



# RENSSELAER COUNTY VETERANS NEWSLETTER

Rensselaer County  
Unified Family Services  
Veterans Service Agency

99 Troy Road  
East Greenbush, NY 12061

Phone: (518) 270-2760  
FAX: (518) 270-2956  
www.rensco.com

## Van Transportation...

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

For more details call:  
270-2760.



## VETERANS CRISIS LINE

DIAL 988  
PRESS 1

\*\*Confidential chat at VeteransCrisisLine.net or text to 838255\*\*  
TTY service 1-800-799-4889

Confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, for veterans and their loved ones

STEVEN F. McLAUGHLIN  
County Executive

Christopher E. Albert  
Director

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## A Message from the Director

Spring is almost here, and we're looking forward to warmer weather and longer days. As the seasons change, it's a great time to get outside and enjoy all that our community has to offer.

Being a Veteran brings many meaningful experiences and opportunities. At the same time, it can also present challenges that are difficult to face alone. We understand those challenges and are here to help. If you need medical care or additional support, we can guide you in accessing services at the Samuel S. Stratton Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, located at 113 Holland Ave., Albany, NY 12208-3410. The main phone number is (518) 626-5000. This facility is an outstanding local resource, offering a full range of services to meet the needs of our Veterans.

Our office also provides information and assistance with a wide variety of Veterans benefits. If you are a Veteran living in Rensselaer County and have questions about your benefits, please contact us. We can help file claims for service-related injuries and assist with obtaining official military records from the National Archives.

In addition, we offer medical transportation for Rensselaer County Veterans traveling to the VA Medical Center in Albany, Monday through Friday for morning appointments. Please call us in advance to schedule a ride so we can accommodate everyone. We are able to transport Veterans who use wheelchairs or other mobility devices.

We are also continuing to provide Veterans with the opportunity for a paid membership at HOTWORX locations in North Greenbush and Latham. These facilities offer a variety of workouts suitable for Veterans of all ages and fitness levels. Our goal is to help our Veterans remain both mentally and physically strong.

Get out and enjoy the beauty of Rensselaer County this spring. Thank you for your service to our country. Stay safe, and never forget!

Christopher E. Albert



## **St. Patrick's Day FREE Event Honoring Our Veterans and their Family & Friends**

***Join us on March 14th for  
Food and Cigars (Cash Bar)  
4PM to Close at  
Rensselaer Elks #2703  
683 Columbia Tpke.  
East Greenbush, NY 12061***

Proudly sponsored by:  
Rensselaer County Executive Steven F. McLaughlin,  
Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency,  
PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Program,  
and  
Assemblyman Scott Bendett  
(Cigars by Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe)

For more info, please call (518) 270-2760

# 3rd Annual Col. Peter Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Benefiting the CYVA Goebel Scholarship Fund

**Saturday  
May 16, 2026**

Burden Lake Country Club  
162 Totem Lodge Road  
Averill Park, NY 12180

12 Noon Registration and Lunch with a Shotgun Start at 1pm, Scramble Format  
Dinner at Completion of Golf

**\$125.00 per player/ Foursomes \$500.00**

SIGN UP YOUR TEAM			
List all Players	Name	Phone	Check One Steak Chicken
Team Leader			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Player 2			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Player 3			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Player 4			<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Payment due by May 10th ~ Team Leader collect for your team			

**BECOME A PROUD SPONSOR IN SUPPORTING PETER'S LEGACY**  
May 10th Payment Deadline

**\$250.00 LUNCH/DINNER SPONSOR**  
Name or Business Displayed on Banner at the Country Club

**\$100.00 FLAG HOLE SPONSOR**  
Name/ Business Card or Dedication, Custom Made for you to Keep

**\$50.00 TEE BOX SPONSOR**  
Name/Business or Personal Message Displayed on Tee Boxes on Course

Check Payable to:  
CYVA GOEBEL GOLF  
P O Box 701  
Nassau, NY 12123

Contact Info:  
Ned Dougherty (518) 378 9542  
Greg Magdalenski (518) 322 9346  
Kathleen Lill (518) 378 5186

*Thank you for your Support !*

# RENSELAER COUNTY VETERANS MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION



**DO YOU HAVE A MORNING MEDICAL APPOINTMENT AT THE ALBANY STRATTON VAMC AND DO NOT DRIVE?**

**CALL THE RENSELAER COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY AT (518) 270-2760 AND INQUIRE ABOUT THE DAILY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION TO THE ALBANY STRATTON VAMC.**



**Seabee Ball**

Sunday, March 8, 2026  
**RSVP By: Monday, March 2, 2026**  
Holiday Inn, Lake George, NY  
Attire: Business Casual  
Time: 1400-1700



**Seabee Ball**

Ticket Price:  
Island X-14 Active Members: \$15.00  
Spouses/family/friends: \$35.00  
**ALL CHECKS MADE OUT TO: SVA ISLAND X-14**

Mail check to:  
Gary Washock  
60 George Street  
Green Island, NY 12183  
(518) 698-5011

## Upcoming Events:



*Call us at (518) 270-2760 to have your event listed in the newsletter.*

- March 8th...Seabee Ball, Holiday Inn, Lake George, NY, RSVP to Gary Washock (518) 698-5011
- March 9th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m., *William C. Roy, USA-SP5-Vietnam*
- March 14th...St. Patrick's Day FREE Event for Veterans & family/friends at the Rensselaer Elks. 4pm to Close
- March 17th...Honor the Hustle Veteran Entrepreneur Workshop presented by the McNulty Veteran Business Center 8:30am to 4:30pm at Excelsior University, 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203. Register at <https://bit.ly/4gXWTUB>
- April 13th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m., *James R. Welcome, USA-M/Sgt.-WWII & Korea*
- April 18th...McNulty Veteran Business Center Veterans' Service2Success Resource and Job Fair 9am-1:30pm at the Holiday Inn Express, 400 Old Loudon Road, Latham, NY 12110. Register at <https://bit.ly/3MQxClo>
- May 11th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m. *Felix E. Etman, USN-Coxswain-WWII*
- May 16th...3rd Annual Col. Peter Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament Fundraiser at the Burden Lake Country Club