## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for November 2011

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## **New York State Veteran's Benefits**

The state of New York provides several veteran benefits listed below each month we will preview a particular area:

- Financial Assistance Benefits
  - Property Tax Exemption Partial exemption from real property taxes is based on condition of service, with additional benefits based upon degree of service-connected disability. Applications must be filed before Taxable Status Day. Qualifying widow(er)s may file for benefit based on their spouse's service. Exemption applies to local and county property taxes.
  - Supplemental Burial Allowance A supplemental burial allowance of up to \$6,000 is authorized for certain military personnel killed in combat or while on active duty in hostile or imminent danger locations on or after September 29, 2003.
  - New York State Blind Annuity A New York State Blind Annuity (2008 rate is \$1,128.72 annually) is available to visually impaired wartime veterans and certain unremarried spouses.
  - New York State Gold Star Annuity Gold Star Parent Annuity authorizes an annuity payment of up to \$500 per Gold Star parent of a deceased veteran.

## **Upcoming topics:**

- Employment Benefits
- Education Benefits
- Other State Veteran Benefits

## Veteran's Day

Please take a moment and remember our HEROES...

There are several ceremonies being conducted in & around our region and many benefits being offered to our Veterans thanking them for their service.

Breakfast at a lot of the Veteran's organizations & Senior Centers

Hoffman's Carwash

Applebee's

Veterans Appreciation Night Hockey Game at the Glens Falls Civic Center 7pm Lowe's & Home Depot Veterans discounts

Sign up with your Town's Assessor for the Veterans Tax Exemption by March 1st, 2012

15% - Wartime/non-combat (to include Cold War Vets between 9/2/1945-12/26/1991)
An additional 10% - Combat Vets

Another additional % = 1/2 of your VA disability (maximum 50%)