

Assemblyman Angelo Santabarbara **FIGHTING FOR OUR VETERANS**



"I'm working to ensure our veterans get the benefits, services, and respect they deserve."

Angelo Santabarbara

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Supporting Our Veterans



LOCAL FUNDING FOR VETERANS' PROGRAMS*

- ★ **\$109,000** for the Schenectady County Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer Services Program
- ★ **\$104,000** for the Montgomery County Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer Services Program
- ★ **\$100,000** for the Capital Region Chamber Foundation's Unified Military Affairs Council Program
- ★ **\$15,000** for the Town of Rotterdam Veterans' Services and Parks

**2026-27 enacted state budget*

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

- ★ Established New York as a Purple Heart State (*Ch. 489 of 2025*)
- ★ Ensured veterans with disabilities receive information about employment assistance (*Ch. 490 of 2025*)
- ★ Implemented protections for veterans and their families from fraud and exploitation (*Ch. 491 of 2025*)
- ★ Improved diagnosis and treatment of PTSD (*Ch. 105 of 2024*)

SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION TO:

- ★ Create an enhanced exemption for the School Tax Relief Program (STAR) for veterans (*A.3199*)
- ★ Define the "period of war" to include those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan during the Persian Gulf War (*A.3450-A*)
- ★ Create a Women Veterans' History Trail to recognize and celebrate women veterans (*A.8061*)
- ★ Strengthen mental health support by creating a women veteran's peer-to-peer program (*A.8477*)
- ★ Post available careers and job openings for veterans on the state Department of Veterans' Services website (*A.6084-A*)
- ★ Permanently designate September 22 as Veteran Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day (*A.7672*)
- ★ Establish a veterans and service members law book to make information about benefits, rights and services more accessible (*A.8089*)

Questions? Need more information? Contact my office anytime!

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