

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for October 2015

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VA Awards Local Grants to Prevent and End Homelessness: *Flexible Grants Are Helping Achieve Lower Rates of Veteran Homelessness, Community By Community;* WASHINGTON – Thousands of very low-income Veteran families around the nation, who are permanently housed or transitioning to permanent housing, will continue to have access to crucial services with the renewal of approximately \$300 million in grants under the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2727>

2016 Veteran's Week Activities: The Glens Falls Symphony decided to produce a concert which would regionally premiere a composition by jazz heavyweight Chris Brubeck, dedicated to his father David Brubeck, jazz legend and WWII veteran. Once we decided to produce this concert so focused on WWII Veterans, we made it our mission to help organize the rest of week into one in which others would offer their own activities that we could help promote. The Symphony and the Lake George Community Band – highly valued as the long time musical supporter of Vets during Vets week - would provide musical bookends to a week in which events of all sorts would be produced by others.

The Symphony had meetings with the Post Star, the Chronicle and LOOKTV. They have committed to working with the Symphony to promote **ALL THE EVENTS** of the week, not just the Symphony concert. Our thinking was that by creating this unique musical event, it would serve as a PR igniter *for others as well*. Those others would then ride on the general publicity wave.

So, that is why we at the Symphony are interested in helping in any way we can, as groups create and hold their own events which will excite the community and be ones we can help publicize. It would be great to have a Veteran's centered event everyday throughout the week...

Below are the events that the Symphony has had a hand in creating and/or coordinating PR with other organizations:

GF Symphony concert	SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 8	4 PM	GFHS
Richard Brookhiser lecture	MONDAY	NOVEMBER 9	7 PM	Crandall Library (6:15 RB meets local HS students)
Veteran's Voices - Ajax In America	THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 12	7:00 PM	Skidmore College
Matt Rozell Lecture	SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 15	2 pm	Hyde collection
Lake George Community Band	SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 15	3 PM	GFHS

All of the above have easily accessible websites/information using the keywords on the left and I encourage you to see what makes up these events.

Please, let me know what events we might publicize for you or your constituents. And ask lots of questions and offer comments. Contact me, Charles Peltz at Charles.Peltz@necmusic.edu or call the number listed above.