

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for December 2014

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!!!



- **Eligible Veterans Can Submit Information for Temporary State Employment Consideration:** Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the launch of a new online portal that will provide veterans the tools they need to connect with temporary employment opportunities offered by New York State. The website enables job seekers to upload resumes and designate geographic preferences, which State agencies then use to identify and consider candidates for open positions throughout New York. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-online-hiring-resource-veterans>
- **Veterans Affairs Secretary McDonald Updates Employees on MyVA Reorganization Plans:** Washington, DC – On November 10, Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Robert McDonald sent the following message to all VA employees: In the last few months as your Secretary, I have met and heard from Veterans and family members about how we can better serve Veterans. I've also traveled to VA facilities across the country and have had the extraordinary opportunity to meet with you, the men and women who work on the front lines and behind the scenes to care for and serve Veterans every day. These opportunities have informed my thinking as we work to plan for the future of the Department. Already, more than 2,000 VA employees at 20 facilities serving 1.4 million Veterans have shared their perspectives on how we can improve this Department, and have provided insightful and thoughtful feedback about how VA should be organized to better serve Veterans. It is clear that our shared mission is important to you and your colleagues. It's also clear that you share my goal of making VA easier to navigate for Veterans. I am grateful for your contributions, and your support in this endeavor. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2657>
- What better way to honor our nation's Veterans for their service than by helping them get the benefits that they deserve. Make sure you encourage Veterans and surviving family members to file a **Fully Developed Claim (FDC)** for their disability compensation, pension, and DIC claims. Filing an FDC can get them the fastest VA decisions possible on their claims. To learn about important tips to keep in mind when filing an FDC, check out VBA's new video series "Helpful Tips for Filing a Fully Developed Claim" at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)
- **VA Mail-Order Pharmacy Receives Highest Score in Mail Order Segment of J.D. Power Study:** For the fifth consecutive year, the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Consolidated Mail Outpatient Pharmacy (CMOP) has scored the highest in overall satisfaction in the J.D. Power National Pharmacy Study, Mail-Order segment. More info can be found at: [VA Mail-Order Pharmacy Receives Highest Score in Mail Order Segment of J.D. Power Study](#)