



Rensselaer County Veterans Newsletter

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Veterans Day Events...



JOIN US!!

**In a SALUTE
to Veterans.**

There are several events happening in Rensselaer County to show our appreciation to our Veterans for their sacrifices to preserve both our nation's and our individual freedoms. Please make every effort to join us in recognizing those who served.

On Sunday, November 9th, all veterans and their immediately family members are

invited to our annual **breakfast at the Brunswick Elks** (Route 2) from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. This is a free breakfast sponsored by the Hon. Kathleen M. Jimino, Rensselaer County Executive and the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency. The breakfast will include a noontime **Medal Presentation Ceremony** where we will be presenting medals to some of our local veterans.

Also on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th, is the annual **Memory Walk** in Troy sponsored by the Veterans of Lansingburgh.

The walk begins at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall and visits each of Troy's memorials (World War II, Korean and Vietnam). The Veterans of Lansingburgh hosts refreshments at their post following this event.

Also on November 11th, Hoffman's Car Wash will be giving free car washes to all veterans.

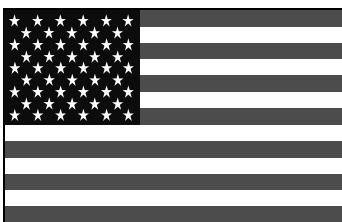
On Thursday, November 13th, Questar III located at 35 Colleen Rd. in Troy will be holding a free Veterans Day Dinner for all local veterans from 11 am to 12:30 pm, please call 273-2264 to reserve your seating.

Van Transportation...

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



**OUR VANS WILL BE OFF
THE ROAD DECEMBER
22nd-January 2nd.**



Services offered...

- Compensation: service-connected
- Pension: non-service connected
- Death Pension
- Federal Grave Markers
- VA Insurance Claims
- Medical Van Transportation

A Message From Our Director.....

"Happy Veterans Day", County Executive Kathleen M. Jimino is honored to sponsor our 10th Annual Free Veterans Day Breakfast and medal presentation at the Brunswick Lodge of Elks, Rt. 2, 665 Brunswick Road in Eagle Mills on November 9th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am, with a medal presentation at noontime.

Last year there were over 800 veterans and immediate family members served and we expect the same attendance as last year. This is just one small way that our county can say **Thank You** for your service to our country.

We have men and women in harms way once more and we all pray for their safe return.

Anyone who has lost, misplaced or never received their military medals, or are looking for a passed loved one's medals, please call our office and we will gladly assist you. When your medals arrive we notify you of the next medal presentation that we are holding, so that you may be presented with your medals during a formal formation.

Don't forget your free car wash at Hoffman's Car Wash on Veterans Day. It is the fourth consecutive year that the Hoffman family has offered this special recognition to our veteran community. Please take a moment to thank them.

Yours in Patriotism,

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Message from our County Executive...Kathleen M. Jimino:

As Veterans Day approaches I hope that we will all take a moment to remember and thank all those who have served our nation, defending our freedoms and way of life since the birth of our nation.

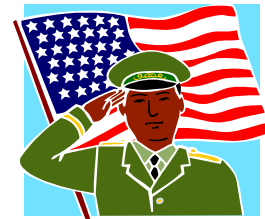
While we remember those who have previously served, I also ask that you keep those now serving in our Nation's military in your thoughts and prayers. As our

nation's war on terror continues our soldiers serve admirably, day after day, placing themselves in harms way as generations of Americans have done before them.

Veterans Day is a solemn day marked with ceremonies, memorial services, parades, dinners and breakfasts, all honoring those have served, and those currently serving. If you wish to participate in an event near you

please do not hesitate to call our Veterans Service Agency at 270-2760.

Sincerely,
Kathleen M. Jimino
Kathleen M. Jimino



Burial and Memorial Benefits:

Eligibility...

Veterans discharged from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable and service members who die while on active duty, as well as spouses and dependent children of veterans and active service members may be eligible for VA burial and memorial benefits. The veteran does not have to pre-decease a spouse or dependent child for them to be eligible.

VA national cemetery directors verify eligibility for burial in their cemeteries.

A copy of the veteran's discharge document that specifies the period(s) of active duty and character of discharge, along with the decedent's death certificate and proof of relationship to the veteran (for eligible family members) are all that are usually needed to determine eligibility.

Benefits include burial in VA National Cemeteries, Headstones and Markers, Presidential Memorial Certificates, burial flags, reimbursement of burial expenses and military funeral honors.

The funeral director and the next of kin make all arrangements for burial. We are, however, always available to assist where needed. Particulars on each of these benefits may be obtained by contacting our office.



Upcoming Events...



Call our office by the 15th of the month to list your event

November 4...Election Day—REMEMBER TO VOTE!!! (**OFFICE CLOSED**)

November 8...Stephentown Area Veterans memorial park bench dedication at 10 am and Veterans Day Parade at 11 am

November 9...Free Veterans Day Breakfast at the Brunswick Elks, 8:30 am-11:30 am, Medal Presentation at noontime

November 10...Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony-County Legislative Chambers at 8:15 am, **Ret. Lt. Col. Charles J. Werger, USMC, Korea**

November 11...Veterans Day— **OFFICE CLOSED**

November 11...Veterans Day Memory Walk in Troy, meeting at Troy City Hall, 9 a.m. start time

November 11...Free car wash at Hoffman's Car Wash for all veterans.

November 13...Free Veteran Day Dinner at Questar III from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm, please call 273-2264 to reserve your seats

November 27 & 28...**HAPPY THANKSGIVING—Office Closed**

December 8...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers, 8:15 a.m. **Frank J. Molloy, Jr. US Army, WWII**

December 25... Christmas Day (**office closed**).



