

# Look Inside

## Important Information for Veterans

Veterans' benefits are not awarded automatically. Please reach out to my office, visit [veterans.ny.gov](https://veterans.ny.gov) or call 888-VETSNYS(838-7697) for more information on eligible benefits and services. You can also download the NYS Veterans Official NY app, available for iOS and Android devices.

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## Assemblyman Aron Wieder: Honoring and Supporting Local Veterans



## Dear Neighbor,

As your state Assemblyman, I honor and support the many veterans that live right here in the 97th Assembly District by ensuring veterans and their loved ones have access to the resources and benefits rightfully earned for their sacrifice and service. Whether it is renewing federal or state benefits or applying for new or additional services while transitioning back to civilian life, it is my priority to make sure veterans have the support needed.

Inside you'll find information on several programs and services available through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the New York State Department of Veterans' Services. These benefit details inform veterans and their families who need help with housing, mental health services, child care and other resources. I encourage you to review all details and see if you are eligible to apply.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to reach out to my office.

Sincerely,  
Assemblyman Aron Wieder





# Assemblyman Aron Wieder Stands with New York Veterans and Delivers Support



**The State of New York Homes for Veterans Program** offers veterans access to low-mortgage and down payment assistance to help them achieve homeownership.

**Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veterans Support Program** operated through BRIDGES and supported by the Rockland County Department of Mental Health and Rockland County Veteran Service Agency. Assemblyman Aron Wieder fought for a New York State budget that fully funds this essential support program.

**Department of Defense Military Child Care Support** provides high quality, affordable child care options to military-connected families, with offerings designed to meet their unique needs.

The **Lifetime Liberty Pass** allows eligible New York State veterans or Gold Star parents, spouses and children discounted use of state parks, historic sites, and recreational facilities operated by the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (NY State Parks) and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

**Veterans Affairs (VA) Home Loan Guaranty Benefit** helps veterans, servicemembers, and eligible surviving spouses become homeowners by providing a home loan guaranty benefit and other housing-related programs to help you buy, build, repair, retain or adapt a home for your own personal occupancy.

The **State of New York Mortgage Agency (SONYMA)** offers low-interest mortgage loans available to qualified first-time homebuyers.

New York State's **Gold Star Family Annuity Benefit** authorizes an annuity payment to each Gold Star parent, spouse or sibling of a loved one who served. Assemblyman Aron Wieder fought to expand eligibility for the Gold Star Annuity Benefit Program to include parents, spouses and minor children of service members who perished on active duty.

The **Blind Annuity Program** benefit is for legally blind wartime veterans or surviving un-remarried spouses of legally blind wartime veterans who live and are domiciled in New York State.

The VA's **Aid and Attendance benefits** and **Housebound allowance** provide additional monthly monetary payments to qualified veterans and survivors. These benefits are designed to help those that need assistance with daily activities, such as bathing, feeding, or dressing, or are housebound.



**To honor the bravery and sacrifice of our veterans, Assemblyman Wieder has fought for legislation to**

- Designate New York as a Purple Heart State (Ch. 489 of 2025)
- Ensure veterans with disabilities receive vital information about employment assistance (Ch. 490 of 2025)
- Protect veterans and their families from fraud and financial exploitation (Ch. 491 of 2025).

**Together, these laws help guarantee New York's veterans receive the respect and support they've earned.**

## Important Numbers for Local Veterans

Rockland County Veterans Service Agency.....845-638-5244  
NYS Department of Veterans' Services....1-888-838-7697  
Veterans' Crisis Line .....988 press 1 or text 838255  
BRIDGES..... 845-624-1366  
Burial and funeral assistance benefits.....888-VETSNY (888-838-7697)



For more information about these programs, please visit my webpage by scanning the QR code  
<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Aron-Wieder>



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