



**Dear Friend:** The men and women of the armed forces have served valiantly to protect the freedoms and liberties that we all enjoy today. There is no question that they have earned their recognition. That is why the New York Division of Military and Naval Affairs has many medals and awards to honor our New York veterans for their many sacrifices and commitment to serving the people of this great nation. Included in this brochure is a description of only a few of the many awards available through the New York State Division of Military and Naval Affairs to New York veterans. For a complete listing, please visit [dmna.ny.gov](http://dmna.ny.gov) and click on "Military Member Services" and then click on "Awards and Decorations." You can also call the office at: (518) 786-4589. I hope you find this information useful. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
**Assemblyman Anil Beephan, Jr.**  
**105th Assembly District**

## WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs helps veterans, their dependents, and survivors. You can visit them on the Internet at: [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov). The New York State Division of Veterans' Services protects the interests of veterans and provides information on any benefits due to them through veterans service providers.

You can contact the New York State Division of Veterans' Services at: 1-888-VETS-NYS (1-888-838-7697). This number is in operation from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays or on the Internet at: [veterans.ny.gov](http://veterans.ny.gov). For questions about New York State Military Awards, call the New York State Awards Program Office at (518) 786-4589 or visit their website [dmna.ny.gov/awards/](http://dmna.ny.gov/awards/).

Also, every county in New York State has a veterans service agency to provide assistance on the local level.

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# VETERANS' RESOURCES

Veterans Administration  
www.va.gov

VA Hudson Valley Health Care  
www.hudsonvalley.va.gov

Castle Point Campus  
1-845-831-2000

Poughkeepsie Clinic  
1-845-452-5151

Pine Plains Clinic  
1-518-298-9240

NYS Veterans' Affairs  
www.veterans.ny.gov

NYS Department of Labor  
www.labor.ny.gov/vets  
1-845-473-9000

Dutchess County Stabilization Center  
230 North Road, Poughkeepsie  
1-845-486-2849  
Walk-ins welcome 24/7

Veterans HELPLINE  
Dial 9-8-8, then press 1  
or Text 1-845-485-9702

DUTCHESS COUNTY  
VETERANS SERVICES  
Veterans One Stop Location  
1335 Route 44, Suite 2  
Pleasant Valley, NY 12569  
1-845-486-2060 - Office  
1-845-486-6452 - Fax

[DUTCHESSNY.GOV/VETERANS](http://DUTCHESSNY.GOV/VETERANS)

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## Medal for Valor

The Medal for Valor may be awarded to a member of the New York State Organized Militia who shall have displayed a conspicuous act of valor, heroism, courage or gallantry either in a military or civilian capacity. For more information on how to obtain an application to recommend someone to receive this award, please refer to the [dmna.ny.gov](http://dmna.ny.gov) website or call (518) 786-4530. The approving authority for this award is the Governor.

## The Conspicuous Service Medal

The Conspicuous Service Medal may be awarded to an individual who shall have distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service in a capacity of great responsibility. The service can be performed while in an active status by a member of the New York State Organized Militia, by a civilian in support of the New York State Organized Militia, or to other individuals who have provided support to the New York State Organized Militia and deemed appropriate by the Adjutant General. For more information on how to obtain an application to recommend someone to receive this award, please refer to the [dmna.ny.gov](http://dmna.ny.gov) website or call (518) 786-4520.

The approving authority for this award is the commander of each respective major component of the New York State Organized Militia.

## The Conspicuous Service Cross

The Conspicuous Service Cross may be awarded

to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable subsequent to the time of receipt of the citation while serving in the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or in the Army Nurse Corps, and who has received a personal decoration issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The Conspicuous Service Cross may also be awarded to any citizen of New York State who, while serving with the allied forces, received a personal decoration published in order issued by a brigade or equivalent higher headquarters. The award of the Conspicuous Service Cross is based on prior award of at least one of the following military decorations:

- Medal of Honor
- Distinguished Service Cross
- Navy Cross
- Air Force Cross
- Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- Distinguished Service Medal (Army)
- Distinguished Service Medal
- Navy-Marine Corps)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force)
- Distinguished Service Medal (Coast Guard)
- Silver Star
- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit
- Distinguished Flying Cross
- Soldier's Medal
- Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- Airman's Medal
- Coast Guard Medal
- Bronze Star Medal
- Purple Heart
- Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- Medal for Meritorious Service
- Air Medal

or as prescribed by New York State Military Law,

individual was a Prisoner of War; served at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; directly participated in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy on June 6, 1944; or has been declared by the Department of Defense as killed or missing in action.

## Conspicuous Service Star

To whom awarded:

- Current New York State citizen, or
- New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty, and
- A current or former full-time military person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States or allied forces for purposes other than training since April 6, 1917; Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) excepted, and
- Who is currently serving under honorable conditions or who has been honorably discharged from active duty.

The Conspicuous Service Star may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a New York State citizen while serving on federal active duty; whose entire service was honorable and who received a unit commendation arising from combat while serving in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

## Medal for Merit

The Medal for Merit may be awarded to any current New York State citizen or person who was a citizen of the state while serving on federal active duty; or a non-New York State citizen who is an active member in the New York State Organized Militia and as an active member in the New York State Organized Militia, served with units of the New York State Organized Militia while on federal active duty for purposes other than training and/or annual training; whose entire service was

honorable and who received a valor, achievement, commendation, or meritorious service decoration, of a lesser degree than required for the award of the Conspicuous Service Cross, or whose service was in direct support of combat operations while serving in the United States Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard.

## Replacing New York State Awards

To obtain a replacement for a New York State medal or ribbon, send a letter with proof that the medal or ribbon was awarded - normally, the orders presented with the award or written proof that duty was performed - to the New York State Awards Section at this address:

Headquarters, New York State Division of  
Military and Naval Affairs  
ATTN. State Awards  
330 Old Niskayuna Road • Latham, NY 12110

For questions about New York State Military Awards call the New York State Awards Program Office at: **(518) 786-1520**.

## Original Military Documentation

If a veteran does not have in their possession the required documentation necessary for eligibility or requires confirmation of federal award entitlements, it is suggested they write to:  
National Personnel Records Center  
1 Archives Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63138

**DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS**  
*Information provided by [dmna.ny.gov](http://dmna.ny.gov)*



To contact me about state issues, please visit my District Office at North Hopewell Plaza, Suite #1, 1075 Rt. 82, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533, call me at 845-221-2202 or email me at [beephana@nyassembly.gov](mailto:beephana@nyassembly.gov).