

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 Palmescano



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:

Lisa Taibi (716) 387-9135

lisa.taibi@redcross.org

or

Linda Conway

linda.conway@redcross.org

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

Helmets to Hardhats

www.helmetstohardhats.org

866-741-6210

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

Military Hire

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

MILITARY BUSINESS OWNERS

Veteran-Owned Businesses
www.veteranownedbusinesses.com.



Services For Our Veterans

SAMPSON VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY NAMED AS FIRST STATE VETERANS CEMETERY

Just before Memorial Day 2021, it was announced that New York's first state veterans cemetery will be right here in Seneca County at Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Thank you to the Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery Citizens Committee, the Seneca County Board of Supervisors, our veterans and all those who dedicated so much time and worked so hard to advocate for and support this designation. The land upon which Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located is hallowed ground and will continue to serve as a special, fitting, and final resting place for the brave men and women of the military who served to protect us and our freedoms.

Sampson's mission is to provide veterans and their eligible dependents with a dignified place of military burial. Since September 2011, Sampson has completed over 900 burials. Sampson is open every day of the year with visitation from sunrise to sunset. Burial operations take place Mon-Fri from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

For more information about burial guidelines or to learn more about Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, please contact **Director William R. Yale at 607-379-0197 or wyalde@co.seneca.ny.us**, or visit the website at www.sampsonsveteranscemetery.com

Do you have concerns regarding exposure to airborne hazards such as burn pits?

Did you serve or do you know someone who served in Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield (ODS), New Dawn (OND), or Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF)? This includes deployment to countries in the Southwest Asia theater of operations any time after August 2, 1990, or Afghanistan or Djibouti after September 11, 2001. Please consider completing your Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry exam, which is conducted in two parts: 1) the online portion followed by 2) in-person portion.

Steps for completing the online portion of the exam are listed here: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/docs/exposures/Registry-Steps.pdf>

For additional FAQ's: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/faqs.asp> and <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/>

Be sure to request the in-person portion of the exam once you complete the online portion. You can be scheduled by calling **Kerri-Ann Messecar at the Bath VAMC at (607) 664-4609**. For additional information or questions, please contact **Kerri-Ann Messecar at (607) 664-4609** or Dawn Smith at (607) 664-4542.

Access Your VA Care Team Through Video Telehealth

Ask your VA provider about VA Video Connect if:

- You prefer to receive your care from home or a non-VA facility.
- You find getting to your VA facility difficult or time-consuming.
- You are too busy to attend in-person appointments regularly.
- You need to see a VA specialist who is not located near you for treatment.

How to get started with VA Video Connect:

1. Talk with your VA provider to see if telehealth is a good fit for your care.
2. Learn more at: mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect.
3. For help setting up VA Video Connect on your device, call the Office of Connected Care Help Desk toll free at **866-651-3180**.

For additional information or questions, please contact Terry Southard at (607) 664-4490 or terry.southard@va.gov.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

Honoring Our Veterans

The Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces is honoring WWII and Korean Combat veterans for their service and sacrifice. Special events will be held periodically to honor and recognize these veterans. If you know of a WWII or Korean Combat veteran, please email Linda Conway at the below address.

The Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces is also reminding residents of Wreaths Across America Day at Bath National Cemetery:

When: Saturday, December 17th, 2022

Where: Bath National Cemetery, San Juan Ave., Bath, NY 14810

Contact: Linda Conway, linda.conway@redcross.org

**To purchase a wreath, please visit the Wreaths Across America website at: <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/> and specify Bath National Cemetery.*

Vietnam Wall Memorial

Coming to Elmira in July 2022

All members of the public are invited to attend. The Vietnam Wall Memorial in Elmira will be at Eldridge Park from June 29th to July 4th and will be open 24 hours a day until July 4th. The 'Moving Wall' is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C.

When: Wednesday, June 29th – Monday, July 4th
(exhibit will close at 4 p.m. on July 4th)

Where: 96 Eldridge Park Dr., Elmira, NY 14901

Contact: Dan Delane, Wall Coordinator, 607-333-1214

Finger Lakes VA Health Care System

VA Finger Lakes mobile mammogram services will be held at both the Bath VA and the Elmira VA clinic. **To schedule, please call 585-393-7520.**

Bath VA clinic:
July 25, 2022 - October 19, 2022
76 Veterans Ave., Bath, NY 14810

Elmira VA clinic:
November 30, 2022
1316 College Ave., Elmira, NY 14901

VETERANS' CRISIS HOTLINE: 1-800-273-8255, press 1

COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters still available through your VA. Please call your **VA Primary Care Team or **(607)664-4899** if you are not currently enrolled.*

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

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Military & Veterans Appreciation Event At Watkins Glen International

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

Sunday, June 26th
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 at gate on Sunday, June 26th
- One guest will also be allowed into the facility free of charge
- Military personnel 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 5 or the ticket office from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday to receive complimentary ticket for military person/veteran and guest.

THIS OFFER IS FOR TICKETS TO THE RACE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26th ONLY

Please contact Cindy Burrows with questions or for more information.

607-535-3405
racing@theglen.com



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS FOR VETERANS ASSISTANCE

NYS Division of Veterans' Services.....	888-838-7697
Chemung Co. Veterans Services.....	607-737-5445
Schuyler Co. Veterans Services.....	607-535-2091
Seneca Co. Veterans Services.....	315-539-1633
Steuben County Veterans Services.....	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
Veterans' Crisis Hotline.....	1-800-273-8255, press 1



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