

Thank you to all of our veterans, active duty servicemen and servicewomen, and your families for your courage, commitment, service and sacrifice. There are no words we can ever say or actions we can ever take that would do justice to the incredible debt of gratitude we all owe to you. Thank you again so very much, and may God bless each and every one of you.



Assemblyman Phil Palmesano

## VOLUNTEER TO HELP OUR VETS

The American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to help active duty military personnel and veterans right here in our community. Opportunities are available in the following areas:

- Military Family Caseworkers
- VA volunteers
- Homeless veteran outreach
- Program Presenters
- Event Coordinators

There are numerous organizations in our region that provide volunteer opportunities in support of our local veterans. Please feel free to contact your local Veterans Service Agency, which is listed in this brochure. You can contact your local American Legion, V.F.W. or the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs to find more ways to show your support and appreciation.

To learn how to volunteer, contact **607-785-7202** or visit [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer).

## Veterans' Path to Employment

### VETERAN JOB ASSISTANCE

#### MY NEXT MOVE - FOR VETERANS!

Search, Browse, find Careers!  
<http://www.mynextmove.org/vets/>

#### VETERAN JOB SEARCH RESOURCES

Helmet to Hardhats  
[www.helmetstohardhats.org](http://www.helmetstohardhats.org)  
**866-741-6210**

Troops and Teachers  
**800-231-6242**

Small Business Administration  
**800-827-5722**

Hire Vets First  
**877-872-5627**

VetBiz: Center for Veterans Enterprise  
**866-584-2344**

United States Department of Veterans Affairs Career Center  
<http://www.oefoif.va.gov/employment.asp>

New York State Jobs Express  
[www.jobs.ny.gov](http://www.jobs.ny.gov)

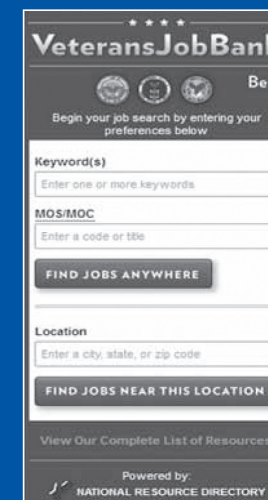
Military Hire  
[www.militaryhire.com](http://www.militaryhire.com)

#### GI Bill Benefits

Federal On-the-Job Training and Apprenticeship Training benefits may be available to eligible veterans through the GI Bill. Additional information may be found by visiting [www.veterans.ny.gov](http://www.veterans.ny.gov)

#### MILITARY BUSINESS OWNERS

Veteran-Owned Businesses  
[www.veteranownedbusinesses.com](http://www.veteranownedbusinesses.com).



VeteransJobBank  
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Begin your job search by entering your preferences below  
Keyword(s)  
Enter one or more keywords  
MOS/MOC  
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# The Red Cross – Serving our Troops and Vets

## LENDING A HELPING HAND

Two critical Red Cross programs provide important services to our troops when they are protecting our freedoms overseas and help them find stability when they come home to their families and communities.

## EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM

Twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, the Red Cross relays urgent messages containing accurate, factual, complete, and verified descriptions of the emergency to service members stationed anywhere in the world, including on ships at sea and at embassies and remote locations. Even if the service member receives an email or phone call from home, Red Cross-verified information assists the member and his/her commanding officers with making a decision regarding emergency leave.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The number to call is as follows:

Call **(877) 272-7337** (toll-free)

When calling the Red Cross be prepared to provide as much of the following information as possible:

- Full legal name
- Rank/rating
- Branch of service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard)
- Social Security Number
- Date of birth
- Military unit address
- Information about the deployed unit and home base unit

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Red Cross partners with all branches of the service through the Military Aid Society by providing financial assistance to military personnel, their families, and retired veterans. Eligible participants can receive financial assistance through a Military Aid Society in the form of interest free loans or an outright grant gift that can be used to pay for back rent or mortgage payments, utility payments, food, burial and funeral expenses, medical and dental expenses, vehicle payments, and repairs.

Eligible parties include: **a)** active duty military personnel and their immediate families, **b)** reserve and National Guard activated under Title 10, U.S. Code, and their immediate family members, **c)** a military retiree or spouse of retiree, **d)** widow(er) of deceased service members – active or retired.

For additional information or to apply, please call: **(877) 272-7337** (toll-free).

## RED CROSS LAUNCHES NEW HERO CARE MOBILE APP FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS, VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES

The American Red Cross is launching a new mobile application, **HERO CARE**, to help connect our troops, veterans and their family members to emergency services, financial aid, travel help and a range of important programming. Capabilities include:

- Emergency Assistance
- Secure, Emergency Information Storage That Can Be Edited Remotely
- Connects Users to Community Partners and Government Resources

The **HERO CARE** app is available for free download for Android and Apple devices.

# UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

## BATH VA MILITARY AND VETERANS APPRECIATION EVENT

This event will have information about upcoming community events, as well as details about services offered by the Bath VA. There will be a free picnic provided by Elmira Elks Lodge #62 while supplies last. There will be free amusement rides.

**When: Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

Where: Eldridge Park Dance Hall Building  
96 Eldridge Park Dr., Elmira

When: 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Contact: Dawn Smith  
607-664-4542  
[dawn.smith7@va.gov](mailto:dawn.smith7@va.gov)

## RIDE FOR THE RED

**All Bikers Invited To This Public Event!**

This motorcycle ride honors Gold Star families and local veterans from all wars. Come ride or come show your support! The event includes a blood drive at the American Legion.

**When: Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>**

Ride begins at 10:30 a.m. Blood drive is from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: Big Flats American Legion  
45 Olcott Rd. S, Big Flats

## RED CROSS SERVICE TO THE ARMED FORCES MILITARY SALUTE BARBECUE

All veterans, active duty personnel and their families are welcome to attend this free event at the pavilion in Eldridge Park. This is a great way to salute the brave servicemen and women who have sacrificed so much for all of us!

**When: Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

Where: Eldridge Park  
96 Eldridge Park Dr., Elmira  
When: 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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\*Feel free to contact me with any state question or issue.

# Military & Veterans Appreciation Event

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

**Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**Lots 3 and 5 Parking Areas**

**Offer Information:**

- Military personnel and veterans will be admitted into facility free of charge from Lots 3 and 5 areas on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - One guest will be allowed into the facility free of charge
- Guests will need to show their Military ID at facility entrance in order to receive their "Free Admission." Veterans can show their DD214 or discharge papers.
- **Go to ticket booths at Gate 4A or Gate 5 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday to receive complimentary ticket for military person/veteran.**

**THIS OFFER IS FOR TICKETS TO THE RACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30<sup>th</sup> ONLY**

Please contact Natalie Costello with questions or for more information.

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**ncostello@theglen.com**

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE

- NYS Division of Veterans' Affairs ..... 888-838-7697
- Chemung County Veterans Affairs..607-737-5445
- Schuyler County Veterans Service...607-535-2091
- Seneca County Veterans Service...315-539-1798
- Steuben County Veterans Service ..607-664-2528
- Yates County Veterans Services ..... 315-536-5196
- NYS VA Counselor..... 888-838-7697
- VA Health Care Benefits and Services..... 877-222-8387
- VA Information on Health Care Eligibility..... 800-929-8387
- VA Education Benefits ..... 888-442-4551
- VA Insurance..... 800-669-8477
- VA Home Loan Guarantee ..... 888-244-6711
- National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder ..... 802-296-6300
- National Coalition for Homeless Veterans ..... 800-838-4357
- Bath VA..... 607-664-4000
- Canandaigua VA ..... 585-394-2000
- Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery ..... 607-379-0197



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