

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for July 2016

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Fresh Connect: The New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs will launch the third consecutive year of its Fresh Connect Checks program on **June 20**. Through this program, Veterans, Servicemembers, and their immediate family members (including surviving spouses of Veterans) are eligible to receive one set of 10 Fresh Connect Checks, each one bearing the cash equivalency of \$2. These checks are redeemable with participating vendors at farmers markets across New York State for fresh produce and other fresh food products. Fresh Connect Checks are available at every New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs office, and can be distributed only by Division of Veterans' Affairs employees. Individuals interested in a Division of Veterans' Affairs Veterans Benefits Advisor attending an event with Fresh Connect Checks to distribute are strongly encouraged to contact the Division at (518) 474-6114.

Military Appreciation Night: On July 1, 2016 the Albany Saratoga Speedway will be having a Military Appreciation Night and fireworks. Gates open at 5:00 p.m. and racing starts at 7:00p.m.

Veteran Appreciation Day at the Adirondack Museum:

Saturday, July 16

Free admission

for veterans and one guest from the 12 Adirondack counties

(Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Herkimer, Lewis, Oneida, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington).

Proof of status such as VA Universal Access Card, Military I.D., DD-214 (Discharge Papers), Veterans Service Organization Card and county residency required.

Sail Ahead: Long Island Based "Sail Ahead" Announces a Veterans "All Hands" Sailing "Sail Ahead," an organization based in Suffolk and dedicated to "Healing Wounded Veterans through Sailing" is sponsoring a Veterans "All Hands" Sailing on Saturday, July 30 for all local Veterans.

There is no cost to participate. Veterans are being invited to thank them for their service and to introduce them to *SailAhead's mission: To use sailing as a healing platform to help Veterans with the physical and emotional consequences of war.* Veterans from throughout the area are invited to be part of a flotilla of sailboats leaving from the north shore for an afternoon of sailing, friendship and camaraderie aboard numerous volunteer sailing craft. They will sail from Centerport Yacht Club and then make their way into Long Island Sound. No previous sailing experience is required. Veterans may invite a spouse or significant other to join them.

Location: Centerport Yacht Club, 33 Beach Plum Drive, Centerport. NY 11721

Date: Saturday, July 30th 2016 Please arrive between 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm.

Refreshments provided by Centerport Yacht Club

After an afternoon of sailing, we will enjoy a BBQ plus music and entertainment generously provided by the Centerport Yacht Club

The New York Air Show: The New York Air Show will take place September 3-4, 2016 at the Stewart International Airport. More information on this event can be found at: <http://airshowny.com/>

Leatherstocking Honor Flight (Albany NY): There are (2) more 2016 flights available. All interested **WWII** and **Korean** Veterans, please call my office for more information. **VETS FLY FREE!!!**