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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
 Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 607-379-0197



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Sunday, July 2, 2017

*Military and Veterans
 Appreciation Day*

Sunday, July 2
 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Offer Information:

- Military personnel and veterans will be admitted into facility free of charge from Lots 3 and 5 on Sunday, July 2. One (1) guest will also be granted free admission.
- Guests will need to show their Military ID at facility entrance in order to receive their "Free Admission." Veterans can show their DD214 or discharge papers.
- Go to ticket booths at Gate 4A or Gate 5 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday to receive complimentary ticket for military person/veteran.

THIS OFFER IS FOR TICKETS TO THE RACE ON SUNDAY, JULY 2 ONLY

Please contact Rob Roessel with questions or for more information.

607-535-3351
 roessel@theglen.com

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SAVE THE DATE- Special Veterans Events

These three events will have information and details about services available to our veterans and military personnel.

The Watkins Montour Lions Club Vietnam Veterans Recognition Event

Date: Monday, November 13, 2017
Where: Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Tammy Waite
607-535-6828
(Daytime)
607-857-9185
(Evenings & Weekends)
TASUWA99@yahoo.com



Assemblyman Palmesano and Sen. O'Mara had the privilege of attending a special event in April recognizing the enlisted Future Soldiers group at the Corning VFW. "We would like to say thank you to these brave men and women, and so many others throughout the 132nd Assembly District and 58th Senate District, who have made the choice to serve our country and protect us and our freedoms," said Palmesano and O'Mara.



Assemblyman Palmesano and Sen. O'Mara with West Point Cadet Lili Ruland of Corning. Recently, Cadet Ruland and some of her fellow cadets were honored at the State Capitol during the Legislature's annual West Point Day.

Military & Veterans Appreciation Event

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017
Where: Eldridge Park in Elmira
Time: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Dawn Smith
dawn.smith7@va.gov
(607) 664-4542

The American Red Cross Military Salute BBQ

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2017
Where: Denison Park in Corning
Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Contact: Linda Conway
Linda.Conway@redcross.org
Home: 607-962-0765
Cell: 607-769-6552

HONORING OUR HEROES



Assemblyman Palmesano pictured here with four members of the Tuskegee Airmen and Michael A. Joseph, II of Corning, Historian of the Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. The pioneering aviators were honored in Albany last year on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary. "I cannot even begin to tell you the incredible honor it was to be able to meet and thank these four heroes who hold such a special place in our hearts and our nation's history," said Palmesano.

Assemblyman Phil Palmesano is encouraging those who know a brave veteran to nominate them for the "Honoring our Heroes Program. **Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross or Bronze Star Award** recipients can receive a decal that shows a copy of the Silver or Bronze Star Medal and the words "Proud Recipient" of the given award.

★ **The Distinguished Service Cross** is second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor.

It is given for extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force. It is awarded to persons in recognition of exceptional meritorious service to the government of the U.S. in a duty of great responsibility. The Navy Cross and the Coast Guard Cross are equivalent to the Distinguished Service Cross.

★ The **Silver Star Medal** is the third highest military decoration in the U.S. It is awarded to any position with the U.S. Armed Forces that has been noted for gallantry in action. To justify the award a veteran must have been involved in military operations concerning conflict with an opposing foreign force against an enemy of the U.S.

★ The **Distinguished Flying Cross** is a military decoration awarded to any officer or enlisted member of the U.S. armed forces who distinguishes himself or herself in support of operations by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight.

★ The **Bronze Star** Medal is the fourth highest military combat award for bravery, heroism or meritorious service not involving participation in aerial flight.

Applications can be secured at Assemblyman Palmesano's District Office.

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

Dear Friend,

June 2017

Communities across our state and nation recently celebrated Memorial Day.

It is a time for us to reflect and remember. I had the privilege to speak at the Bath Veterans National Cemetery on Memorial Day. It was a humbling and emotional experience to speak in the midst of more than 15,000 grave markers of heroes I never had the privilege to meet but sacrificed so much to protect our safety and our freedom. 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.

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 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 are willing to lay down their lives for us and our families. We honor the memories of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free and safe. We can pay tribute to the memory of the heroes we lost by honoring and respecting our veterans who are still with us and those who still serve our country as active duty servicemen and women.

This brochure is designed to inform our veterans, servicemen and women, and their families of upcoming military and veterans events and to provide information on available programs. **If you are not a member of the military or a veteran but you 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 don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Phil Palmesano

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800-827-5722

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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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