

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 Palmesano



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:

The American Red Cross
Southern Tier Chapter:
607-785-7207

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.helmets2hardhats.org
866-741-6210

Small Business Administration
800-827-5722

VelBiz: 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.



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Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery Designated As NY State's First Veterans Cemetery

In May 2021, New York State Selected Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Romulus, NY, Seneca County to be the state's first veterans cemetery. The property was officially transferred to NY State on February 1, 2023.

I would like to say thank you, once again, to all of our heroic veterans for your service and sacrifice and to all of those who volunteered their time and hard work over the years to help achieve this important designation. Thank you to Seneca County for your incredible stewardship and care of this land upon which Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery is located. This 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 more than 1,000 burials. Sampson is open every day of the year with visitation from sunrise to sunset. Burial operations take place Mon-Fri from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

For additional FAQ's: www.veterans.ny.gov

For more information about burial guidelines, or to learn more about New York State Veterans Cemetery-Finger Lakes, please contact Director William R. Yale at 607-379-0197 or William.Yale@veterans.ny.gov, or visit the website at www.veterans.ny.gov.

VA Telehealth

Real-Time Access To Your VA Care Team Through VA Video Connect

VA Video Connect makes VA health care more convenient for you and other veterans and caregivers. VA Video Connect enables you to quickly and easily meet with your VA care team through secure and private video conferencing sessions. You can visit with your provider in a virtual medical room from anywhere by using the camera on your phone, computer, or tablet.

Talk with your provider about using VA Video Connect if:

- You live far from, or have limited access to, your VA facility.
- You have health conditions that make traveling to the VA specialist you need difficult.
- You lack time to attend regularly scheduled appointments.
- You don't require a hands-on physical exam.

STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

1. Visit the website and learn more about VA Video Connect at <https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect#getstarted>
2. Get set up. Open VA Video Connect by selecting your appointment link. VA Video Connect opens in a web-limited-access browser
3. Test your device. On the VA Video Connect app page, select "Visit the VA Video Connect test site" to set up your microphone and speakers
4. Troubleshoot technical problems. Need help? Call the VA National Telehealth Technology Desk at 866-651-3180, Mon.-Sat., 7 a.m. - 11 p.m."

Contact: Terry Southard at 607-664-4490

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

UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES TO SUPPORT OUR TROOPS AND VETERANS

WELCOME HOME

event presented by the 7th District of
New York Sons of The American Legion
along with the VA Finger Lakes Healthcare
System

June 17th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
at The VISTA at Sampson
State Park, 6040 NY-96A,
Romulus

This free event will honor our Active Duty
Military, Reservists, Post-9/11 Service
Members, and Veterans and Family
members of every age and era
Contact: Dawn Smith at 607-664-4542

Wreaths Across

America

December 16th, 2023

Bath National Cemetery
San Juan Ave, Bath
Noon

New York State Veterans
Cemetery-Finger Lakes
(Sampson)
6632 NY-96A, Romulus
10:00 am

Ceremony and wreath laying
For more information go to
wreathscrossamerica.org

Military Appreciation

& information event

August 12th
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Eldridge Park
96 Eldridge Park Dr, Elmira

Guest Speaker, Master Sergeant Brian Eisch,
wounded Afghanistan veteran

There will be information tables and food
prepared and served by the Elmira Heights
Elks Club

Contact: Linda Conway, 607-769-6552
linda.conway@redcross.org

Military & Veterans Appreciation Event At Watkins Glen International

in conjunction with Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen

Sunday, June 25th

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lot 5 Parking Area

Offer Information:

- Military personnel and veterans will be admitted into facility free of charge at gate on Sunday, June 25th
- 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 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 25th 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

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| NYS Division of Veterans' Services..... | 888-838-7697 |
| Chemung Co. Veterans Services..... | 607-737-54445 |
| 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..... | 877-827-3702 |
| 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..... | 585-393-7100 |
| New York State Veterans Cemetery-Finger Lakes (Sampson) .. | 607-379-0197 |
| Veterans' Crisis Hotline | 1-800-273-8255, press 1 |



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