

Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for December 2019

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2019 Now Law: The new law provides cost of living increases equal to the same increase granted for Social Security benefits. The increase will be for disability compensation, compensation for dependents, clothing allowance, and dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouses and children. *The 1.6% COLA increase will take effect in January 2020.*

VA, Partners Offer Flu Shot: Veterans enrolled in VA and in need of a flu shot can receive it for free at their nearest VA health care facility or at their local **Walgreens**. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, VA, and doctors suggest all individuals get their flu shot during the fall. This is particularly true for individuals over the age of 65, pregnant women, caregivers of infants or family members with health problems, health care employees, and people with heart problems and other chronic illnesses or conditions. [Learn more](#) about the flu shot or [locate your nearest Walgreens](#).

16 MORE DAYS TO REACH OUR GOAL !!

Last Day to order wreaths is December 4th!!!

As of this morning we are only at 46% (6,072) of our goal in reaching approximate 13,000 wreaths. Our goal has always been to lay a wreath on the graves of all of our veterans interred at Saratoga National Cemetery - something we were successful in accomplishing the last two years.

As in years past there has always been a big push in the final days and we certainly hope that this year is no exception.

If you have already ordered a wreath - we can't thank you enough. For those of you who haven't - PLEASE consider doing so over the next 16 days. Tell your friends and neighbors and co-workers - we want this year to be a success.

We have made the ordering process so much easier - Simply go to:

PGRNY.org - On the Home page simply click on the Green wreaths Across America button.

See - **Ways To Order:**

Mail Order Form: You can download and print a mail-in order form with the codes already pre-filled. OR

Internet: Scroll down to see the easy 4 step process to order via the internet at wreathsacrossamerica.org.

Lets make this another successful year in honoring our loved ones at Saratoga National Cemetery.

Thank you so much for your patience and continued support.

On behalf of the Patriot Guard Riders of NY - we thank you for your orders.

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SFC COON'S CHRISTMAS EVE ROAD MARCH

TUE, DEC 24 AT 9 AM

2019 Christmas Eve Road March

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FYI: It's been 10 years of publishing newsletters and I'm sorry to say this will be the last one published. I've had to make some tough decisions over these past couple of months in order to streamline and free up time to complete other tasks. This is why I will no longer create a newsletter every month. The information posted on our FB page, website and physical bulletin board is the most up-to-date information. I ask that you "LIKE" us on FB to stay informed. Or email me and ask to be added to my email blast list. Another option is to call or stop by our office with questions. Thank you!