



RENSSELAER COUNTY VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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Flag Project

Saturday May 26, 2018

Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery
200 Duell Road

Schuylerville, NY 12871

Ceremony: 8 A.M. At Main Flag Pole

Placing of Flags: Immediately Following at Assigned Sections

Donations accepted through AUSA Capital District Chapter

59 Meadow Rue Pl Malta, NY 12020

Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. NY Chapter #2

P.O Box 243 Delmar, NY 12054

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.

For more details please call 270-2760.



VETERANS CRISIS LINE

1-800-273-8255
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****Confidential chat at Veterans CrisisLine.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.

TROY MILITARY BANNER COMMITTEE

LAWN BANNER APPLICATION

DATE: _____

VETERAN: _____

SPONSOR: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

Number Ordered: _____ @ \$25.00 each.

Amount included: _____

Lawn Banners can be ordered when a larger banner has already been purchased.

Please make check out to Troy Military Banners and mail to:
Troy Military Banner Committee
PO Box 1365
Troy, NY 12181

For questions you can email us at : troybanners@gmail.com

**New York/New Jersey VA Health Care Network
Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 2)
Announces New Medical Center Director**

Darlene Delancey Brings Leadership, Proven Experience to New York

ALBANY, NY - The Department of Veterans Affairs is pleased to announce the appointment of Darlene A. DeLancey as the new director of the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center (VAMC) located in Albany, New York. Ms. DeLancey will oversee delivery of health care at the VA Medical Center and its 11 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) with an operating budget of about \$215 million and provides health care to more than 35,000 Veterans.

“We are excited to select Ms. DeLancey as the new director of the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center,” said Dr. Joan E. McInerney, Director, New York/New Jersey VA Health Care Network. “As the Deputy Network Director for VISN 2, she showed sound leadership qualities. Her proven experience will be a valuable asset to the Albany VA Medical Center and its employees, volunteers, and most importantly, the Veterans we are honored to serve there.”

Delancey joined VA more than 29 years ago and has held progressive leadership positions. More recently, she served as VISN 2 deputy network director, which includes 10 VA medical centers, 66 Community Based Outpatient Clinics, 37 Community Living Centers and 11 domiciliary programs, and with over 17,000 employees providing care for more than 468,000 Veteran patients. In June 2017, Ms. DeLancey was selected to serve as interim director at the Albany VAMC.

Delancey holds a Master of Science in Program Development and Evaluation from the State University of New York-Albany (SUNYA) and a Bachelor of Science in Medical echnology from the State University of New York-Plattsburg. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and a graduate of the Veterans Health Administration’s Executive Career Field VHA Executive Leadership Program.

With more than 1,200 staff and 11 Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) serving 22 counties in Upstate New York, Western Massachusetts, and Vermont, the Albany Stratton VA Medical Center is an integrated medical center that provides primary, tertiary and long-term care with state-of-the-art technology, providing a full range of patient care services, education and research.

Eighth Ward Memorial to Honor WWII Veterans

The Eighth Ward's World War II memorial tribute containing 271 names will be the third of three memorials honoring over 900 residents who were members of the Armed Services from South Central Troy: the First Ward memorial containing 363 names is located on the corner of Third Street and Division, the Eleventh Ward memorial containing 286 names is located on Third Street between Adams and Jefferson. Its proposed site, along with a 20 foot flag pole, will be near the bocce courts at the historic Hill Street market area in Troy's Little Italy. The tribute will include a printed vinyl sign approximately 52" long by 40" wide that contains images and names from the temporary Eighth Ward Honor Roll which was disassembled in the late 1940s. It was located at the corner of Washington and Church streets. Photo-graphs on the sign are from the family history collections of Marion Church Field and Mickey Visk.

The memorial tribute is sponsored by the Little Italy Quality of Life Committee, the Eleventh Ward Veterans Memorial Committee, the Ciccarelli-Rea-Agars-Bevevino Veterans Post 1954 and the Italian Community Center Charitable Foundation. We thank them for their support. The memorial sign was designed by Dave Matthews' *No Name Sign Company* of Troy, NY. We have applied to the Troy City Council's Neighborhood Improvement Program for a possible grant for our project.

For a list of those names, either identified on the temporary honor roll or added by reviewing the member list of the Ciccarelli-Rea-Agars-Bevevino Veterans Post 1954 and the brochure "Our Boys in Service" issued in the 1940s by the Italian Community Center, please contact Mike Esposito at mike95943@gmail.com or Sam Chiappone at sgchiappone@gmail.com. Let them know of any corrections as well as any additional names.

Names on the plaque will include surnames and initials of the first name which is similar to the arrangement on the First and Eleventh Ward memorials. The list of veteran's names can be updated as additional names are identified. Only members of the Armed Services who were residents of the Eighth Ward during WWII will be listed. Dedication of the memorial will be Veterans Day, November 11, 2018.

The 271 names were those identified from what can be seen on the photograph of the temporary honor roll and two other sources. We estimate that there may be as many as 100 names blocked by the committee members standing in front of the honor roll.

Remember - the Eighth Ward was from Liberty Street to Adams Street and the streets in between from the Hudson to Havermans and Hill Street. We want as complete a list as possible of Eighth Ward WWII veterans. Please help.

For more info please contact: Contact Mike Esposito at mike95943@gmail.com or Sam Chiappone at sgchiappone@gmail.com.

A Message from the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency Director

As the weather warms up, our thoughts turn to Memorial Day and honoring our fallen comrades. There will be many parades and ceremonies to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and joined the ranks of those we honor annually in May, but remember every day. Remember and honor them by living above the common level of life and assisting your fellow veterans in whatever way that you can. Join with other veterans, to make it easier to see the cumulative effects of our efforts, and to help veteran who may not be aware of the aid that is out there for them, and for the less fortunate in our communities.

Join a post you are eligible for. Get out there and join us to help out Veterans. "Find Your Niche"!

All Veterans should have their DD-214's or discharge documents registered at the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency and/or the Rensselaer County Clerk's Office. Honorably Discharged Veterans can get their Return the F.A.V.O.R. card at the County Clerk's Office at 150 Third Street, Troy, New York or call them at (518) 270-4080.

Remember to find those deceased Veterans that we can honor. Everyone at your Posts and every Veteran out there should know at least one Veteran that the Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Committee can remember in the monthly poignant ceremony and each Post should also contact the Rensselaer County Legislature to honor our living Veterans at (518) 270-2880 or email: Renscoleg@renesco.com. This is a straight forward process and won't take much time.

Enjoy your spring and remember Memorial Day when we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Nation.

Yours in Patriotism,

Peter K. Goebel

Upcoming Events:



Call us by the 15th of the month and we will list your event .

May 14th...Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony, Legislative Chambers at 8:30am:

The Rustin Brothers: Joseph C. Rustin-USN-KWE/Cold War; Paul T. Rustin-USN-KWE/CW; & Theodore H. Rustin-USN- Cold War

May 24th... Melrose, Schaghticoke, Valley Falls and Johnsonville Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 6:30 pm in Melrose

May 26th...Flag Project at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery at 8a.m., more info call (518)470-7418

May 26th... East Greenbush Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 10 am

May 27th... Rensselaer Memorial Day Parade, ceremony @ 1pm - step off @ 2 pm

May 28th... MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

May 28th... Sand Lake Memorial Day Parade, step-off @ 10am

May 28th... Hoosick Falls Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 10am

May 28th... Castleton Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 10am

May 28th... 22nd Annual Lansingburgh Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 11 am rain or shine

May 28th... Berlin Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 11am

May 28th... Poestenkill Memorial Day Parade @ 11am

May 28th... North Greenbush Memorial Day Parade, step off @ 1:30 pm

May 28th... Nassau Memorial Day Parade, step-off @ 2pm

June 11th... Honor-A-Deceased Veteran Ceremony, Legislative Chambers at 8:30am:

Paul J. Hendrick, USA-Vietnam