Military & Veterans **Appreciation Event**

At Watkins Glen International

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

Sunday, July 1, 2018 Military and Veterans **Appreciation Day**

> Sunday, July 1 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 1. 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 1 ONLY.

Please contact Rob Roessel with questions or for more information. 607-535-3351 rroessel@theglen.com



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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 Service	es 877-222-8387
VA Information on Health Care Eligi	ibility 800-929-8387
VA Education Benefits	
VA Insurance	800-669-8477
VA Home Loan Guarantee	
National Center for Post Traumatic : Disorder	
National Coalition for Homeless Vet	800-838-4357
Bath VA	607-664-4000
Canandaigua VA	585-394-2000
Sampson Veterans Memorial Ceme	etery 607-379-0197



Dear Friend, May 2018

Memorial Day is a solemn day of reflection, remembrance, and gratitude. Last year, I had the privilege to speak at the Bath Veterans National Cemetery on Memorial Day. It was an honor and privilege that I will remember forever. I will also never forget the sight of more than 15,000 flags that, for the last 30 plus years, have been placed there each year by the fifth grade classes of the Dana Lyon Middle School in Bath, NY. (picture inside)

I also had the honor to attend the 2017 Horseheads Center Street Elementary School Veterans Appreciation Day. This annual event is an incredible tribute to our veterans. The students, who line up in the hallways to greet the many veterans, do this as a way to show their appreciation and thanks for the service and sacrifice the veterans have made for our country. (picture inside)

We all owe our veterans and active duty servicemen and women a huge debt of gratitude for what they have done and for what they have sacrificed for our communities, our state, and our country.

Without their sacrifices, none of us would enjoy the freedoms 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, active duty personnel, and their families.

You might be wondering what you can do to show your support for these brave heroes. It can be as simple as saying "thank you" or "we are thinking of you." You can stop in and visit a veteran in your neighborhood. You can take the time to volunteer or visit our veterans at the Bath or Canandaigua VA. Teachers and their students can make cards or assemble care packages for our troops currently serving in harm's way.

Why are these gestures so important? Because these brave men and women are willing to lay down their lives for us and our families. We can pay tribute to the memory of the heroes we lost by honoring the veterans who are still with us and those who still serve our country as active duty servicemen and women.

This brochure includes important information for our veterans, active duty service members and their families about upcoming events, important programming and useful resources. If you are not a member of the military or a veteran but know someone who is, please take the time to share this information with them.

Again, thank you to all of our veterans who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe and secure.

If I can ever be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Phil Palmesano

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

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

MILITARY BUSINESS OWNERS

Veteran-Owned Businesses www.veteranownedbusinesses.com.



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Assess your strengths, translate your military skills, and build your résumé

Then **search** 1 million jobs on Veterans Job Bank.

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.dmna.ny.gov/benefits/patriot/

Veterans Tuition Awards

Veterans Tuition Awards (VTA) are awards for fulltime 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-458) 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.

Yellow Ribbon Program

The Yellow Ribbon Program is designed to provide redeploying soldiers and families a robust support network of information and services available from county, state, federal and private outreach organizations upon their return home. The 30 and 60-Day Yellow Ribbon Events are an important part of the reintegration process. Please visit https://www.dmna.ny.gov/family/yellowribbon/

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.



SAVE THE DATE- Special Veterans Events

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

Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) Day

This American Red Cross event will include information about many support services available to area veterans, active duty service members and their families, including important details about emergency communications, financial assistance, information and referral services, and deployment services. Activities include a motorcycle ride, a blood drive, a barbeque, softball tournament, cornhole and horseshoe tournaments, music and a silent auction.

Date: September 1, 2018

Where: Big Flats American Legion

When: "Ride for the Red"

Motorcyle Run: 10:30 a.m.

Blood Drive: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Military Appreciation Barbeque:

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Music from the Woodhull Community Band:

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Linda Conway

linda.conway@redcross.org

607-962-0765

Note:

To register a team for the softball tournament, contact Rocky Ayers at 607-346-0164 by August 24.



Assemblyman Palmesano was honored to attend the Horseheads Center Street School Veterans Day Celebration last year. At the event, students were able to thank veterans and active duty service members for everything they've done to keep us safe.



Bath VA Military and Veterans Appreciation Event

This event will have information about upcoming community events, as well as details about services offered by the Bath VA. There will be a free picnic provided by the Elmira Elks Lodge #62 while supplies last. There will be free amusement rides.

Date: May 26, 2018

Where: Eldridge Park Dance Hall Building

When: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Dawn Smith

607-664-4542

dawn.smith7@va.gov

Fifth graders from Dana Lyon Middle School placed flags on the grave markers at the Bath VA cemetery.