

Putnam Veterans SITREP

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New York State has expanded its Veterans Tuition Award (VTA) program, making it easier for veterans to access tuition-free education at SUNY colleges and vocational training programs. This expansion allows veterans who have served at least four years on active duty, regardless of combat experience, to qualify for full-tuition awards. The changes are effective July 1, 2025.

Key changes to the Veterans Tuition Award:

Expanded Eligibility:

Previously, only veterans with combat experience qualified for the VTA. Now, all veterans with at least four years of active duty are eligible.

Full-Tuition Awards:

The award covers full tuition costs at SUNY colleges and approved vocational training programs.

Integration with GI Bill:

The VTA can be used in conjunction with the GI Bill, potentially covering costs beyond tuition.

Part-time and Full-time Students:

Both full-time and part-time students are eligible for the VTA.

Additional Information:

To be eligible for the VTA, veterans must be legal residents of New York State and have lived there for at least 12 continuous months prior to the start of their studies.

The NYS Division of Veteran's Services offers additional support and resources for veterans pursuing education.

Veterans can also explore other educational benefits, including the Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Program (Chapter 31), which assists with employment, job training, and counseling.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) website and the NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs (DMNA) website also provide information on education benefits.



Come find Putnam County Veterans Service Agency & Guardian Revival at the annual Putnam County Fair & 4-H Showcase — a **fun, free, family-friendly weekend** featuring live music, food trucks, farm animals, games, exhibits, classic car show, and more!

Our team will be there with information about our programs & upcoming events, and **we'll be showcasing some of our creative guardians as well as canine demonstrations.** We'd love to see you — come say hello!

•**Canine Demonstrations** on both days: Saturday 10:30 AM – 5:30 PM and Sunday 10:30 AM – 4 PM

•**Encore Guardian Band performance:** Saturday, July 26 @ 2 – 3:45 PM



•**"With No Name on the Marquee" One Man, One Act Play by Karl Rohde** (with live music by the Encore Guardian Band): Saturday, July 26 @ 6 PM

Boots & Paws Companion Dog Awarding: Sunday, July 27 @ 2:30 PM

Putnam County Fair Info

•WHO: Open to the public — all are welcome!

•WHERE: Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park

- 201 Gipsy Trail Rd, Carmel, NY 10512
- Free admission 🎫 & free parking 🚗

•WHEN: Putnam County Fair opening hours for the weekend:

- Saturday, July 26 @ 10 AM – 7 PM
- Sunday, July 27 @ 10 AM – 5 PM

11TH ANNIVERSARY VETERAN'S APPRECIATION DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH



FREE TICKETS FOR VETERANS & FAMILY

TICKET INCLUDES:

- Pre-game food & beverage
- Pre-game ceremony honoring veterans at 4pm
- Veteran resources & vendors will be located throughout the ballpark!

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO RESERVE YOUR
TICKETS**



OR VISIT

<https://www.gifford.com/news/veteransappreciation>

**RENEGADES VS. BROOKLYN CYCLONES
GATES OPEN 2:30PM, OPENING CEREMONY AT 4PM,
FIRST PITCH AT 5:05PM**

Heritage Financial Park, 1500 Route 9D, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
Questions? Contact the Renegades front office at 845.838.0094



Lest we forget



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Referrals



Community
Engagement

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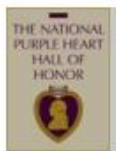
- Are you interested in learning about boating and connecting with fellow Veterans for a day
- Connect with the US Coast Guard
- Earn your New York State Boating Safety Certificate 8 Hours -No Cost

VETERAN EVENT FOR YOU

Our services are also offered through Mobile Vet Centers, in other community locations, and through virtual appointments.

vetcenter.va.gov





Purple Heart Appreciation Day

The Hall of Honor will commemorate this day with a program titled: "The Legacy of the 369th Infantry Regiment "Harlem Hellfighters" 109 years of service & sacrifice".



Presentation by Lt. Col. David M. Myones,
369th Support Battalion
Please join us in
supporting all of our Purple Heart veterans.

Saturday, August 9, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Admission is free. Reservations are *suggested*.
Please call 845-561-1765 for reservations