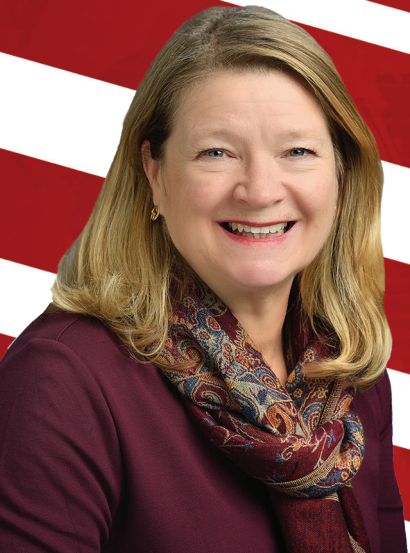


Assemblymember Karen McMahon is *fighting* for our veterans



"Standing up for those who have served our nation is one of my greatest honors. In this year's state budget, I worked to expand the property tax exemption for disabled veterans and continue investment in the Helmets-to-Hardhats program. I'll keep working every day to strengthen resources for veterans. I've compiled a few of the programs and services that are available to help veterans thrive."

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Assemblymember Karen McMahon: Utilize the *resources you earned!*



Benefits & Claims Assistance

- New York State Department of Veterans' Services **offers free accredited assistance with VA disability claims, pensions, appeals, military records, medals and state benefits.** Visit amherst.ny.us/content/veterans.php to learn more.
- Erie County Veterans Service Agency **offers free help filing VA claims, appeals, education benefits, property tax exemptions and more.** Visit www3.erie.gov/veterans for more information.

Financial & Community Benefits

- Visit www4.erie.gov/clerk/thank-vet-discount-program to **register for the Erie County Thank a Vet Discount Program for discounts on products and services across Erie County.**
- Visit tax.ny.gov/pit/property/exemption/vetexempt.htm **for information on various property tax exemptions available for veterans.**
- Visit benefits.va.gov/homeloans to apply for **VA Home Loan benefits.**
- Visit va.gov/education/about-gi-bill-benefits **to utilize your GI Bill education benefits**

Healthcare & Mental Health

- Visit va.gov/western-new-york-health-care/health-services/mental-health-care **to learn what health benefits the VA Western New York Healthcare System offers.**
- Buffalo Vet Center **provides confidential counseling for combat veterans, MST survivors and your family.** Visit va.gov/buffalo-vet-center to learn more.
- **If you need emergency mental health assistance, call the Veterans Crisis Line at 988 (press 1) or text 838255.**

Local Veterans Support Organizations

- WNY Heroes **provides emergency financial assistance, employment support, peer programs and wellness initiatives for veterans and military families.** Visit wnyheroes.org to learn more.
- Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY **offers housing, employment, legal referrals, benefits navigation, peer support and family services.** Visit www.vocwny.org to learn more.



Need Assistance? Please reach out to my office for more help!

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