



Rensselaer County Veterans Newsletter

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Purple Heart Community

Are you interested in your City, Town or Village becoming a Purple Heart Community?

The purpose and meaning of a city/community to being called a Purple Heart City is to honor and remember military personnel wounded or killed in combat with hostile forces. The Purple Heart is specifically a combat decoration and it is our nation's oldest military medal. It was first created by General George Washington in 1782 and was then known as the Badge of Military Merit. It is the nation's oldest military medal.

For more information on how your City, Town or Village can become a Purple Heart Community, please contact your NYS Senator's office.

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.



A Message From Our County Executive

The year 2020 has presented many new and unexpected challenges. As we look ahead to a new year, we are still facing challenges and changes from the COVID-19 outbreak and an ongoing uncertainty about when we will emerge from the pandemic and return to life as normal.

Here in Rensselaer County, we deal with that uncertainty everyday while also maintaining our commitment to important services for our veterans. The 2021 county budget I introduced will maintain services relied on by veterans and their families, and remain steadfast in our commitment to support those who gave so much to protect our freedom. Other services for seniors, counseling, job placement and health also remain funded and supported in the new budget plan.

The service of our veterans was again made clear during the recent Veterans Day observances. I proudly participated in the tour of downtown Troy veteran monuments and memorials, joining family members of those who lost loved ones in past conflicts and even attained great honor for heroism and sacrifice. We also participated in a ceremony at the Chandler-Young post in Nassau, where hometown veterans, including our own county Veteran Service Agency Director Peter Goebel, was recognized with a banner.

At each ceremony, as in past years, the quiet commitment of our veterans and their families was on display. Our veterans do not seek the spotlight or undue acclamation. Instead, they are aware of their contribution in defending our nation and our security. During this period of turbulence and challenge, they should also be aware that Rensselaer County recognizes their service and will not retreat on our commitment and support to veterans.

Sincerely,
Steven F. McLaughlin

***Thank you for your service...
Now it is our time to support you!***

***Free Dental Cleanings for Veterans at
Hudson Valley Community College
Dental Hygiene Clinic***

Services Include

- Oral evaluation, periodontal screening, patient education, dental prophylaxis (cleaning), polishing, fluoride treatment
- Radiographs for a low-cost including bitewings, full-mouth series, and Panorex
- Sealants for a low cost
- Dental Nutritional Counseling

Call Now for Appointments Starting in January 2021

Hudson Valley Community Dental Hygiene Clinic: 518-629-7400

www.hvcc.edu/dept-academic/health/dhy-clinic



ANNUAL VETERANS HOLIDAY APPEAL

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The Annual Veterans Holiday Appeal is sponsored by Voluntary Services for the Sole benefit of our hospitalized Veterans. Your continues support is needed to provide these special recreation activities, events, and outings for our Veterans.

Listed below is a sampling of the events funded with your generous donations this past year:

- Dinner and luncheon events for Veterans receiving hemodialysis treatments
- Thanksgiving and Holiday dinners for various units and programs
- Holiday parties and brunches for our visually impaired Veterans
- Super Bowl party for our inpatient Veterans
- “Welcome Home” event for out Vietnam Veterans
- Pizza and wings for support group meetings
- Premium cable television service for our resident Veterans on 10B, 10C, 9B & 9C

At this time, we are asking for a monetary contribution that your organization feels will ensure these recreational activities and events continue to remain funded for fiscal year 2021.

Please send your contribution before **DECEMBER 18, 2020** or soon after. A letter of acknowledgement and field receipt will be sent as soon as your donation is received.

Please remember, 100% of every dollar donated goes to support our Veterans!

We greatly appreciate the dedication shown by your organization for the welfare of our Veterans! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 518-626-5506.

Sincerely,

James J. Keller, Jr.
Chief, Voluntary Service

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

GPF 1325 Veterans Holiday Fund

**MAIL TO: Volunteer Office (135)
Stratton VA Medical Center
113 Holland Avenue
Albany, New York 12208**



WREATHS *across* AMERICA

2020 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 individual's purchasing sponsors.

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

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Cash: _____ Total: _____ Date Received: _____

Total No. Checks: _____ Reconciled: _____

MO: _____	GEN: _____
Entered: _____	