

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for August 2015

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Patient Access Progress Update - Spotlight: *Increasing Veteran Access through Mobile Apps:

Benefits to Veterans and VA health care teams:

Increased communication between Veterans, caregivers and VA health care providers. Provides direct, mobile access to information in VA's Electronic Health Record (EHR). Gives Veterans new opportunities to actively participate in their health care. **VA App Store (mobile.va.gov/appstore).**

Currently, more than 15 apps are available to provide Veterans with tools to assist mental health, weight management and other health-related issues. VA's first "connected" apps, Summary of Care, Mobile Blue Button and Launchpad, are in limited release and being tested and evaluated by more than 200 Veterans.

More than 50 apps focused on the below topics have been developed or are in development:

- Self-care (PTSD Coach, Pain Coach, ACT Coach, Stay Quit, Mission Health).
- Self-care + expert care or shared data (Text Messaging, Secure Messaging, MOVE! Coach, My VA Health).
- Communication (Virtual 311, VA Benefits App, Information App).
- Transactions (Veteran Appointment Request, Rx Refill, Care4Caregiver).

***Operation Personal Freedom:** To thank the millions of people who have courageously defended our country and everyone's personal freedom to ride, Harley-Davidson is offering a free [H-D Riding Academy](http://ridefree.harley-davidson.com/militarylearntoride/) New Rider Course for all current and former U.S. military personnel. The offer runs May 16 - September 13, 2015.* <https://ridefree.harley-davidson.com/militarylearntoride/>

***2015 Capital Region Homeless Veteran's Stand-down:**

Saturday, October 3rd, from 8a – 1p at Colonie BPO Elks #2192, 11 Elks Lane, Latham NY. Call us for a ride!!!

***2015 Leatherstocking Honor Flights: Fall Schedule**

Sept 12th – FULL

Oct 17th – Still looking for more Veterans.

Nov ? – One more flight is being organized for 2015

***VETERANS VOICES: AJAX IN AMERICA - Staged Reading of Sophocles' "Ajax"**

We are looking for one female and six male actors who are also veterans and interested in auditioning for a concert reading of Sophocles "Ajax" to be produced in October at Skidmore College and possibly other venues in the Albany/Saratoga area. Auditions will take place first week in August and there will be rehearsals as needed. This is an all veteran's production by volunteers. The play portrays Ajax's dislocation, paranoia, rage and self-destruction after the Trojan War.

Cast of characters:

- **Ajax:** the son of Telamon and a Greek commander from Salamis
- **Techmesa:** a Phrygian captive, wife of Ajax
- **Chorus:** of Salaminian warriors How many ??
- **Teucer:** the half brother of Ajax, son of Telamon and Hesione, a Trojan
- **Non speaking role**
- **Eurysaces:** the young son of Ajax and Techmesa

Anyone interested please contact Paul Pines at paul.pines@gmail.com