



Rensselaer County Veterans Newsletter

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NYS Certified Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business

On May 12, 2014 the Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act was signed into law to increase the participation of Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business (SDVOB) in New York States contracting opportunities.

Who is eligible:

- Any business with a significant business presence in NYS where Service-Disabled Veteran (with a current VA disability rating of 10% or greater);
- Own 51% or more of the business;
- Veteran ownership is real, substantial and continuing;
- National Guard Veterans with a service related disability may also apply.

How to apply:

- Go to www.ogs.ny.gov/veterams
- Download and fill-out the Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Certification Application
- Print and sign the application
- Gather all supporting documentation, as specified in Part X of the application
- Mail the application and supporting documents to the OGS Division of Service-Disabled Veterans' Business Development as specified in the Submission Instructions (page 9)

Van Transportation...

- * *Don't drive* and need to get to the VA Medical Center?
- * We offer complimentary van transportation to and from the VAMC for *most morning* medical appointments.

For more information please call (518) 270-2760.



EMAIL: VeteransDevelopment@ogs.ny.gov CALL: 518.474.2015

A Message From Our County Executive

Rensselaer County residents have answered the call to duty throughout our nation's history. Our patriots have made a difference from the Revolution to the Civil War, World War I, World II, Korea, Vietnam and the wars against terror. Veteran's Day is a reminder of the great price paid by our veterans and veterans across our country.

I was proud to join many residents in participating in Veteran's Day observances in cities and towns in our county. The ceremonies are a profound and needed reminder of the enormous service and sacrifice by our veterans and their families, and that our mission as a country and county is to never forget that vast contribution. Our freedom and our way of life came at a high cost to so many, and it must be protected and cherished.

For our veterans and their families, we stand ready to serve and support you. Please let us know if there any issues, questions or concerns we can help with. From our Veterans office to my office and any other department or agency in county government, we look forward to working with you when the need arises.

Sincerely,

Steven F. McLaughlin

HONOR-A-DECEASED VETERAN CEREMONY

Every second Monday of the month, Rensselaer County honors a deceased veteran in a very moving and respectful ceremony in the County Legislative Chambers.

If you have a loved one who was a veteran from Rensselaer County and would like to have them honored, please contact the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency at 270-2760 for an application.

The following criteria applies to the honorees:

- Must have personal tie to Rensselaer County (born, raised, or resided in);
- Must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and discharge must accompany application;
- Copy of obituary must accompany application;
- May only be honored once;
- Submitted applications must be legible and have a family contact (name, address and telephone number);
- List of all medals, campaigns, and battles;
- Include civilian history (all community services and organizations);
- Be as detailed as possible, the entire ceremony is dedicated to this one particular veteran and it is their life story.

Completed applications and supporting info must be turned into:

Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, 1600 Seventh Avenue, Troy, New York 12180

For an application , please call us at 518-270-2760 or download an application at www.rensco.com

Upcoming Events...



Call our office to inquiry about listing your event

December 7th...Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 9th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 8:30 am,

Ellen E. McKnight, USA, 1Lt.-WWII

December 14th...Wreaths Across America Ceremony at the Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 12pm

December 25th...CHRISTMAS DAY- OFFICE CLOSED

January 1st...NEW YEAR'S DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

January 13th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 8:30 am,

William J. Rentz, Jr., USA, SP6-VWE

January 20th....MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

VETERAN NEEDS

The following list is provided to assist you in making donations to the Stratton VA Medical:

Large bottles of body wash, full size toothpaste, single toothbrushes, shaving gel (not cream), disposable razors(at least 2 blade), small packages of Q-Tips, stick deodorant, BRAND New Winter Coats (L, XL & 2xl sizes),New Undershirts, briefs & boxers (M, L, XL. 2X sizes)
New Sweatshirts and sweatpants (XL, 2X, 3X sizes).

FOOD PANTRY ITEMS: Canned Soups, Pasta, Canned Pasta Sauce, Beans, Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Non-perishable Milk, Ready to eat meals, crackers, healthy cereals, Macaroni and cheese, canned tuna and chicken, snacks, etc.

GIFT CARDS FROM: Wal-Mart, Target, Price Chopper, Hannaford, Shop-Rite, etc. for emergency purchases of clothing, toiletries and food items.

Please, all DONATED items MUST BE BRAND NEW WE CANNOT ACCEPT USED ITEMS!

Thank You for supporting our veterans! For additional information please contact:

Jim Keller Jr., Chief, Voluntary Service (518) 626-5506 or

Dom Dominguez, Voluntary Service Specialist (518) 626-5507

MONETARY NEEDS - GENERAL POST FUND LISTING

The following list is provided to assist you in making monetary donations to the Stratton VA Medical Center for the benefit of OUR Veteran's care. Our funds most in need of donations are:

Personal Comfort Items - GPF 1312: Provides clothing, toiletries and personal comfort items for indigent and inpatient Veterans in need.

Veterans Holiday Fund - GPF 1325: Provides holiday and special occasion events, services and gifts for our inpatient Veterans.

Social Work Emergency Fund - GPF 1304: Provides indigent Veterans with food, transportation, and stays in local shelters.

Homeless Veterans Assistance - GPF 1315: Provides funding FOR supplies and services for HOMELESS Veterans.

Stratton Inn - GPF 1327: Provides comfort items for Veterans requiring overnight accommodations.

Adaptive Sports Program - GPF 1328: Provides funding to send Veterans to PARTICIPATE IN adaptive sporting events.

Recreation & Music Therapy Programs - GPF 1329: Provides funding for Veterans to perform/exhibit music, drama and art.

General Purpose - GPF 1337: Provides Rehab, recreation equipment, and other Veteran needs not covered by VA budget funds.

If you or your organizations are interested in providing financial assistance, please contact:

Jim Keller Jr., Chief, Voluntary Service, at (518) 626-5506

100% of all donations received directly benefit our VETERANS

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that under the Tax Code, donations to Department of Veterans Affairs General Post Funds are deductible from federal income taxes in the manner and to the extent allowable. Donations to support any of the Department's programs are deductible, whether the donor directs that the donated funds be used for a specific purpose or allows the Department to decide how the donated funds will be used.



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

2019 Wreath Sponsorship Form

Sponsored wreaths are placed on grave markers at state and national veterans' cemeteries, as well as at local, community cemeteries each December. Wreaths may also be sponsored online at www.WreathsAcrossAmerica.org. If you wish to make your sponsorship with a credit card, please visit our website for a secure online transaction.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Wreaths Across America
PO Box 249
Columbia Falls, ME 04623

Call 877-385-9504 with any questions.
Thank you for your sponsorship and joining us in our mission
to Remember, Honor and Teach!

Sponsorship Type	Price	Quantity	Total
Individual - 1 Wreath	\$15.00		
Mailed "In Honor" card - If you wish to send a physical honor card telling someone of your sponsorship, please see "In Honor" section below. The \$2 fee is required for this mailing.	\$2.00		
Family - 4 Wreaths	\$60.00		
Small Business - 10 Wreaths	\$150.00		
Corporate - 100 Wreaths	\$1,500.00		
		Grand Total	

GRAVE SPECIFIC REQUESTS ARE NOT ACCEPTED ON THIS FORM

In Honor of:

Below, please provide email or mailing address of "In Honor of" recipient so we can notify them of your sponsorship in their honor. If you have a specific message please write it on the back of this sheet.

Email address: _____
Mailing address: _____

In Memory of:

This name will be listed on our online memory wall. Below, please provide name, rank, branch of service and state resided.

Branch of Service: _____
Rank: _____
State: _____

Please note, ALL sponsored wreaths are shipped directly to the location and NO wreaths are sent to the individuals purchasing sponsorships.

Location ID: **NYGSNS** Fundraising Group ID: **NY0057**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____ GEN: _____

Entered: _____