 - Veterans Human Rights Conference (University of Buffalo Law School)

April 27 - Veterans Benefits & Resources Event (Long Island State Veterans Home)

April 29 - Veteran Cultural Competence Training (Fordham University)



Days of Recognition

April 2 - Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Day of Action; Equal Pay Day

April 3 - National Chocolate Mousse Day

April 4 - National Burrito Day

April 6 - National Love Our Children Day

April 9 - National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day

April 11 - National Submarine Day

April 12 - National Day of Silence

April 15 - Tax Day!

April 17 - National Ellis Island Family History Day

April 19 - Passover begins

April 21 - Easter

April 22 - National Earth Day

April 24 - National Administrative Professionals' Day

April 26 - National Arbor Day

April 30 - National Military Children Day





QUEENS VETERANS RESOURCE FAIR

40+ ORGANIZATIONS | VARIETY OF OPPORTUNITIES

TUES. APRIL 9TH, 2019-10:00AM-2:00PM

QUEENS COLLEGE | STUDENT UNION BALLROOM 4TH FLOOR

65-30 KISSENA BLVD, FLUSHING NY 11367

FREE FOOD AND RAFFLES

GUEST SPEAKERS

TEXT RSVP @

657-291-1101

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(DD214 or MILITARY/VA ID)

DIRECTIONS:

Q64, Q34, Q25 or Q17 to

QUEENS COLLEGE



**Division of
Veterans' Services**

NATIONAL FORMER PRISONER OF WAR RECOGNITION DAY CEREMONY

**FEATURED SPEAKER: NORMAN BUSSEL, WWII RADIO-GUNNER, FORMER POW,
AUTHOR & VETERANS' ADVOCATE**

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FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

CORTLANDT TOWN HALL ● 1 HEADY ST., CORTLANDT MANOR, NY

TOWN HALL

April
17
WEDNESDAY

Saving VA Health Care

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION NEEDED—
**The Mission Act must not betray
the VA's true mission**



SUPPORT OUR VETERANS AND SHARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO FULFILL THE VA'S MISSION

To the Joint Committee on Veterans' Affairs March 7, 2019

"However, if the law is not implemented as intended, particularly if expanded community care is funded by diverting money out of the VA health care system, there could be millions of ill and injured veterans who will lose access to VA hospitals and clinics they choose and rely on for their care."

—National Commander
Dennis R. Nixon,
Disabled Veterans of America

"If, however, you choose to let the Kochs and their allies have their way, veterans will suffer while private health care facilities and doctors will benefit."

—National President
John Rowan,
Vietnam Veterans of America

**REPRESENTATIVE ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ
WILL JOIN VETERANS AND THE NURSES WHO
CARE FOR THEM IN A TOWN HALL DISCUSSION**

**Wednesday, April 17 • 6–8:30 pm
P.S. 83 • 950 Rhinelander Ave.**

Limited parking; early arrival or public transportation suggested.
Take the 5 to Morris Park, the Bx21 to Morris Park Ave./Radcliff Ave.,
or the Bx22 to White Plains Rd./Rhinelander Ave.

Other speakers from sponsoring organizations:

John Rowan, National President
Vietnam Veterans of America

Kristen Rouse, President and Founding Director
NYC Veterans Alliance

Johnnie Williams, CEO
Help Is On The Way

Rich Castellano, Adjutant
Disabled Veterans of America, Chapter 23

Skip Delano, SOVA Action Team Member
Save Our VA; Veterans For Peace, Chapter 34

Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

**For more information, contact NNU Labor Representative Ann Marie Lunetta at
631-512-0563 or alunetta@nationalnursesunited.org**



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PURPLE UP!

for military kids



NEW YORK
STATE OF
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Division of Veterans' Services

Current Service members & their families stationed in
New York State are invited:

2nd Annual Month of the Military Child Celebration

April 17, 2014 10 AM Empire State Plaza Albany, NY
Register here: <https://goo.gl/forms/xvYb7Vv8U9IPWbOX2>



Save the Date: NYSHHealth Veterans' Health Conference "Can the VA and Community-Based Care Coexist?"

NYSHHealth's annual Veterans' Health Conference will take place on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

The **keynote speaker** will be the **Honorable Robert A. McDonald**, former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

The first panel will feature veterans sharing their experiences using VA and private care. The discussion will offer insight into what veterans encounter when accessing health care from community-based private providers and the VA.

The second panel will feature caregivers from both VA and the private sector. It will explore how public and private providers can address the needs of veterans and continue to collaborate to provide the high-quality health care veterans deserve.

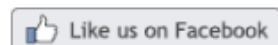
A full agenda and invitation will follow shortly. The conference is free for attendees, but registration will be required.

Event Details

When: Tuesday, May 14, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: New York Institute of Technology Auditorium
1871 Broadway (Between 61st & 62nd Streets)
New York, NY 10023

Learn more about NYSHHealth's work in [veterans' health](#).



BACKPACKING FROM NYC WITH THE SIERRA CLUB MILITARY OUTDOORS

19-21 April Backpacking from NYC I & 3-5 May Backpacking from NYC II

Choose one of two upcoming trips to join outings leader Aaron Leonard as we explore Harriman State Park, a 47,000-acre park accessible by bus and train from NYC. The Backpacking from NYC series of outings are designed as low mileage, easy to moderate in difficulty backpacking trips perfect for beginners but also fun for experienced hikers. We will show you how to access Harriman State Park using public transportation and teach:

- How to keep your pack weight low
- Choosing the right shoes, clothing, and gear so you don't waste \$\$
- How to properly fit and pack a backpack
- Navigating to and selecting camp sites
- Pitching your tent so you can stay warm, dry, and comfortable
- Running a backcountry kitchen to create awesome meals in the woods
- Finding and purifying water
- Preventing soil erosion and other leave no trace practices

19-21 April Backpacking from NYC I. Our first outing in the Backpacking from NYC series. During this outing we will explore Harriman State Park from the Tuxedo stop off the Metro-North Port Jervis line. The purpose of this outing is to become comfortable with accessing Harriman State Park from NYC using public transportation, learning how to safely explore the wilderness for three days while carrying everything you need to stay comfortable on your back, and to make new friends. Perfect for beginners and experienced backpackers, you don't have to be a veteran to apply. A full outing description with packing list will be provided upon your selection to attend. Backpacking gear is available for loan at no cost, food is provided.

3-5 May Backpacking from NYC II. Our second outing in the series, we will once again explore Harriman State Park from the Tuxedo stop. This is a repeat of our first trip.

Are you a **female veteran** looking to spend time outdoors with other female veterans? Contact Outings Leader Leslie Hoellger at lhoellg@gmail.com to learn more about the outings we are running in 2019 **for female veterans and their families**.



NEW YORK STATE PAID FAMILY LEAVE

MORE SUPPORT FOR MILITARY FAMILIES!



For its second year, New York's landmark Paid Family Leave has been enhanced with more time off and greater financial security for employees who need time off from work to

- Care for a veteran or other family member with a serious health condition,
- Assist loved ones when a spouse, domestic partner, child or parent is deployed abroad on active military service, or
- Bond with a newly born, adopted or fostered child.

In 2019, eligible employees can take up to 10 weeks of job-protected, paid leave and receive 55% of their average weekly wage, up to a cap of \$746.41 per week. Most employees who work for private employers in New York State are covered for Paid Family Leave, while public employees may be covered if their employer has voluntarily opted in to provide the benefit.

Learn More

For complete details on eligibility and how to apply, visit

[PaidFamilyLeave.ny.gov](https://www.paidfamilyleave.ny.gov)
or call the Paid Family Leave Helpline at
(844) 337-6303.



**Paid Family
Leave**

Long Island State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

FREE FREE FREE

Benefits & Resources Event

**FOR OUR VETERANS
AND
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Saturday, April 27, 2019

9 am to 1 pm

Continental Breakfast, Coffee & Tea

**at the Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790**

on the campus of Stony Brook University Hospital (follow the signs)

**Questions? Please call 631-444-8606
or visit
www.listateveteranshome.org**

FREE Health Screenings:

Vision Screening, Height, Weigh & BMI,
Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar Testing (HbA1c),
Cholesterol Testing, Sleep Apnea Assessment, Oral
Health Screening, Home Safety Assessment, Falls Risk
Assessment, Caregiver Burden Assessment,
Health Risk Assessment and Dental Screening
FREE PACE Screenings by Stony Brook Schools of
Nursing, Social Welfare, and Dental Medicine

Information Available:

Northport VA Health Eligibility and Enrollment
HIICAP Health Insurance Information
Suffolk County Veterans Services Agency
Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project
Suffolk County Social Services - Information on:
Food Stamps, Temp Assistance, Medicaid, HEAP
Brookhaven Town Services | AARP
Suffolk County Office for People with Disabilities
Assisted Living, Home Care & Companion Care Providers
Credit Counseling Services
Elder Law Attorneys & other Legal Services
Babylon Vets Center | Suffolk County Office of the Aging
Alzheimer's Information | Island Federal Credit Union

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VETERAN CULTURAL COMPETENCE TRAINING

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH • 9 AM - 5 PM

• FORDHAM UNIVERSITY •

ROSE HILL CAMPUS • BRONX, NY



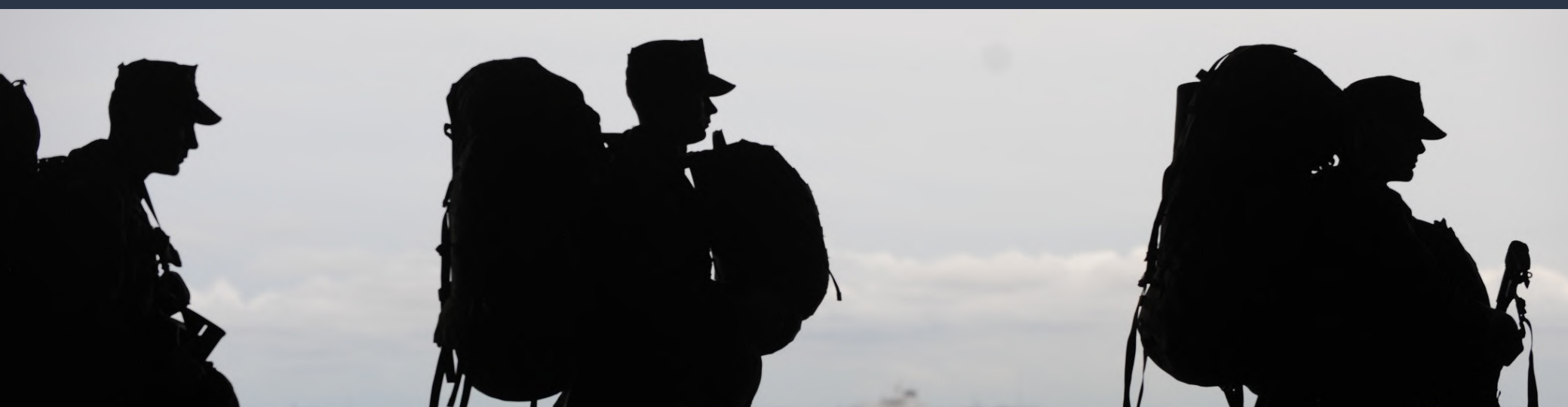
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH • 9 AM - 5 PM

• BLOOMBERG LP •

120 PARK AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10165

STEP INTO THE SHOES OF VETERANS

The VA, Fordham University, and the Syracuse University Institute of Veterans and Families are enabling a day of Veteran cultural competence training. Training consists of many different interactive events, military simulations, lectures, and a powerful theater production that illustrates the challenges of Veterans and the community's responsibility for their re-integration. All of these exercises will prepare you to work more effectively with Veterans and their families.



THEATER OF WAR PERFORMANCE:

Theater of War is an interactive performance of scenes from Sophocles' Ajax, an ancient play about the suicide of a great respected warrior, and the visible and invisible wounds caused by violence and war. This groundbreaking project is designed to promote understanding, compassion, and positive action.



ATTENDANCE IS FREE:

RSVP HERE: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/2B6SZVH](https://bit.ly/2B6SZVH)

WHO SHOULD COME?

Anyone who currently provides services to or employs Veterans, like:

- Business leaders
- HR executives
- Medical health staff
- Mental health professionals
- University faculty
- Administrators

WHY SHOULD YOU COME?

Learn how to deliver quality, culturally competent care and education to Veterans and their families.

Understand how to acquire the best strategies for optimizing the performance and growth of Veterans.

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ACTING ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADELE B. REITER PRESENTS:

2nd Annual HUDSON VALLEY VETERANS JOB FAIR



For Hudson Valley veterans and their family members, from every branch of service, including National Guard and Reserves.



Wednesday, May 8, 2019 • 11 AM—3 PM

SUNY New Paltz Athletic and Wellness Center
Southside Loop, New Paltz

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THROUGHOUT THE HUDSON VALLEY!**

Click this link to pre-register: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/vetjobfair2019>

CALL 845-340-3170 for more information or to register

HOSTED BY:

Ulster County Veterans Service Agency, Ulster County Office of Employment & Training; New York State
Department of Labor and SUNY New Paltz

Attention Long Island Veterans: Learn the latest about VA Care, especially what VA is doing for those exposed to Agent Orange and the Camp Lejeune water

Northport VA Medical Center is pleased to announce its May's 2019 Veterans Health Fair. All L.I. Veterans are invited to attend our annual VA Health Information and Enrollment Fair on May 11th, 2019 from 9am to 1pm.

If you served in the U.S. military in Vietnam or another area where Agent Orange was sprayed; or if you or a family member lived or worked at Camp Lejeune- a U.S. Marine Corps Base in North Carolina between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987, for at least 30 days- you might want to make a special effort to attend one, or both, of the below presentations.

VA and other veteran advocates will be available to assist veterans with VA care and disability claims registrations throughout the day as well.



Saturday, May 11, 2019

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Northport VAMC Pavilion

79 Middleville Road, Northport, NY 11768

RSVP by calling 631-261-4400, ext. 7749

or email AnnaMarie.Falcon@va.gov

VA HEALTH INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT FAIR

(9:00am – 1:00pm): Northport VA's Primary/Specialty Care Pavilion

- ✓ **9:00am – 1:00pm**
Information and Enrollment Fair (Pavilion)
- ✓ **10:00am – 11:00am**
Agent Orange Exposure with Question/Answer Period
- ✓ **11:15am-12:15pm**
Camp Lejeune Water Exposure with Question/Answer Period

*Remember
to bring
your
military
discharge
papers
(DD-214)!*

WAR RELATED ILLNESS AND INJURY STUDY CENTER (WRIISC) PRESENTATIONS

a national program established in East Orange, NJ by VA to develop and provide post-deployment health expertise and unique services to Veterans and their health care providers.

www.WarRelatedIllness.va.gov

What Vietnam Veterans Need to Know about Agent Orange (10:00am – 11:00am)

Dr. Omowunmi (Wunmi) Osinubi, MD, MSc, MBA, FRCA, ABIHM: Occupational and Environmental Medicine Physician Clinical Director

What Marine Corps Veterans Need to Know about Camp Lejeune Health Concerns (11:15am – 12:15pm)

Dr. Drew Helmer, MD, MS: NJ WRIISC DIRECTOR



Operation
B.O.O.T.S.



Female Veterans Dinner

April 16th @ 6:00 P.M.

FREE



KYOTO

*Japanese Restaurant
Hibachi & Sushi Bar
4060 Maple Road
Amherst, NY 14226*

*To sign up, call Lynn @ (716) 630-5020 x 202 or sign up on our
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INVEST. The Medallion Program highlights investments in Veteran Organization or Resource Groups, HR Veterans' Initiatives, and Leadership, Pay Differential or Tuition Assistance Programs that assist in developing veteran employment efforts.

RECRUIT. Employers recognize the benefits of recruiting veterans and want to attract more in the future. Recipients have the opportunity to utilize the Medallion in the marketing of their firm when hiring, as well as to attract additional business.

EMPLOY. Veterans bring experience, adaptability, and focus. Employers applying for a HIRE Vets Medallion are reaping a competitive advantage and this award allows them to maximize the return on their investment in the veteran programs they offer.

Learn more at [HIREVets.gov](https://hirevets.gov)

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PLEASE JOIN US IN

Remembering our Past- *Paying our respects to Barbara Kruse- NY7, NY2 and Corporal Ramona Valdez*

Honoring our Present- *Introducing New Members of NY6 & NY7*

Celebrating our Future- *Meeting new Friends & Making Lasting Memories*

MAY 5TH 12-4 PM

**LINDENHURST- WADE BURNS POST 7279 VFW HALL
560 N DELAWARE AVE LINDENHURST NY**

Come out ! Meet & Celebrate with your sister & brother veterans,
chat, swap stories, and reminisce!

Color Guard Ceremony, sit down buffet lunch, desserts and coffee,
cash bar for beer and wine, raffles, swag, Guest speaker to be announced.

Please RSVP to this event by April 20th – 631-672-9190

\$25 per person, payable by check before May 1st or cash only at the door

You can also send your payment to Venmo or Pay Pal @: ny7@womenmarines.org

Checks can be made out & mailed to:

Women Marines Association NY-7 , Long Island

90 Newman St. Patchogue NY 11772

Transportation may be provided **Call in advance!!**

