

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for September 2013

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## Report given by Sue Malley, NY VARO Director at the CVSOA Conference on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Current claims log at the VARO in NY:

10,731 Pending claims (in January 2013 it was at 12,675)

235 days on average to process a regular claim

83 days on average to process an expedited claim due to homelessness

98 days on average to process a Fully Developed Claim (FDC)

**The United States' National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the third Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners of war (POW) and those who are missing in action (MIA), as well as their families.**

Please join us for our **annual POW/MIA Remembrance Day Ceremony** to be held on:  
**Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**3rd Floor Auditorium  
Stratton VA Medical Center  
113 Holland Avenue  
Albany, NY 12208  
10:00am - 11:30am**

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**VA Reaches Out to Veterans about the Health Care Law:** *The Department of Veterans Affairs has launched an awareness campaign and a new website, [www.va.gov/aca](http://www.va.gov/aca), to let Veterans know what the Affordable Care Act means for them and their families. Veterans receiving health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs will see no change in their benefits or out-of-pocket costs when portions of the Affordable Care Act take effect next year. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2466>*