



## New York State Veteran's Benefits

This newsletter concludes the review of benefits offered by the state of New York:

### Other New York State Veteran Benefits

- **Hunting Licenses & Permits** Veterans with a 40-percent or greater disability rating are eligible for low-cost hunting and fishing licenses, and free use of state parks, historic sites and recreation sites.
- **Customized Military and Veteran License Plates** Specialty plates for veterans and military members. All vehicles that are registered in NYS as a passenger class vehicle or as a commercial class vehicle are eligible. Certain custom plates are available for Motorcycles also.

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**NEW! Please update my E-mail & web-site address listed above.**

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**Free Legal Clinic For Veterans On February 11, 2012** I am a second-year student at Albany Law School, and the Director of Albany Law School's recently-formed Veterans Rights Pro Bono Project. Since our creation in the fall of 2011, we have been extremely active in doing our part to provide legal assistance to veterans throughout the Albany region, from working with homeless veterans through the Albany Housing Coalition to offering Continuing Legal Education training for judges and lawyers featuring nationally-recognized Veterans Rights attorney Katrina J. Eagle from San Diego.

This is a tremendous opportunity for veterans to meet one-on-one with an attorney, explain the legal concern that is on their mind, and receive useful legal advice and counsel **free of charge** from that attorney. These attorneys who are specialists in a variety of areas relevant to veterans, including: wills, trusts, and estates (including advance directives such as health care proxies, living wills, and power of attorney); eligibility and application for VA benefits and other service-connected benefits; employment issues (including USERRA questions); debtor/creditor issues; financial planning matters; bankruptcy questions; family law matters (including child support questions); discharge paperwork questions; and Medicaid concerns (including questions about the interaction of Medicaid with VA benefits).

**The clinic will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on February 11th. It will be hosted at Albany Law School on New Scotland Avenue.**

Please contact me in advance to register for the program. I can be reached at [bpomerance@albanylaw.edu](mailto:bpomerance@albanylaw.edu), (518) 593-4102, or (518) 563-1744. This service is **free of charge** as a token of gratitude for the service that these men and women gave to our nation. Best Wishes, Benjamin

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**\*Sign up with your Town's Assessor for the Veterans Tax Exemption by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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%)

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