

Rensselaer County Veterans Newsletter

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR COUNTY EXECUTIVE

This month brings Election Day, and one of the most important dates on our calendar. Hopefully, everyone who is eligible exercises their right to vote and participates in the 2025 election.

It is my further hope that some if not all who vote reflect on those who secured the right to vote and be heard freely during our elections.

Our veterans fought and many died to protect our right to choose our leaders and to decide major issues facing their country and community. Many who fought and died did not have the chance to see or enjoy their full measure of freedom.

It is our duty as citizens to respect that enormous sacrifice and to use our constitutional rights to support both our nation and our neighborhood.

Thank you to all veterans and their families for their service and for all they have done - and continue to do - for our great nation.

Steven F. McLaughlin

Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony

The Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery announces its Veterans Day Ceremony to be held Tuesday, November 11th, 11:00 am. The ceremony will be held outdoors at the Flagpole Assembly Area.

Veterans Day, no apostrophe ... commemorates the end of World War I. It was the 11th month, 11th day and at the 11th hour in 1918 that an armistice with Germany was recognized. Originally called Armistice Day, it was in 1954 when then President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name to Veterans Day to honor all U.S. Military Veterans.

Saratoga National Cemetery is honored to have as this year's keynote speaker, Master Chief Petty Officer, US Navy (Retired) William Schmeelcke. Highly decorated 27-year U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program onboard Nimitz class aircraft carriers USS Nimitz, USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, and USS George Washington.

Mark this event on your calendar! You need not be a Veteran to attend; it's an opportunity for all to shake hands and say thank you in person.

Plenty of public and special needs parking, don't forget a lawn chair and to dress warm, this is an outdoor event.



26th ANNUAL VETERANS BREAKFAST
Sunday, November 9, 2025 8:00 am– 10:00 am

Free to all Rensselaer County Veterans & Immediate Family Members
Melvin Roads American Legion Post #1231
200 Columbia Tpk., Rensselaer, New York

Sponsored by County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin and the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency

Upcoming Events...



Call our office to inquiry about listing your event

Nov. 4th.. Election Day—OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 6th.. Questar III, 35 Colleen Rd., Troy, Free Veterans Day Luncheon. RSVP at (518) 273-2264

Nov. 6th.. McNulty Veterans Business Center Award Celebration at the Franklin Plaza, <https://bit.ly/3H4LN3j>

Nov. 8th.. Veterans of Stephentown Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 11am

Nov. 9th.. 26th Annual Free Veterans Breakfast at Melvin Roads American Legion, 8am-10am

Nov. 10th.. Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 8:15am,

James A. Schaeffer, US Army, MSG-Vietnam

Nov. 11th.. Veterans Day —OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 11th.. Annual Memory Walk in Troy, starting at Monument Square in Troy at 9am

Nov. 11th.. Veterans Day Ceremony at Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 11am

Nov. 11th.. Veterans of Sand Lake Veterans Day Ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park at 11am

Nov. 11th.. Veterans Day Ceremony at Chandler Young VFW Post #8162 in Nassau at 12pm

Nov. 11th.. Veterans Day Ceremony at Melvin Roads American Legion Post in Rensselaer at 1pm

Nov. 11th.. Free car wash for Veterans, Active Duty & Retired Military at all Hoffman’s Car Washes

Nov. 15th.. Annual Pro Bono Veteran Law Day at Albany Law School 8:30am-4pm

Nov. 27th.. Thanksgiving Day—OFFICE CLOSED

Nov. 28th.. Day After Thanksgiving—OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 7th.. Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Dec. 8th.. Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 8:15 am,

Sgt. Chester J. Carknard, US Army Air Corps— KIA WWII

Dec. 13th.. National Wreaths Across America Day at Saratoga National Cemetery at 11am

Dec. 25th.. Christmas Day—OFFICE CLOSED

FREE event for all Veterans, service members, and their families.

2025 ANNUAL PRO BONO

VETERAN LAW DAY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 AM - 4 PM

- Free legal consultations with licensed attorneys
- Free resources from Veteran service organizations
- Free info on benefits, housing, business and law
- Free lunch (Noon - 1PM)



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 80 New Scotland Ave.
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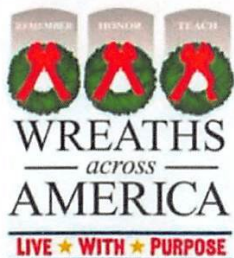
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★ **December 13, 2025** ★

National Wreaths Across America Day

Help the **VETERANS OF SAND LAKE** honor local heroes!

Sponsor a live wreath today for \$17 each, to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Elmwood Cemetery of West Sand Lake, St Henry's Cemetery, Sand Lake Union Cemetery and Taborton Zion Church Cemetery.

Must be in by December 1st.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

In Honor/Memory Of: _____

Cemetery: _____

Write a check: to Veterans of Sand Lake
Mail To: Veterans of Sand Lake
PO Box 412 Averill Park, NY 12018

Scan the QR code to donate online or visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/NY0463P



Elmwood Cemetery



St. Henry's Cemetery



Sand Lake Union
Cemetery



Taborton Zion
Church Cemetery