

# ASSEMBLYMAN AL STIRPE:

A voice for Central New York veterans

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**“ The brave men and women who risk their lives to protect our nation are truly heroes. I’ll always fight for our veterans just like they fought for us and ensure they have the resources and support they need.”**

**– ASSEMBLYMAN AL STIRPE**

# ASSEMBLYMAN AL STIRPE IS WORKING HARD FOR LOCAL VETERANS

*To honor and support our service members and their families, Assemblyman Stirpe:*

- Co-sponsored a law to **expand access to veteran treatment courts** by allowing the transfer of a criminal case against a veteran in a county without one of these courts to an adjoining county that does (*Ch. 91 of 2021*)
- Passed legislation to create a women veterans advisory committee to help the state Division of Veterans' Services **better advocate for women veterans** (*A.1140-A - passed both houses and awaiting governor's signature*)
- Passed legislation to **clarify that career members of the armed forces are veterans** for the purpose of tax exemptions (*A.6055-A - passed the Assembly*)
- Passed a law to remove red tape and streamline the siting and approval process for a **state veterans cemetery** (*Ch. 41 of 2021*)

*Earlier this year, Stirpe also helped pass a state budget that:*

- **Provides \$5 million to expand the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project**, which is a peer-to-peer program that helps veterans struggling with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI) and other mental and behavioral health issues
- Reestablishes the state Division of Veterans' Services existing call-in line to **connect veterans directly to Veterans Benefit Advisors**
- **Extends tuition benefits** for eligible members of the armed forces to attend college in New York State
- **Extends the Hire-A-Vet tax credit** for two additional years, which offers a tax credit to employers who hire veterans

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