

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for September 2011
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Honor A Deceased Veteran Program REORGANIZATION FOR 2012!

Looking to start a committee to facilitate the Warren County Honor A Deceased Veteran Program for the upcoming year.

This committee would find Veterans to honor in our county, schedule, prepare and coordinate each monthly ceremony. The committee could hold their meetings here at the Human Services Bldg if needed.

Call me if interested or for additional info.

Warren County's Veteran Discount Program:

"Return the Favor...Thank You For Your Service", currently has **958** Veterans & **86** businesses currently enrolled.

Card processing schedule at the County Clerk's Office:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 1-2 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday from 1 – 5 p.m.

For more information contact:

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Warren County website: www.co.warren.ny.us, Click on County Clerk, Click "Return the Favor."

VA to use unused & underused buildings to provide additional Veteran housing~

The VA is planning to use 34 VA locations that are currently unused or underused to provide housing opportunities for those Veterans that are homeless or at risk for becoming homeless. Currently there are 15,000 transitional beds & this new initiative will add another 5,000 beds. VA plans to develop supportive housing at 23 cities across the country and **(1) is in Castle Point NY**. VA's goal is to provide safe, affordable, cost-effective and sustainable housing for Veterans on a priority basis.

Veteran-Owned Businesses

The national movement is growing fast even across the Fortune 500 companies who only do business with Veteran-owned companies. The census bureau 2007 Survey of Business Owners showed that the U.S. has 2.4 million Veteran-owned firms, which is 9% of all businesses and hiring 5.8 million employees with \$1.2 trillion in sales.

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%)
