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RENSSELAER COUNTY VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery **Youth for Vietnam Veterans**

Gerald B. H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery announces its 2025 Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service to be held Saturday, March 29th, 11:00 am. This year's commemoration marks the historic, 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, everyone is invited.

Vietnam Veterans who served on active duty from November 1, 1955 – May 15, 1975, and spouses of deceased Veterans that served during these dates are especially encouraged to attend and receive a Vietnam Veteran lapel pin.

Saratoga National Cemetery is honored to be the resting place of nearly 6500 interred Vietnam Veterans. To commemorate this historic anniversary, each veteran interred will receive graveside honors on March 29th.

Throughout the years, youth have played an integral part in ceremonies, an important objective of the cemetery. Continuing this tradition, Saratoga National Cemetery is calling all youth; individuals, church groups, scouts, schools, 4-H, service organizations and clubs to be part of this monumental mission.

Following the ceremony, volunteers will join cemetery section leaders to honor each Vietnam Veteran. Standing by each grave, offering a salutation (salute or hand over heart), reading the Veteran's name aloud and gravestone information, then pausing in remembrance of their service to a grateful nation. The Veteran's family may or may not accompany the volunteer. All Vietnam gravesites will be clearly marked.

Interested youth groups please contact Saratoga National Cemetery by March 17th at (518) 581-9128 to sign up. You will be contacted with section assignment prior to the ceremony.

Thank you for helping us honor our Vietnam Veterans, we need each one of you!

HONOR YOUR VIETNAM VETERAN WHO RETURNED
HOME AND LATER DIED THROUGH THE
IN MEMORY PROGRAM



**The Wall That Heals will be in Troy, NY
from June 5 - 8th**

To have your veteran included as part of the mobile Education
Center display when The Wall That Heals is on display in Troy,
apply by **May 4th.**



For more information, visit
www.vvmf.org/In-Memory-Program/
or scan the following QR code:



2nd Annual

Col. Peter Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament

Benefiting CYVA Goebel Scholarship Fund

Saturday May 17, 2025
Burden Lake Country Club

\$125.00 per person/foursome (May 10th Deadline)
~ Beer Cart Special ~

12 pm ~ Lunch.....1:00 pm ~ Scramble Shotgun Tee Off
Immediately after Golf ~ Dinner at Burden Lake Country Club

50/50 Drawing - Raffles

1st & 2nd Place Prizes ~ Closest to Pin Contest ~ Long Drive Contest

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CYVA Barkeeper	For Sign Up or Sponsor Donations



A Message from our County Executive

Greetings to our veterans and their families. Spring is approaching, and renewing beauty and optimism in our county. We have vowed to never forget the service and sacrifice of our veterans and were proud in January to unveil the new Rensselaer County Veteran Memorial Park.

The Veteran Memorial Park is located at the front of county offices at 99 Troy Road in East Greenbush, and visible to the many motorists who travel on the road each day. The memorial park includes several benches and offers families and friends an opportunity to reflect. We have proudly utilized the memorial park for a portion of the monthly Honor a Deceased Veteran ceremonies and are proud the park is well-received.

Our Veterans Service Agency started what we hope is a series of open houses at the county offices at 99 Troy Road, giving veterans a chance to see friends and fellow veterans and to catch up on current events and issues. Stay tuned for news on the next veteran open house.

Sincerely,

Steven F. McLaughlin

Meet Michelle Viola-Straight Executive Director of Community Relations at the Veterans Miracle Center and the Executive Director of Military Home Loan Benefits at CLEARPATH



Upcoming Events:



Call us at (518) 270-2760 to have your event listed in the newsletter.

March 10th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m.,
Dale F. Darrah—USMC—LCpl— Cold War

March 29th...Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial Service at Saratoga National Cemetery at 11 a.m.

April 14th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m.,
Glen P. Cook—US Army—Sgt.— WWII

May 12th...Honor-a-Deceased Veteran Ceremony in the Legislative Chambers at 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush at 8:30 a.m.
TBD

May 17th...2nd Annual Col. Peter K. Goebel Memorial Golf Tournament at Burden Lake Country Club

June 5th-8th...The Wall That Heals in Troy, NY