



# In a New York Minute

“All the News you Need to Know – In a NY Minute”

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This week the National Guard Bureau Family Programs announced their annual Volunteer Awards. National Region 2 (NY, NJ, PR, Virgin Islands) Volunteer of the Year 2013 is our very own **Amy Hibbard**.

Amy is lead volunteer for the 204<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion.

Congratulations to Amy!

Many Thanks to all of our Volunteers!



## 2013 Volunteer, Command & MPOC Training

This year we are going back to basics, so our FRGs can be stronger & more resilient. Appointed Volunteers, MPOCs and Commanders can register for the closest event by clicking on a link. POC for questions and information is your regional FRSA contact them directly or call 1-877-715-7817 and the Family Programs Office will put you in contact with your FRSA

### UPCOMING STRONG BONDS OPPORTUNITIES

- **Family Event: 3-5 MAY Cortland**  
*8 Habits of a successful Marriage*
- **Family Event: 17-19 MAY Long Island**  
*Seven habits of successful Families*
- **Spouse/Family of Deployed Event 31 May-2 JUNE**  
**Westchester/Cortland Manor**
- **Family Event: 7-9 JUNE Lake George**  
*Family Wellness*  
**Registration: [www.Strongbonds.org](http://www.Strongbonds.org)**

**Power 4 Vets** is a program that trains people to enter the energy management industry. Careers as a full power system operator will typically have salaries in the \$60,000 - \$100,000 range depending on the utility. The program is online and FREE to vets. If you have anyone looking to transfer into an in-demand field, please pass this info on to them.  
<http://www.incsys.com/power4vets/>

## VOLUNTEER TRAININGS

### 1 June Latham

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=4dd8fc5e-29b7-432a-8e07-4009e420599c>

### 8 June Syracuse

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=547e1fe7-aa05-4403-bd1a-b0d463f98c47>

### 13 July Jamestown

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=af924ef8-2ccc-47e8-bbdd-35af3dbc9e60>

### 20 July Camp Smith

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=a9cf3678-f4bc-44cf-afd9-4d0327d44a2d>

### 27 July Queensbury

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=2f0fb902-485c-4d03-80c2-d7bdf168e3aa>

### 3 August Rochester

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=A3EE5CE9-D48F-4943-8646-D42D92B4DB47>

## COMMAND/MPOC TRAININGS

### 2 June Latham

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=4dd8fc5e-29b7-432a-8e07-4009e420599c>

### 9 June Syracuse

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=f2078265-b86b-4d5c-949c-53a744b4d7df>

### 21 July Camp Smith

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=e4f2da00-a8d6-4ce0-97ab-96f6f6d916d3>

### 28 July Queensbury

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=b71241b8-a1cf-45bc-8992-dcaacb0a863e>

### 4 August Rochester

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventRegistrationRequest.aspx?Mode=AddNew&Id=dc481120-5898-4b4d-8ba3-ee63517340a5>

## HIRING OUR HEROES Veterans hiring fairs

8 May Binghamton

<http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/inghamton-ny>

5 June Buffalo

<http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/buffalo-ny0>

**open to Veterans and spouses**

## 2013 Thanks USA Scholarship Program

The **Thanks USA Scholarship Program** is accepting online applications as of April 1, 2013 for dependent military children age 24 and under, or military spouses (this includes our Surviving Military children & spouses- see eligibility guidelines within the application). The online application period will end on May 15, 2013  
<http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html>.

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3-5 MAY	Strong Bonds FAMILY event,8 Habits, Cortland, NY POC to register Mark Getman, <a href="mailto:mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil">mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil</a> ,
4 May	642 <sup>nd</sup> ASB Pre-Mob YR Event, Uniondale, POC YR Team <a href="mailto:ng.ny.nyamg.list.yellowribbon@mail.mil">ng.ny.nyamg.list.yellowribbon@mail.mil</a>
8 MAY	Hiring Our Hero's Job Fair Binghamton, NY to register POC John Willsey john.
	<b>TRACK VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY</b> @ <a href="https://www.jointservicessupport.org/default.aspx">https://www.jointservicessupport.org/default.aspx</a>
12-17 MAY	RTA/ASIST Training Camp Smith, POC SFC Melissa Guckian <a href="mailto:melissa.s.guckian.mil@mail.mil">melissa.s.guckian.mil@mail.mil</a>
17-19 MAY	Strong Bonds FAMILY event,8 Habits, Long Island NY POC to register Mark Getman, <a href="mailto:mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil">mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil</a> ,
25 MAY	<i>Come Fly a Kite for Homeless Veterans !</i> Gratwick Waterfront park North Tonawanda To reserve kites please pre-register at <a href="http://www.kitesforvets.com">www.kitesforvets.com</a>
31 MAY-2 JUNE	Strong Bonds Deployed spouse/Family of 101 SIG , NYC-Westchester, POC to register Mark Getman, <a href="mailto:mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil">mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil</a> ,
1 JUNE	Regional Volunteer Training Latham POC Jenna Herdrick <a href="mailto:jennifer.m.herdrick.ctr@mail.mil">jennifer.m.herdrick.ctr@mail.mil</a>
2 JUNE	Regional MPOC Training Latham POC Stephanie Duell <a href="mailto:stephanie.m.duell.ctr@mail.mil">stephanie.m.duell.ctr@mail.mil</a>
5 JUNE	Hiring Our Hero's Job Fair Connecticut St Buffalo <a href="http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/buffalo-ny0">http://www.uschamber.com/hiringourheroes/buffalo-ny0</a> POC John Willsey <a href="mailto:john.j.willsey.ctr@mail.mil">john.j.willsey.ctr@mail.mil</a>
7-9 JUNE	Strong Bonds FAMILY event, Family Wellness, Lake George, NY POC to register Mark Getman, <a href="mailto:mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil">mark.h.getman.mil@mail.mil</a> ,
8 JUNE	Regional Volunteer Training Syracuse POC Cynthia Roberson <a href="mailto:cynthia.m.roberson-vanlaningham.ctr@mail.mil">cynthia.m.roberson-vanlaningham.ctr@mail.mil</a>
9 JUNE	Regional MPOC Training Syracuse POC Cynthia Roberson <a href="mailto:cynthia.m.roberson-vanlaningham.ctr@mail.mil">cynthia.m.roberson-vanlaningham.ctr@mail.mil</a>
9-14 JUNE	RTA/ASIST Training Camp Smith, POC SFC Melissa Guckian <a href="mailto:melissa.s.guckian.mil@mail.mil">melissa.s.guckian.mil@mail.mil</a>

**FREE Buffalo Bison Baseball Tickets**  
**(limited amount available)**

**Games:** May 26 - June 7, 21, 23 - July 13, 14, 23 -  
 August 4, 23, 25 POC Peter Pilc [peter.m.pilc.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:peter.m.pilc.ctr@mail.mil)



**Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Game in Syracuse**

On Saturday, May 11, the Syracuse Chiefs will host the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team, WWAST, to kick off an all-day Armed Forces celebration. At 10:30 am, the WWAST will take the field against a local celebrity team  
 Admission to the softball game is free [www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org](http://www.woundedwarrioramputeesoftballteam.org) or [www.syracusechiefs.com](http://www.syracusechiefs.com)

**Armed Forces Celebration and Game at NBT Stadium, Syracuse**

The Syracuse Chiefs will be hosting a special Armed Forces Celebration on Saturday, May 11. Military vehicles and equipment and community organizations will be on display in the NBT Stadium parking lot beginning at noon. At 2:00p.m., the Syracuse Chiefs will be playing Vs. the Norfolk Tides. Syracuse Chief players and coaches will wear special "Stars & Stripes" jerseys and hats. Free tickets are available to Service Member and their Families.

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