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CALENDAR OF LIAFA EVENTS 2025

Vietnam Medal Ceremonies

Wed, Jul 9, 2025

(Please note location change!)

During Shootout for Soldiers
Town of Oyster Bay Field of Dreams
5619 Old Sunrise Hwy
Massapequa
5:00 PM

Sat, Aug 30, 2025

Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Rd
Stony Brook
2:00 PM

Sat, Sep 27, 2025

American Airpower Museum
1230 New Highway
Farmingdale
11:30 AM

84th Anniversary Annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony— Dropping of the Roses

Sun, Dec 7, 2025

American Airpower Museum
1230 New Highway
Farmingdale
10:30 AM

President's Message

We are still accepting applications for both the Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Ceremony as well as the Women's Military Service Medal Ceremony. The requirements for each are:

Applies to both medals:

- Currently living in Nassau, Suffolk, Brooklyn, Queens, or Staten Island
- Can attend the ceremony (awards are presented **only** at the ceremony; they are not mailed)

Applies only to Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal:

- Served in the Vietnam theater of operations in any branch of the military as per DD Form 214

Applies only to Women's Military Service Medal:

- Female veteran **or** currently serving in any branch of the military as per DD Form 214 for veterans, or ID or other documentation for those currently serving.

You will find both applications at the end of this newsletter. You can also apply online from our website at LIAFA.org (DD214 and other required documentation must still be mailed; black out your Social Security number).



Recent Events

4th Women's Military Service Medal Ceremony

Twenty-seven veteran and active-duty women were awarded the Women's Military Service Medal on Saturday, April 26, at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Uniondale. Distinguished guests included Cradle of Aviation Museum Executive Director **Jennifer Baxmeyer**, ANG 106th Rescue Wing Medical Group Commander Colonel (Ret.) **Pamela Combs**, Nassau County Legislator (D-District 16) **Arnold W. Drucker**, Director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency **Ralph Esposito**, Director of the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency **Marcelle Leis** (who was also a medal recipient at this ceremony) and Deputy Director of the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency Colonel (Ret.) **James Brennan**. The singing of the *Star-Spangled Banner* and *God Bless America* was performed by the incomparable **Louis DiLeo**; the invocation was given by Rabbinic Chaplain **Joni Brenner**. Special thanks to our sponsors and supporters—Cradle of Aviation Museum, Shootout for Soldiers, Long Island State Veterans Home, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Band, Military Blue Star Mothers of Nassau County NY14, American Legion Riders from Greenlawn Post 1244, Patriot Guard Riders, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 82 Color Guard and Lt. Quentin Roosevelt Civil Air Patrol Cadet Squadron NY-288.



Wearing the medal, L to R: Maj. Debra E. Jett and Col. Sonia A. Tenadu.
Photo credit: Steven Latus



Medal recipient CMSgt (Ret.) Marcelle Leis, Director of the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency.
Photo credit: Steven Latus

Vet Fest

A free resource-sharing event to benefit veterans, service members and their families was held on Friday, May 2, at the SUNY Old Westbury Campus Center in Old Westbury. It was sponsored by the Veteran Suicide Prevention Coalition and supported by various veteran service providers. Complimentary services and resources offered included help for food security, mental health, health screening, equine therapy, substance abuse, Naloxone training, education, peer-to-peer, problem gambling, housing, employment, legal help and financial advisory services.

Annual Patchogue-Medford High School AFJROTC Awards Ceremony

On Friday, May 9, Unit NY-093 of the Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (AFJROTC) at Patchogue-Medford High School held its annual banquet at the Holbrook Country Club. These banquets include a buffet, speeches, dancing, drill performances and awards.

The AFJROTC program at Patchogue-Medford High School has been around since 1974. A military commitment is NOT a requirement, although those who do wish to enlist in the military after high school can receive a higher rank. The classes are an elective and are offered for all four years of high school. Joining the program provides a credit towards graduation, provides credit towards college-level ROTC programs and allows students to compete for scholarships. The Cadets learn self-discipline, citizenship, a sense of responsibility, as well as the curriculum that includes Aerospace Studies, Leadership and Management, and Health and Wellness.

The winner of the AFA Outstanding Cadet of the Year Award for the Patchogue-Medford AFJROTC unit was Unit NY-093 Deputy Commander **Hope Gogarty**, who received a medal, ribbon, certificate and a check for \$250 from LIAFA.



L to R: LIAFA Treasurer Bill Stratemeier, Outstanding Cadet of the Year Hope Gogarty and LIAFA Secretary Cathy Ward.

Photo credit: BAM Photography

Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Day Flag Placement

Volunteers from veterans groups, scouts, schools, sports teams, bike clubs, firehouses, hospitals, local businesses and more came to the Farmingdale cemetery on Saturday, May 24, to honor the veterans interred there by planting American flags at their graves in this annual event. Thanks to their hard

work, the flagging of the entire cemetery was completed in just a few hours. All participants received a patch from LINCMO, the nonprofit Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization.

Nassau County V-E (Victory in Europe) Day Celebration

Nassau County, in conjunction with Old Bethpage's Museum of American Armor, hosted a parade on Saturday, May 24, in Eisenhower Park to mark the end of the Second World War in Europe (the official date of V-E Day observed by the U.S., the European Union, the UK, Norway and Ukraine is May 8, 1945).

The hundreds of spectators lining the parade route were treated to the sight of seventeen period vehicles used by the Allies during World War II, including an M4 Sherman tank and an M3 half-track armored personnel carrier.

Reenactors from the Long Island Living History Association representing World War II GIs marched alongside the vehicles while Staten Island resident Luke Boyd, a Winston Churchill living historian, lent even more of a WWII "feel" to the proceedings.

Also at the event were at least two World War II veterans: Army veteran Dominick Critelli, 104, of Floral Park and Navy veteran Arthur Grabiner, 99, of North Flushing, Queens.



The M4 Sherman tank on parade.
Photo credit: Museum of American Armor



Luke Boyd as Winston Churchill, speaking to some parade attendees.
Photo credit: Museum of American Armor



99-year-old WWII veteran Arthur Grabiner saluting as Taps is played.
Photo credit: Newsday/John Paraskevas

United Veterans Organization (UVO) Memorial Day Ceremony

This annual event took place on Sunday morning, May 25, at Veterans Plaza in Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. Long-time MC and former UVO president **Morris Miller** conducted the ceremony. The honored guest speaker was the Director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency **Ralph Esposito**. UVO chaplain **Eric Spinner** read the invocation and benediction and conducted the POW/MIA ceremony while his wife **Rosanne Spinner** sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America.” Honor Flight Volunteer **Eric Wieboldt** was also a special guest vocalist, singing his own original song, “Welcome Home, My Brother.” **Frank Colon** played “Taps” and Sergeant-at-Arms **Paul Masi** of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 82 led the advancement of the colors.

Long Island National Cemetery Memorial Organization Memorial Day Ceremony

This annual event took place on Sunday afternoon, May 25, at Long Island National Cemetery in Farmingdale. Long-time MC and former LINCMO president **Morris Miller** conducted the ceremony. Honored guest speakers were Suffolk County Executive **Ed Romaine** and Long Island National Cemetery Director **Jeffrey Taveras**. LINCMO chaplain **Eric Spinner** read the invocation and benediction; **Col. Lou DiLeo** of the 11th New York Regiment United States Volunteers–America played Taps and sang “The Star-Spangled Banner” and “God Bless America.” Sergeant-at-Arms **Richard Toth** of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 11 led the advancement of the colors. The 11th New York Regiment United States Volunteers–America provided the firing detail.

General Needs Ltd. Second Annual Gala

The gala took place on the evening of June 20 at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck. Guests of honor were **Ralph Esposito**, Director of the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency and **Arnold T. Quaranta, Jr.** of the Ronkonkoma Rotary Club for their services to homeless veterans. Lonnie Sherman, founder and president of General Needs, is well-known throughout the veteran community for his commitment to helping homeless veterans as well as veterans dealing with PTSD, substance abuse and other issues. For going on almost seventeen years, General Needs has been a big supplier of underwear, footwear, toiletries and other basic necessities to these veterans through stand downs and other projects. More information on General Needs is given further on in this newsletter.

Upcoming Non-LIAFA Events



WEDNESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, JULY 9–10, 9:00 AM-9:00 AM at the Town of Oyster Bay Field of Dreams, 5619 Old Sunrise Hway. in Massapequa. Shootout for Soldiers has reverted to its former schedule of twenty-four one-hour games in a row. Shootout for Soldiers is a nonprofit organization that hosts lacrosse experiences to support American veterans through fundraising and community engagement.

As the front-page calendar shows, LIAFA will hold its 47th Vietnam 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal Ceremony during the first day of the tournament, **WEDNESDAY, JULY 9 AT 5:00 PM.**

Long Island Chapter 202 of the Air & Space Forces Association is proud and grateful to be one of the three local charity beneficiaries that share in a portion of the net proceeds raised from this event. Shootout for Soldiers is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Nassau County Veterans New Sneaker and Fresh Produce Giveaway

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 9 AM-12 PM at Eisenhower Park, Parking Field 3. This will be a drive-through event only and veterans must RSVP by calling (516) 572-6565. This event is sponsored by General Needs, Long Island Cares and the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency. ***Veterans must be present with proper veteran's ID to receive the items.*** The following veteran's IDs will be accepted: VA (Veterans Affairs) ID card, DD214 discharge form, military ID card or New York State Driver's License with "Veteran" printed on it.

Nassau County Salute to Veterans Ceremony and Concert

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, STARTING AT 6:30 PM at Eisenhower Park, Harry Chapin Lakeside Theater (Parking Fields 6 and 6A), East Meadow. Salute to Veterans will honor five people in the veteran community who have devoted their time and lives to helping Long Island veterans. After the honorees

receive their recognition and awards, the concert will start at 7:30 PM, featuring The American Bombshells and Street Fighter. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

PFC Dwyer First Annual Bike Run

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 10:30 AM-3:30 PM starting at the Marine Corps League, 99 New York Ave. in Massapequa (rain date is August 16). There will be great music, raffles and food trucks. Preregistration donations are \$25 per rider and \$15 per passenger. KSU is at 11:30 AM. Call Delmar Green at (516) 456-1764 for more information.

Veterans BBQ Picnic and Resource Fair

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 11:30 AM-2 PM at Eisenhower Park, Parking Field 6, East Meadow. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

POW/MIA Night Vigil Ceremony

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 PM at Eisenhower Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, Parking Field 6, East Meadow. This year's host agency is the Vietnam War Veterans Association of Nassau County. Call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6565 for more information.

Walls of Honor Ceremony

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 AT 10 AM at Eisenhower Park, Veterans Memorial Plaza, Parking Field 6, East Meadow (rain date is Sunday, September 21 at 10 AM). Call Allison Ridam Krivosheiw at (516) 236-3245 for more information.

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Announcements and Programs

Hicksville Veterans Association Makes Major Donation to LIAFA

Vincent Morreale, president of the Hicksville Veterans Association and a Vietnam veteran, made the donation to Fred DiFabio, president of LIAFA and to several other veteran organizations, in accordance with its charter. Hicksville Veterans Association was the legal name of the Massapequa VFW, which recently dissolved and sold its building, mainly due to declining membership. Thank you, Hicksville Veterans Association, and thank you, Vinny for your generous and thoughtful donation to LIAFA!

Navy Seeks Interviews with Former Grumman Employees at Calverton

The U.S. Navy is requesting interviews with former employees, or their surviving family members, who worked at the Grumman-operated Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant in Calverton between 1954 and 1996. These interviews will aid in the Navy's environmental remediation at the site, which covers approximately 6000 acres.

Since Grumman vacated the premises in 1996, the site has been a subject of controversy over chemical contamination, with dangerous chemicals such as perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 1,4-dioxane that have leaked into the Peconic River and threaten the groundwater in the area.

The Navy said it is particularly interested in employees' knowledge of:

- Past operations and activities
- Waste management practices
- Building utilization
- Grounds maintenance
- Aircraft fabrication practices on site
- Any other relevant information, both on- and off-property.

Any former employee at Grumman's Calverton facility interested in participating in an interview or in learning more is asked to send an email to NAVFAC_ML_PAO_ALL@us.navy.mil or call 800-906-9339.

Participation in the interviews is completely voluntary and all information shared during the interviews will be kept confidential.

Veteran Functions at Eisenhower Park

All veterans organizations that wish to hold an event, ceremony or other function at the park must contact the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency to get a permit. This requirement protects the organization as well as the park since the NCVSA holds an insurance policy covering any accidents or injuries that may occur during such events. Please call Ralph Esposito at (516) 572-6512 or Paul Vista at (516) 572-6521.

Veterans Traffic Court (Nassau County)

The Nassau County Traffic and Parking Violations Agency (NCTPVA) holds monthly traffic court sessions on the third Thursday afternoon of each month, dedicated to assisting veterans and active-duty military members with resolving violations. NCTPVA will work with the District Court to bundle all traffic violations together. This program is a one-time-only opportunity so don't waste it on minor violations. For more information, please call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at (516) 572-6565. Also see the following link: www.nassaucountyny.gov/4917/Veterans-Traffic-Court.

Veterans Treatment Court (Nassau County)

U.S. military veterans charged with minor nonviolent offenses may qualify for reduced charges or penalties by participating in a court-supervised treatment program. To apply, a pre-screening questionnaire must be completed and forwarded to the district attorney's office. You must then contact the Veterans Treatment Court Project Director to set a clinical evaluation for the purpose of determining treatment needs. If you are found to be eligible, you will be contacted by the D.A.'s office and a plea offer will be proposed. For more information, please visit their website at www.nassaucountyny.gov/4919/Veterans-Treatment-Court. **Volunteers are also being sought to be mentors; training will be provided. Please call Rosemary Walker at (516) 493-4145.**

Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Transportation Program

This program provides free transportation for scheduled VA medical appointments. The veteran will be picked up at his or her residence and driven in a Nassau County Veterans Service Agency vehicle to a designated VA facility. Locations that are serviced for transportation are:

- VA Clinic, East Meadow
- VA Clinic, Valley Stream
- VA Vet Center, Hicksville
- VA Main Hospital, Northport

All appointments for transportation are required to be reserved two weeks prior to your scheduled VA appointment. Please call Jessica DeLisi (VSA Transportation Coordinator) at (516) 572-6526 to schedule transportation.

The Nassau County Veterans Service Agency is looking for volunteers to transport veterans to and from the aforementioned VA facilities. Please donate any time you have to give on Monday–Friday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You pick whatever times and dates work for you. Nassau County will provide the vehicles; a valid New York State driver's license is required. To volunteer, please call Jessica DeLisi at (516) 572-6526. The need is urgent so please help if you can!

VetMart Food Pantry

The VetMart food pantry at the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency is located at 2201 Hempstead Tpke., Building Q, East Meadow. Building Q is located on the property of the Nassau University Medical Center (NUMC), around the back of the property.

Veterans may register at the food pantry for eligibility with a Veterans ID Card or DD214 Military Discharge Form. *(Note: Other forms of veteran identification may be accepted, but eligibility will be at the discretion of the agency).* Once registered with the proper veteran documentation, the veteran may come to the food pantry once per week for food distributions; toiletries and other supplies are issued monthly. The Veterans Food Pantry is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM *(closed Weekends and Holidays)*. For more information/questions about the food pantry or directions to the facility, veterans may call (516) 572-6565.

Nassau County VSA Outreach Events Available

These events are open to all veterans groups based in Nassau County. They include:

- Intake of veteran's contact information and digital storage of veteran's DD Form 214
- Access to veteran's VA digital folder (with processed VA Power of Attorney)
- Access to local experts to expedite VA disability benefit claims
- Option to file future VA claims remotely
- Presentations on the PACT Act and Aid and Attendance benefits
- Assistance in applying for VA Healthcare enrollment

Call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at (516) 572-6565 to schedule an event for your veterans group.

Volunteer Drivers Wanted for Veterans—Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

DAV is also looking for volunteer drivers to help veterans get to VA medical appointments. A valid New York State driver's license is required. For more information, please send an email to Robert.Erdody@va.gov or call (631) 235-8220. For a volunteer application, please send an email to Jennifer.Pohl2@va.gov or call (631) 261-4400, ext. 7182.

VHUC Veterans Transportation Program

From Sal Polito's "Veteran's Column" in the February 12-18 issue of the *Massapequa Herald*:

Through the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the VHA-UBER Health Connect (VUHC) program offers another way for eligible veterans to access transportation to VA-authorized appointments. To qualify, veterans must meet the following criteria:

- Be service connected for 30% or more
- Be traveling to/from treatment for a service -connected condition
- Receive a VA pension or disability
- Have an income that does not exceed the maximum annual VA pension rate

Sal Polito is a member of American Legion Massapequa Post 1066 and is also an employee of the Town of Oyster Bay Veterans Service Agency.

Nassau County Transportation Program by GoGo

The Nassau County Office for the Aging, together with the New York State Office for the Aging, are piloting this program in Nassau County to serve senior veterans. Trips may be to medical appointments, including to the Northport VA Medical Center.

How to use GoGo:

1. Call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at (516) 572-6526 to register.
2. Applications will be processed within 48 hours.
3. Office for the Aging will call you with approval.
4. Once you are notified of approval, call GoGo Grandparent at (855) 464-6872 to set up your ride.

Attention: Military Star Card Holders

If you have received your new card, please activate it now. If you are a cardholder and have *not* received your new card, please call (877) 891-7827 or send an email to militarystar@aafes.com for assistance. The old "Liberty" cards were deactivated on May 1.

The Military Star card is a line of credit and its benefits are exclusively available to military personnel and their families, DoD civilians, Purple Heart recipients and Disabled Veterans. Veterans who received an Honorable or General under Honorable Conditions Discharge have online shopping privileges only.

To get more details on the Military Star card and/or to apply for the card, please visit the following website: https://www.myeecp.com/htmlpages/cp_milstarcard.

Commissary Reopening

For those of you who may not already know, the Mitchel Field Commissary reopened for business on March 4 after undergoing necessary repairs. The address is West Road, Building 84, Garden City.

You are eligible to shop in a commissary if you are an active-duty service member, a member of the Guard or Reserve, a military retiree, or a veteran *with a Veteran Health Identification Card that shows at least one of the following*:

- Service-connected
- Medal of Honor
- Purple Heart recipient status
- Former prisoner of war (POW)

If you're a family member, one of these must describe you:

- Surviving spouse of a service member (if you haven't remarried), or
- Primary family caregiver of an eligible Veteran (recognized under the Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers), or
- Dependent or survivor of an eligible service member, or
- Dependent of an eligible member of the Reserves

Lifetime Liberty Pass for New York State Residents

Since April 1, 2024, eligibility for the Lifetime Liberty Pass has expanded to encompass the following **(for New York State residents only)**:

1. All veterans, regardless of whether they have a VA disability compensation rating and who were discharged or released from service under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. Gold Star parents, Gold Star spouses and Gold Star children.

This pass provides free admission to all New York State parks. Additionally, pass-holders are also entitled to free admission to the two Town of Hempstead golf courses in Merrick (9 holes) and Lido Beach (18 holes).

To apply for the Lifetime Liberty Pass, please go to the following website:

<https://www.parks.ny.gov/admission/lifetime-liberty-pass.aspx>.

Also, since April 1, 2024, a veteran who has the veteran distinguishing mark on their New York State driver's license or nondriver's ID card will be able to use that license to gain free admission at New York State parks that have a *staffed* admission gate. Parks that have only an *unstaffed* admission kiosk, however, will require the use of the Lifetime Liberty Pass.

DD214s and Other Military Service Records Are Available Online

The following VA website is for veterans to gain access to their DD214 and other military service records online: <https://vetrecs.archives.gov/VeteranRequest/home.html#BasicInformation>.

PACT Act and Camp Lejeune Justice Act (CLJA) Deadlines

The information below is from an article by Elizabeth Hartman of the law firm Bergmann & Moore LLC in the October 2023 issue of *The American Legion Magazine*:

- **There is no deadline to file a PACT Act claim** through the VA. You can always contact an accredited American Legion service officer to file a claim. The “deadline” that is shown on several law firms’ websites references filing an *Intent to File* (ITF). If you had filed an ITF by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on August 14, 2023, that ensured that your benefits (if ultimately approved) would have dated back to the implementation date of the PACT Act—August 10, 2022—in essence, giving you a bonus year of benefits and a year from the date of the ITF to finalize your claim. There is no deadline for filing the PACT Act claim itself. Your claim will simply be considered from the date you filed rather than from the implementation date.

If you have any questions before filing a claim, Elizabeth Hartman can be contacted at (252) 497-7255. She is the Bergmann & Moore CLJA liaison with The American Legion.

More PACT Act Information

The VA has announced that all veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving are eligible to enroll in VA Healthcare. This means that all Vietnam War, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror or any other combat zones after 9/11 are eligible to enroll directly in VA Healthcare without first having to apply for benefits. For more information on the PACT Act, presumptive conditions and locations, visit www.va.gov and search on *PACT Act*, or call the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency at (516) 572-6565 or the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency at (631) 853-8387.

Here is a list of “presumptive conditions,” which are conditions that the VA automatically presumes were caused by your service:

These cancers are now presumptive:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphoma of any type

- Melanoma
- Neck cancer of any type
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

These illnesses are now presumptive:

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease (ILD)
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

If you don't have any of these presumptive conditions, you can still qualify for VA benefits, but you'll need added documentation to prove your case.

Nassau County Firefighters Operation Wounded Warrior (NCFF-OWW)

A nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization **not** affiliated with the Wounded Warrior Project or any other Operation Wounded Warrior organization, the NCFF-OWW is committed to helping those who put their lives in harm's way to protect the rights granted to us, the citizens of the United States of America. Their mission is to boost the morale of service members wounded in the line of duty. The NCFF-OWW works closely with military representatives of the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington DC, the Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Liberty, NC and the Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, NC. Together, they ensure that useful clothing, personal entertainment electronics, and get-well cards are properly channeled to recovering service personnel. Donations are brought down to Bethesda Naval Hospital and other Wounded Warrior centers via Fire Truck Caravan. Firefighters from throughout the Greater New York area join their 'parade' from New York to military hospitals in the south. Volunteers are also welcome to join their ranks, even if you are not a firefighter! The NCFF-OWW is comprised of firefighter and EMS volunteers throughout Nassau County who conduct numerous fundraising events throughout the year to help meet their goal of providing material and moral support to the wounded men and women of our Armed Forces. Each year's efforts culminate with a personal visit of NCFF-OWW representatives to each of the military hospitals in the area to meet with our brave wounded warriors and express their gratitude for the sacrifices that they have endured for our country. In addition to collecting items and visiting our wounded service personnel, the NCFF-OWW organizes, on behalf of the Nassau County fire service, welcome-home receptions for local service members who have recovered from serious injuries. Donations are accepted and greatly appreciated. Please visit their website at www.ncff-oww.org for more information.

CN Guidance and Counseling Services

All services by this nonprofit organization are free for veterans or loved ones of veterans. Services are available in the community or via telehealth and include outreach and engagement, peer support and linkages to community resources. They also provide referrals and warm handoffs to programs within CN Guidance based on eligibility, including therapy, medication management, medication-assisted treatment for substance abuse, case management and primary care physician. For more information, please call (516) 246-0614 or (516) 246-0621 or send an email to vetservices@centralnassau.org.

Veterans News UVO Long Island is looking for volunteers to act as crew members for its weekly show on public access TV (training will be provided.) The show airs on Cablevision channel 115 on Mondays at 6:30 PM and Cablevision channel 20 on Fridays at 6:30 PM. It is also on at various times on Verizon FIOS channel 36, on Lynbrook and Malverne public access channels, on public access MNN TV Network in Manhattan or any time on YouTube by entering *Veterans News UVO*. The crew meets at the North Shore TV Studio at 1111 Marcus Ave., Suite LL27 in Lake Success on the last Tuesday of the month to tape the program. For more information, please email Ed Aulman at mardiv1@optonline.net, or call him at (516) 921-0595.

Veterans Legal Assistance Program

Receive a FREE consultation with attorneys who specialize in elder law, taxes, wills and estates, family law, VA benefits and claims, disability, discharge upgrades, employment, housing, bankruptcy, debtor/creditor matters, Medicare/Medicaid, landlord/tenant disputes, immigration, and criminal law. For more information, email the Hofstra Legal Assistance Project at VLAP@hofstra.edu or call (516) 463-7302.

General Needs Ltd.

Located in East Northport, this is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that distributes NEW clothing as well as personal items such as toiletries to homeless veterans. If you would like to donate, volunteer, sponsor a distribution or if your business or organization would like to assist General Needs (or if you would just like more information), please call them at (631) 266-1672 or email them at Info@GeneralNeeds.org. You can also visit their website at www.GeneralNeeds.org or go to their Facebook page to see any upcoming events.

Veterans Project by Long Island Cares

This project encompasses several veterans' service programs such as a mobile pantry, job search assistance and Military Appreciation Tuesdays hosted at pantries located in Huntington Station, Bethpage, Hampton Bays, Lindenhurst, Valley Stream and Freeport. For more information, please call (631) 582-3663, extension 142.

Their website is www.licares.org/what-we-do/feed-long-island/veterans-project.

Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project (Suffolk County)

A joint initiative of the Suffolk County United Veterans and the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency, it serves veterans, service members and their families with post-service transitional issues such as PTSD

and TBI (traumatic brain injury); a diagnosis is NOT required for attendance. All groups are confidential and anonymous. They also provide services to student veterans at numerous Long Island college campuses and monthly community outreach in various locations. For more information, please call (631) 853-8345 or send an email to vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov. They also have a Facebook page.

Nassau County Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Peer Networking Groups

Vet2Vet consists of small groups of veterans who meet weekly to share knowledge, provide mutual support and share resources. Confidential and open to all veterans regardless of discharge status. Free to attend; no pre-registration is required. Meetings are at: Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead at 5:15 PM on Mondays and 6:30 PM on Wednesdays; Levittown Public Library, 1 Bluegrass Lane in Levittown at 2 PM on Thursdays (biweekly). There are also spouse/partner meetings at 6:30 PM on Tuesdays and women-only meetings at 6:30 PM on Wednesdays, both at Mental Health Association, 16 Main Street in Hempstead. (Park in the municipal lot across the street. Use the side parking lot and side entrance closest to the gated area.) No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please contact Marisol Mateo at (516) 489-2322, ext. 1260 or send her an email at mmateo@mhanc.org. Also check out their website: veteranshealthalliance.org.

Suffolk County Joseph P. Dwyer Vet2Vet Peer Networking Groups

Vet2Vet consists of small groups of veterans who meet weekly to share knowledge, provide mutual support and share resources. Confidential and open to all veterans regardless of discharge status. Free to attend; no pre-registration is required. Meetings are at: Liberty Village, 600 Albany Ave. in Amityville at 6 PM on Mondays; Liberty Landing, 58 Portion Rd. in Lake Ronkonkoma at 4 PM on Wednesdays; **Seniors 60 and over only**—Rose Caracappa Senior Center, 739 Route 25A in Mount Sinai at 10 AM on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. There are also women-veterans-only Zoom meetings at 11:30 AM-12:30 PM on Saturdays (meeting ID: 932 2123 8672) and women-only MST (Military Sexual Trauma) Group Zoom meetings at 6 PM on Mondays (meeting ID: 886 6132 0754). No pre-registration is necessary. For more information, please call (631) 853-8345 send an email to vetspeertopeer@suffolkcountyny.gov. Also check out their website: veteranshealthalliance.org.

Veterans Rights Project

The Veterans Rights Project is able to assist any person who has previous military experience regardless of discharge status. All services are free. Services include housing, family law, public benefits, re-entry services and discharge upgrades. Their website is www.nslawservices.org.

Contact information:

Hempstead Office: 1 Helen Keller Way, 5th Floor, phone (516) 292-8100

Islandia Office: 1757 Veterans Hway., Suite 50, phone (631) 232-2400

Riverhead Office: 400 West Main St., Suite 200, phone (631) 369-1112

Veterans Defense Program

Justice-involved veterans often do not have the funds to hire an attorney and are represented by public defenders. Public defense attorneys are rarely trained to adequately represent veterans who suffer from the invisible wounds of war or to translate the combat experience of their clients to explain resulting criminal behavior. This program provides training, support, and legal assistance to promote trauma-informed effective representation of veterans and service members. The Veteran Defense Program (VDP) is a project of the New York State Defenders Association (NYSDA), a statewide nonprofit organization working to improve the quality and scope of publicly-supported legal representation for people who cannot afford a lawyer. For information and assistance, please call Director Gary A. Horton at (585) 219-4862 or email him at ghorton@nysda.org. Their website is nysda.org/page/AboutVDP.

Donate a Bicycle to Beacon House to Help a Veteran

Beacon House provides housing in forty-two locations throughout Nassau and Suffolk counties. On any given day, over 255 men, women, and children from the tri-state area benefit from programs that address homelessness, physical disabilities, PTSD, TBI, mental health issues and addiction. Non-veterans, too, have access to housing, drug/alcohol addiction services and job skills/readiness development programs. Email Ed Aulman at mardiv1@optonline.net or call him at (516) 921-0595. A charitable donation receipt will be provided by Beacon House.

Long Island Vets Help

The Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk, Inc. and the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless have partnered to produce a resource directory devoted specifically to the needs of veterans navigating civilian life on Long Island. For more information, go to their website at longislandvetshelp.org.

Walls of Honor

The Walls of Honor is a place of remembrance within Veterans Memorial Plaza at Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. Please note—these are honor walls, not memorial walls, and are open to all currently serving and to all veterans with an honorable discharge, living or deceased. There is a \$100 application fee for each name to be engraved. For more information, please call Allison Ridam Krivosheiw at (516) 236-3245 or email her at alliridam@gmail.com.

NOTE: A new requirement has been put in place that applicants must be current or former Nassau County residents. A copy of the newly-revised two-page application form has been attached to the end of this newsletter.

Local Website for Veterans

We-Are-Vets.us is a local Long Island website presenting a mix of information, history and memories for active-duty troops, veterans and interested civilians. Eric Spinner is the webmaster while Gary Glick, Marvin Gold, Pat Yngstrom and Bernard Fradkin make up the rest of the team. Their website is www.we-are-vets.us.

Honor Flight Long Island

Honor Flight recognizes American World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veterans by flying them to and from Washington, D.C. to see their memorials **at no cost**. The flights, deluxe tour bus service, lunch, dinner and tee shirts are **FREE** to our veterans. Flights depart from MacArthur Airport in Islip. You must submit an application to get on their wait list, where you will be assigned to a flight on a first-come, first-served basis by order of application date. It will be approximately four to five months after applying before you are assigned to a flight. You can download and print an application to mail or you can fill out an online application. Go to <http://www.honorflightlongisland.org/general-9> to do either one. You can find out more information on this same website or you can call Jamie Bowden at (631) 702-2423 or send an email to jbowden@southamptontownny.gov.

Honor Flight Long Island is also looking for Guardian volunteers. Guardians escort the veterans on the aircraft, accompany them throughout the day and make sure our veterans have everything they need for a memorable experience. Prospective Guardians must complete an application and must pay their own way, an expense of \$400.

Prospective Guardians, please note:

- Spouses are not eligible to serve as Family Guardians.
- All Guardians must attend the Mandatory Guardian Orientation. A flexible schedule will be created so each Guardian can make one of the several sessions.
- Every Guardian must be between 18-66 years of age or be in peak physical condition and able to handle the rigors of the day (i.e. pushing a wheelchair, extensive walking, bad weather).
- Guardians pay \$400 for the privilege to escort these veterans to D.C.
- Guardians DO NOT need to submit the \$400 donation until it is your turn to fly.
- Guardians will be contacted by Honor Flight Long Island when they have been scheduled for an upcoming flight.

For information on filing a Guardian application, either online or by downloading the form and mailing or emailing a completed form, please visit <https://www.honorflightlongisland.org/copy-of-veteran>.

If you wish to make a donation to support Honor Flight Long Island in its mission, please go to <https://www.honorflightlongisland.org/support-our-mission> or mail a check to Honor Flight Long Island, c/o Southampton Town, 116 Hampton Rd., Southampton, NY 11968. Honor Flight Long Island is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization; all donations are fully tax-deductible.

RISE Study Regarding Veterans and Stress

The ReACH (Relationships, Aging, Coping & Health) Lab at Adelphi University has launched the RISE (Relational Influences on Sleep & Emotion) Study to learn more about how veterans cope with stress in their daily lives and how it affects their sleep and well-being. They are looking for veterans who are at least 65 years old and are married (or living with a partner). Participants will be compensated for their time and effort with a maximum of \$75 worth of gift cards. Participation includes an initial survey and seven brief daily surveys that will be emailed to you, along with the **option** to wear a watch-like device (after visiting their lab) to help them measure your sleep. The study runs through December 31, 2025.

If you wish to learn more, please contact the lead researcher, Dr. Christina Marini, by emailing her at cmarini@adelphi.edu or calling her at (516) 877-4812.

Free COVID-19 At-Home Test Kits—*No Longer Available*****

As of March 10, 2025, you can no longer request free COVID-19 at-home test kits from the government through the website <https://covidtests.gov>. Last August, health officials said that the national stockpile of COVID-19 tests was large enough to sustain the program. It is unclear what inventory now remains in the national stockpile and what will happen to the unused test kits.

It's recommended to get the updated 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccine to help protect you from severe disease, hospitalization and death; the vaccine is recommended by the CDC for most adults ages 18 and older. Parents of children ages 6 months to 17 years should discuss the benefits of vaccination with a healthcare provider. It is especially important to get your 2024-2025 COVID-19 vaccination if you are age 65 or older, are at high risk for severe COVID-19, or have never received a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccine protection decreases over time, so it is important to stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccine.

MedEquip Medical Alert Device with Monitoring—FREE for Veterans

This device (available as a pendant or a wristband) with Stat-VA data is the only medical device of its kind that incorporates veteran health information. All you need to do is **press the button** and a responder will know who and where you are and handle the rest. You do not need to have a pre-existing condition to qualify.

- No monthly or subscription fees
- 24/7 responders
- Coast to coast connection
- HIPAA compliant
- Joint Commission Accredited
- GSA approved program
- No contract to sign
- Service can be terminated at any time.
- Fall Detection (available)

Ask your VA doctor or clinician about the **MedEquip Alert with Monitoring. The device must be ordered using GSA# GS-35F-202GA.** You can also call (844) 435-7808 or visit <https://www.medequipalert.com/veterans/> for more info.

Military Blue Star Mothers of Nassau County NY 14 Adopt a Building

Andrea Nordquist has announced that they will “adopt” Building 8 at the Northport VA to help veterans and to give gifts throughout the year.

DAV (Disabled American Veterans) Donation Programs

DAV helps more than one million veterans every year with their health problems, employment issues, accessing their benefits and easing their transition to civilian life. The DAV Charitable Service Trust has a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator.

In addition to cash donations, you can donate a car, truck, motorcycle, boat, or other vehicle. Go to <https://www.dav.org/vehicle-donation/> or call (833) 227-4328 seven days a week to schedule a vehicle donation—FREE towing is provided!

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Did you know . . .

. . . that a Boeing KC-135 Stratotanker aerial refueling aircraft once literally exploded and was damaged beyond repair after a routine cabin pressurization test?

It happened on April 7, 1999. The plane was assigned to the 153rd Air Refueling Squadron of the 186th Air Refueling Wing, Mississippi Air National Guard and was undergoing maintenance at the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. According to an excerpt from a military “lessons learned” presentation that appears on <http://www.discity.com/kc135/>, “a KC-135 aircraft was being pressurized at ground level. The outflow valves, which are used to regulate the pressure of the aircraft, had been capped off during a five-year overhaul and had never been opened back up. The post-investigation revealed that a civilian depot technician, who ‘had always done it that way,’ was using a homemade gauge, and no procedure.” The technician’s gauge didn’t even have a MAX peg for the needle so apparently, in a moment of inattention, he missed that the needle had already made a 360-degree turn around the dial and he continued to increase the pressure. As the needle was now on its second trip around the dial, the fuselage violently ruptured with an explosive “boom,” tearing a 35-foot hole in the aft fuselage and dropping the tail section to the ground. The rear hatch was blown over 70 yards away behind a blast fence. Amazingly, nobody was killed or seriously injured, but the multi-million-dollar aircraft was a total loss.

The previously referenced excerpt drily notes, “This is an example of what happens when we do not pay attention to detail, and do not follow instructions and checklists!”



Two views of the stricken KC-135 Stratotanker after faulty pressure test.
Photo credit: U.S. Air Force

Taps



Michael J. McDevitt of White Haven, PA passed away in early May at age 73 of undisclosed causes.

Per our VP of Corporate Development, Ray Donnelly, who played lacrosse with Michael at Suffolk Community College: Michael was born in Westbury and was drafted into the US Army in 1969, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He saw service in Vietnam, where he was awarded a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and an Air Medal for his service. After being discharged, he enrolled at Suffolk Community College in 1972 with 2 friends from high school, who were also Vietnam Veterans.

They formed the core of the college's lacrosse team and Mike was Team Captain. With his 50+ goals, Mike was named NJCAA All Region in 1972 for the nationally ranked Clippers. After college, Mike married and had three children—Morgiana, Heather and Ray. He will be much missed by his loving children, family and many friends in the veteran and lacrosse communities.



Michael J. McDevitt in undated photo.
Photo credit: From mylife.com website

Marilyn Nehrich of Freeport passed away on May 19 at age 84 of undisclosed causes. Marilyn attended Brooklyn Jewish Nursing School and became a registered nurse in 1984. She also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from Molloy College. She worked in nursing homes, emergency rooms, operating rooms, obstetrics, and was a visiting nurse and teacher. Marilyn also worked for the Nassau County Department of Health Early Intervention Program assisting children aged 0-3 and their families.

Marilyn was the wife of 54 years of Paul Nehrich, an Army National Guard veteran, and a member and past commander of Freeport American Legion William Clinton Story Post 342. She is survived by her husband Paul as well as by her sister June Mason, her daughters Francine Pilgreen and Jill Albury, her son David Bernard, her step-daughter Donna Nehrich, and her grandchildren Sara, Lauren, Carliyah and Carneil.

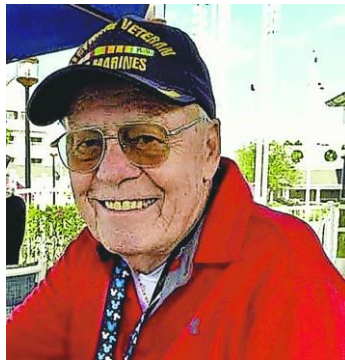


Marilyn Nehrich in undated photo.
Photo credit: From memorial flyer

Robert Alban “Bob” Noonan of South Hempstead passed away at home on June 9 at the age of 80 of cardiac arrest. Bob enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1964, seeing combat in Vietnam during two tours, earning a Vietnam Service Medal with two campaign stars and attaining the rank of sergeant. He transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve in 1967 and married Linda Newton in 1968. The couple moved to South Hempstead in 1971 and started a family. Bob became a union electrician and for a time had his own electrical business.

Bob was a dedicated 62-year member of the Hempstead Fire Department, spending decades working his way up from rookie to chief, serving one-year terms as chief in 1980 and 1989. He was also a longtime member of the Hempstead Flukes Drill Team and the 7th Battalion Chiefs Association.

He is survived by his beloved wife Linda; son Robert S. Noonan, married to Annette; daughter Tricia Candido, married to Kevin; sister Dana Wolstad of East Meadow; and three grandchildren: Robert Jr., Ainsley and Mackenzie.



Robert A. Noonan in undated photo.
Photo credit: Noonan family via Newsday

Adolph “Ralph” Panetta of Bay Shore passed away at age 101 on June 3 of natural causes at the VA Community Living Center in Northport.

Panetta wanted to enlist in the Marines during World War II but was disqualified for having flat feet. He then enlisted in the Army, attaining the rank of corporal. In Italy, he was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry when he went to the aid of a wounded comrade, while also under heavy fire, and holding off the enemy at a critical point in the battle, after disregarding his commander’s warning. He was also a recipient of the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement in ground combat, a Purple Heart for a knee wound while attempting to neutralize a German machine gun nest, a Combat Infantryman’s Badge and the New York State Conspicuous Service Award, New York’s highest military honor bestowed on a veteran.

His wife of 60 years, Angelina Rose, predeceased him. He is survived by his daughter Rita Nicholson of East Islip and by his son Randy of Islip Terrace, eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Adolph "Ralph" Panetta in undated photo.
Photo credit: Granddaughter Kristy Lanza via Newsday

Lawrence (Larry) M. Pinto of East Meadow passed away on May 21 at the age of 100 of undisclosed causes. Larry was a 1944 alumnus of Chaminade High School in Mineola who enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps shortly after graduation. He served in several of the most brutal battles of World War II, including Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. After the war, he also served in the U.S. Army Reserves for 38 years.

From the Chaminade website: "Larry's connection to Chaminade High School remained strong throughout his life. He was a familiar presence at Gold Star Masses, honoring alumni who made the ultimate sacrifice, and he participated in numerous alumni golf outings, often alongside his close friend Jack Lenz."

He is survived by his beloved wife, Alice "Barrie," their six children—Kathleen Cooper, married to Roger; Josephine Spelman, married to Eugene; Michael, married to Lori; Elizabeth Boghosian, married to Thomas; Thomas, married to Carolina; and John, married to Christine—as well as 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.



Larry Pinto in undated photo.
Photo credit: chaminade-hs.org



THE LONG ISLAND AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION (LIAFA)

A Department of Defense (DOD) Vietnam 50th Anniversary
Commemorative Sponsor

LIAFA proudly presents the Vietnam 50th Anniversary
Commemorative Medal to thank and honor Vietnam War
veterans and their families for their commitment and service.
(Awarded to living Long Island Vietnam Vets of all services)



COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL APPLICATION

Name _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank/Grade _____

Vietnam service dates _____

Units assigned and location during war _____

Please send a copy of your DD-214 (block out your Social Security Number) and
this application to:

Fred Di Fabio, President
67 Pacific Dunes Ct.
Medford, NY 11763



For information call:
631-754-6383

- Visit our web page at **LIAFA.ORG** to view a video of the ceremony.
- Also check out our Facebook page: **Long Island Air Force Association - LIAFA**
- Attendance is **FREE**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.
- You will be contacted to schedule you for one of our upcoming ceremonies upon receipt of your application.



WOMAN'S RECOGNITION CEREMONY

**ARE YOU A WOMAN WHO IS A VETERAN OR
IS CURRENTLY SERVING?**

The Long Island Air Force Association proudly presents and honors woman veterans and women currently serving and their families for their commitment and service.

(Awarded to women of all Services and Eras)

APPLICATION

Name _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank/Grade _____

Service dates _____

Please send a copy of your DD-214 **showing military service** (black out your Social Security Number) and this completed application to:

Fred Di Fabio, President
67 Pacific Dunes Court
Medford, NY 11763

For information,
call: 631-754-6383

- Check out our web page at: **LIAFA.ORG** and visit us on Facebook: **The Long Island Air Force Association - LIAFA**
- Attendance **is FREE**. Bring your family, friends and neighbors.
- You will be contacted to be scheduled for an upcoming ceremony.

**THIS AWARD HONORS LONG ISLAND WOMAN VETERANS AND WOMEN WHO ARE
CURRENTLY SERVING**
(Not Awarded Posthumously)

The Nassau County Veterans Monument Fund, Inc.

PRESENTS:

"WALLS OF HONOR"



The "Walls Of Honor"

offers places of remembrance to residents of Nassau County, NY
within *Veterans Memorial Plaza*,
Eisenhower Park, East Meadow, New York.

The Walls of Honor are exactly what they state, they are Honor Walls, not memorial walls. Stainless Steel Panels, mounted on Granite Walls, Engraved with Veterans names, ensures that the greatest contribution to our legacy of freedom is recognized for generations to come.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A LIFETIME

Reserve a place of **HONOR** for yourself, family member or friend and become part of a monument to the men and women who bravely served this nation through its darkest moments or protected it during times of peace. **Any** Veteran of any U.S. involved war. **Any** Veteran who is currently serving. **Any** Veteran living or deceased. **Any** Veteran who took the oath of enlistment & has been honorably discharged is eligible to be remembered.

The *Walls of Honor* is on-going. As long as veterans apply, there will be room for their names. Once a year we welcome all to attend our **Annual Honoree Dedication Ceremony** where new honorees names are placed on the Walls of Honor.

There is a \$100.00 application fee for each name to be engraved.

Donations are always greatly appreciated.

For additional information please contact Allison Ridam Krivosheiw
cell/text: 516-236-3245 /alliridam@gmail.com

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TO REGISTER:



Type or Print all information CLEARLY

Each registration form should include ONE NAME - For additional forms contact Allison or Joan Ridam @ 516-804-5802

NOTE: BE SURE TO INCLUDE A COPY of DD-214 or SEPARATION PAPERS or ANY OTHER TYPE OF PROOF OF SERVICE

Along with Proof of Nassau County Residency

Donor's name:

Address:

Town:

State:

Zip Code:

Area code & Phone number (Please circle: Home / Cell)

HONOREE INFORMATION:

All Letters are Capital Letters. For lower case letters, circle the box (e.g. Mc, Mac)
Leave blank boxes for space between words.

1. Name of Veteran being honored:

(First, Middle, Last)

JOHN E. MCCORMICK

2. Branch of service:

* See below for abbreviations

3. Date of service: (optional)

4. If applicable: Prisoner of War - Missing in Action - Killed in Action Please include proof of status.

check box: POW ☐ MIA ☐ KIA ☐

IMPORTANT: SERVICE MEMBERS' NAMES ARE NOT ENGRAVED ALPHABETICALLY. THEY ARE ENGRAVED IN THE ORDER THEY ARE RECEIVED. THE INFORMATION YOU SUBMIT IS WHAT WILL BE ENGRAVED ON THE WALL.
DOUBLE - CHECK YOUR INFORMATION. If you wish to place multiple names on a panel, submit together a separate application for each person. In receipt of this form, the donor will be sent a certificate of acknowledgement.

*Service Branch Abbreviations:

USA - US Army / USAF - US Air Force / USN - US Navy / USMC - US Marine Corps / USCG - US Coast Guard /
USAAC - US Army Air Corps / USAAF - US Army Air Force / USMM - US Merchant Marines / USANG - US Army National Guard /
NYARNG - NY Army Reserved National Guard / ANG - Air National Guard / USNG - US National Guard / WAC - Women Army Corp /
ABN - Army Airborne / USSF - US Space Force / All service prior year 1900, e.g.: Civil War, Revolutionary War-please contact us.

Submit this completed form, payment and proof of service & residency to:

Nassau County Veterans Monument Fund, Inc

PO Box 7911

Hicksville, New York 11802-7911

For additional information please contact Allison Ridam Krivosheiv cell/text: 516-236-3245 / alliridam@gmail.com

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Please make check payable to : Nassau County Veterans Monument Fund, Inc.

The Walls Of Honor are open to Nassau County Veteran residences living &/or deceased

A \$100.00 application fee for each Veteran name is all that is required to ensure that future generations know the sacrifice & courage of these brave Americans.