

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
 Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery
 607-379-0197
 Canandaigua VA..... 585-394-2000



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Military & Veterans Appreciation Event At Watkins Glen International

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

June 30-July 3

**Kaplan University Military and
 Veterans Appreciation Day**

Sunday, July 3

**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, July 3
 - 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, JULY 3 ONLY**

Please contact Rob Roessel with questions or for more information.

607-535-3351

roessel@theglen.com

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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).

GET INVOLVED

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 **585-241-4418** or visit redcross.org/volunteer .

UPCOMING EVENTS TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

RIDE FOR THE RED LABOR DAY WEEKEND

**American Red Cross
All Bikers Invited!**

Motorcycle Run

When: Friday, September 2, 2016

Where: Americas Best Value Inn

196 South Hamilton Street

Painted Post, NY

Motorcycle Ride leaves at 5:30 p.m.

Supported by Arkport Harley-Davidson
AND Southern Tier Harley-Davidson
All Bikers and the Public are Invited!

SAVE THE DATE

Military Salute Brunch for Veterans and their Families –

Venue: Charles E. Westcott Bath American Legion
14 Williams Street, Bath, NY

Date: Saturday, October 29

Time: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Contact: Linda Conway

Email: linda.conway@redcross.org

Phone Numbers: . 607-936-3766, 607-962-0765

This event is free for all veterans, or active duty personnel, and their families. Assemblyman Palmesano will be the keynote speaker. Information tables will include materials from Veterans Affairs departments and service organizations, and representatives will be able to answer questions from veterans.

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

Dear Friend,

June 2016

Communities across our state and nation recently celebrated Memorial Day. It is a time for us to reflect and remember. We certainly owe our veterans and brave servicemen and women a huge debt of gratitude for what they have done and sacrificed for all of us, our communities, our state, and country. I know there are no words I could ever say that could do justice to convey the deepest gratitude and thanks to all of these incredible heroes.

Without the sacrifices of these brave men and women, and that of their families, none of us would enjoy the freedoms that we all cherish today. I would like all of us to take a moment to pause and remember these heroes. Take a moment to say a prayer for our veterans, servicemen and women, and their families. And if you can, please try to take some time to continue to show your appreciation and thanks to these heroes throughout the year.

You may ask, "What can I do?" It can be a simple act or gesture to say "thank you" or "we are thinking of you." Stop in and visit a veteran in his or her home in your neighborhood or town. Take some time to volunteer or visit our veterans at the Bath or Canandaigua VA. Teachers and their students can make cards or care packages for our veterans and troops serving in harm's way. It can be as simple as walking up to one of our many heroic men and women, whether on the street or in a store, and just say to them, "Thank you for your service and for keeping us safe." Information enclosed will also explain how you can get involved through the American Red Cross and other veterans service agencies and organizations.

Why are these little gestures so important to remember? Because these brave men and women are willing to lay down their lives for you and your family. We honor the memories of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free and safe.

This brochure is designed to inform our veterans, servicemen and women, and their families of upcoming military and veterans events and to provide information on available programs. If you are not a member of the military or a veteran but you know one, please take the time to share this information with them.

Once again, thank you to all of our veterans who have sacrificed so much to keep us safe. If I can ever be of any help to you, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Phil Palmesano

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
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

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

