

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for December 2015

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Holiday Gift Donation Program: Stratton Albany VAMC

Our annual Holiday gift donation program for Veterans in need is now underway. Each year we have been more successful; the first year we helped 8 Veteran families, last year, our employees and many other community groups and agencies helped a total of 65 Veteran families.

This donation program is part of Voluntary Services Holiday outreach for Veterans. A "needs" list of gifts that can be donated is being maintained by Mike Fitzpatrick and Noney Grier. If you wish to fulfill a Veteran family's needs or a portion of it, or have any questions, please contact Mike or Noney at: Mike Fitzpatrick @ 518-626-6919 michael.fitzpatrick3@va.gov or Noney Grier @ 518-626-5507 noney.grier@va.gov

All gifts must be brand new in original packaging and unwrapped. Gifts can be dropped off at: Stratton VA Medical Center 113 Holland Avenue, Room 712 or 711 "D" wing (Voluntary Services), Albany, NY 12208

Veterans' Activities:

Dec 8th – Pizzeria UNO 900 State Route 9, Queensbury eat, drink & raise money for Operation Adopt a Soldier (dine-in or takeout). UNO will donate up to 20% of your check.

Dec 8th - Veterans Resource Workshop: There will be a Veterans Resource Workshop at SUNY Delhi from 12:30p – 2p. Veterans interested in opportunities for starting a business, investing money and more may find this event worth attending. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required; please contact Barbara Scherer at 607-746-4577 or schereba@delhi.edu

Dec 12th - National Wreaths Across America Day ~ wreaths will be placed graveside in honor of the fallen heroes in our community at the **Gerald B. Solomon ~ Saratoga National Cemetery**. Currently there are 17,200 gravesites at the National Cemetery where a wreath will need to be laid. It is also my understanding that these wreaths are specially made for this event right in Vermont. For more information on this project and to order your wreaths to go <http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>. ***Make sure to CLICK on the option to support a fundraising group and/or location to ensure that your support is directed to the Gerald B. Solomon ~ Saratoga National Cemetery.***

Dec 12th - Adirondack Thunder vs. Monarchs - Military Appreciation Night Hockey Game at the Glens Falls Civic Center 7pm. Tickets are BOGO free for \$15.78. For tickets call Sean Driscoll at 518/480-3355 x319 or the number listed above.

Dec 24th – Christmas Eve Road March starting at the Glens Falls Civic Center at 9am. Warren County Veterans' Services will provide transportation for up to 11 people who want to participate but can't march. Please call the number listed above to reserve your seat.