

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE

NYS Division of Veterans Affairs 888-838-7697
 Chemung County Veterans Affairs..607-737-5445
 Schuyler County Veterans Service...607-535-2091
 Seneca County Veterans Service...315-539-1798
 Steuben County Veterans Service .. 607-664-2528
 Yates County Veterans Services 315-536-5196
 NYS VA Counselor..... 888-838-7697
 VA Health Care Benefits and Services.....
 877-222-8387
 VA Information on Health Care Eligibility.....
 800-929-8387
 VA Education Benefits 888-442-4551
 VA Insurance..... 800-669-8477
 VA Home Loan Guarantee 888-244-6711
 National Center for Post Traumatic Stress
 Disorder 802-296-6300
 National Coalition for Homeless Veterans
 800-838-4357
 Bath VA..... 607-664-4000
 Canandaigua VA..... 585-394-2000



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Military & Veterans Appreciation Event At Watkins Glen International

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen
Sunday, June 30, 2013, 8 a.m. – Race Ends
 (First Race at 9 a.m.)

Includes:

- free admission for Military/Veterans and one guest over 19 years of age (19 and under are free as well). Proper identification required and can be in the form of a Military ID, DD214, VA Card, American Legion Card, VFW Card or picture in uniform, etc.
- free picnic style foods while supplies last
- static displays (military and civilian vehicles)
- community partner information booths - learn about benefits & services available
- children's activities
- special guests AND MORE

Enter: GATE #3 ONLY, Watkins Glen International 2790 County Route 16, Watkins Glen, NY 14891

Hosted by: Odessa American Legion Post 676, American Red Cross, Watkins Glen International, and Various Veterans and Community Service Organizations.

For questions or additional information, contact **Dawn Smith, event coordinator, at; dawn@celestial-knights.net**

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Programs for Our Veterans

New York Patriot Plan

New York Patriot Plan is a package of benefits and protections for active duty service members, with the majority of provisions applying only to residents of the State of New York. For a complete list of benefits, please visit <http://www.dmn.gov/benefits/patriots.php>.

Veterans Tuition Awards

Veterans Tuition Awards (VTA) are awards for full-time study and part-time study for eligible veterans, matriculated at an undergraduate or graduate degree-granting institution, or in an approved vocational training program in New York State.

NYS Veterans' Property Tax Exemption

NYS Veterans' Property Tax Exemption provides a partial exemption on real property taxes to veterans of defined periods of war, veterans who received expeditionary medals, or certain family members, as allowed by law. An Application for Veterans Exemption from Real Property Taxation (Form RP-458a for war-time vets or form RP-458b cold war, non-war-time vets) must be filed with the local assessor. Evidence of Military Service (DD214/copy of a Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) is required. You may only apply for one exemption.

Yellow Ribbon Program

The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed to provide redeploying Soldiers and families with a robust support network of information and services available from county, state, federal and private

Operation Recognition

Operation Recognition certifies that World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans whose education was interrupted are entitled to receive their high school diplomas.

There is no fee for this service and no additional requirements beyond having attended a New York State school and served in the armed forces during wartime. Please note: A veteran can receive the diploma even after they have died — the child or spouse of a veteran may apply on the veteran's behalf and accept a posthumous diploma.

Qualifying veterans must present one of the following as evidence of their service and service dates:

- 1 DD214. This is the Defense Department discharge form. WD AGO Form 53-55 is also acceptable.
- 2 Honorable Discharge Certificate. For persons discharged prior to the implementation of the DD214, this may be the only evidence.
- 3 Special Discharge from the Coast Guard or Merchant Marines. Recently, individuals who served as merchant mariners in World War II were recognized as veterans of that war. They are included in this legislation.

To inquire, veterans or their families should contact the NYS Education Department at 518-474-8940.

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outreach organizations upon their return home. The 30 and 60 Day Yellow Ribbon Events are an important part of the reintegration process. Please visit <http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/family/reintegration.php> for more information.

VA Medical Centers

VA Medical Centers are part of VA Health Care Upstate New York, which provides inpatient and outpatient care to veterans living in Upstate New York. They also provide numerous health care programs and services for veterans.

Bath VA Medical Center
76 Veterans Avenue
Bath, NY 14810
607-664-4000 Or 877-845-3247
<http://www.bath.va.gov/>

Canandaigua VA Medical Center
400 Fort Hill Avenue
Canandaigua, NY
585-394-2000
<http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/>



In June of last year, Assemblyman Palmesano welcomed two local female veterans to Albany as part of Women Veterans' Recognition Day.

Amy E. Kelly (left), a resident of Bath, served 15 years in the Air Force and is an accredited service officer at Steuben County Veterans Service Agency.

Joan E. Scott (right), who served 12 years in the Army, is the director of Schuyler County Veterans Service Agency. She is a nationally accredited service officer and lives in Montour Falls.



SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery (SVMC) is located in Romulus, NY and is owned and operated by Seneca County as a municipal cemetery. The Seneca County Economic Development Corporation provides the day-to-day management and maintenance of the cemetery.

Its mission is to provide veterans, and their eligible dependents, with a dignified place of military burial. Although SVMC operates under VA National Cemetery guidelines, it is not funded by federal, state or county resources at this time. The future hope is that collaborative efforts will lead to SVMC eventually becoming a federally funded National Cemetery, or a VA funded New York State Veterans Cemetery.

For more information about burial guidelines or to learn more about SVMC, please contact: 607-379-0197 or www.sampsonveteranscemetery.com

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*Feel free to contact me with any state question or issue.

Dear Friend,

June 2013

Just last month, communities across our state and nation celebrated Memorial Day. It was a time for us to reflect and remember. We certainly owe our veterans and brave servicemen and women a huge debt of gratitude for what they have done and sacrificed for all of us, our communities, our state and country. I know there are no words I could ever say that could do justice to convey the deepest gratitude and thanks to all of these incredible heroes; recognition they so very much deserve.

Without the sacrifices of these brave men and women and that of their families, none of us would enjoy the freedoms that we all cherish today. I would like to ask all of us to take a moment to pause and remember these heroes. Take a moment to say a prayer for our veterans, servicemen and women and their families. And if you can, please try to take some time to continue to show your appreciation and thanks to these heroes throughout the year.

You may ask, "What can I do?" It can be a simple act or gesture to say "thank you," or "we are thinking of you." Stop in and visit a veteran in his or her home in your neighborhood or town. Take some time to volunteer or visit our veterans at the Bath or Canandaigua VA. Teachers and their students can make cards or care packages for our veterans and troops serving in harm's way. It can be as simple as walking up to one of our many heroic men and women, whether on the street or in a store, and just say to them, "Thank you for your service and for keeping us safe."

Why are these little gestures so important to remember? Because these brave men and women have laid and will continue to lay down their lives to protect our families.

This brochure is designed to inform our veterans, servicemen and women and their families of an upcoming event on June 30th and to provide information on available programs. If you are not a veteran but know one, please take the time to share this information with them.

Once again, thank you to all of our veterans who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe. If I can ever be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Phil Palmesano



Phil is pictured with Brigadier General Timothy Trainor, Ph.D., Dean of the Academic Board of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Veterans' Path to Employment

VETERAN JOB ASSISTANCE

MY NEXT MOVE - FOR VETERANS!

Search, Browse, find Careers!
<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

VETERAN JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

Helmets to Hardhats
www.helmetstohardhats.org
866-741-6210

Troops and Teachers
800-231-6242

Small Business Administration
800-827-5722

Hire Vets First
877-872-5627

VetBiz: Center for Veterans Enterprise
866-584-2344

United States Department of Veterans Affairs Career Center
<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/employment.asp>

New York State Jobs Express
www.jobs.ny.gov

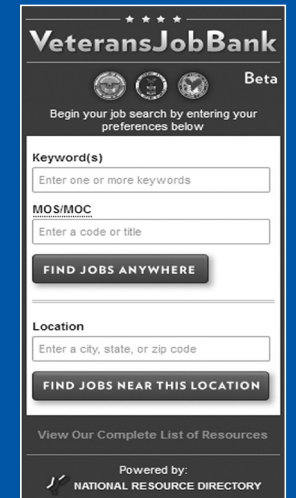
Military Hire
www.militaryhire.com

GI Bill Benefits

Federal On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Training benefits may be available to eligible veterans through the GI Bill. Additional information may be found by visiting www.veterans.ny.gov

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Veteran-Owned Businesses
www.veteranownedbusinesses.com



The screenshot shows the VeteransJobBank website interface. At the top, it says "VeteransJobBank" with a "Beta" label. Below that, it prompts the user to "Begin your job search by entering your preferences below". There are three input fields: "Keyword(s)" with a placeholder "Enter one or more keywords", "MOS/MOC" with a placeholder "Enter a code or title", and "Location" with a placeholder "Enter a city, state, or zip code". Each field has a "FIND JOBS" button. At the bottom, it says "View Our Complete List of Resources" and "Powered by: NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY".