



The New York Minute "All the News you Need to Know – In a NY Minute"

Organizations in the Community Seeking a Chance to Say THANK YOU this Holiday Season

Family Programs has been asked by several organizations if we can help them say THANK YOU to our Military Families this holiday season. Please help us to identify Military Families in NY that would be gracious enough to accept these generous gifts, please contact our Family Assistance Coordinator Jeanna Clark. Also, if you are aware of a Community Organization that is interested in gifting a Military Family over the Holidays please contact our Family Assistance Coordinator, Jeanna Clark jeanna.c.clark.ctr@mail.mil

Military OneSource Offering an Online Holiday Stress Survival Kit

Check out Military OneSource's online Holiday Stress Survival kit for tips on de-stressing and focusing on enjoying the holiday season with friends and family. Offering holiday card ideas, tips on staying stress-free during the holidays, and more. To view the free kit visit,

http://www.militaryonesource.mil/crisis-prevention?content_id=273742



Watervliet Arsenal Holly-Jolly Christmas Party and Tree Lighting on December 7th

The 2013 Watervliet Arsenal will be holding its Holly-Jolly Christmas Party and Tree Lighting Saturday, December 7th, 2013 at O'Keefe Hall (Post Restaurant) from 4:00p.m.-6:00p.m. Activities include family photos with Santa and Rudolph, free pizza, and cookies. Tree lighting ceremony will be at 6:00p.m. Children 12 and under will receive a gift from Santa.

Reservations are needed by November 28th to insure children receive a gift. To RSVP or more information email melissa.a.ryder4.naf@mail.mil or 518-266-4829.



Santa's Vision To Host "A Day out with Santa" Events in Western NY

During December, Vision Hotels will be hosting two separate "A Day out with Santa" events in Rochester, NY and Buffalo, NY. The events are free to attend. At each event there will be a free picture with Santa and toy for each child. Other activities include free pony rides, face painting, a chance for children to meet their favorite children's characters in costumes, complimentary snacks and drinks, and much more.

Rochester, NY Saturday, December 15, 2013 at the Holiday Inn & Suites Marketplace, 800 Jefferson Road, Rochester, NY 14623

Buffalo, NY Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Adam's Mark Hotel and Event Center, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY 14202- The Buffalo event is scheduled to have players from the Buffalo Bills appear for meet and greets.

Patriot Hills of New York Inc. to Celebrate the Holidays with "Holiday Gift Giveaway Event" for Veterans and Military Members on December 11th

The Patriot Hills of New York will be holding a "Holiday Gift Giveaway Event" for Veterans and Military Members in Colonie on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013.

It will be held from 11:00a.m.-2:00p.m. at the Jezreel International located at 10 Interstate Ave, Colonie, NY. This is the first "Holiday Gift Giveaway Event" the organization plans to hold annually.

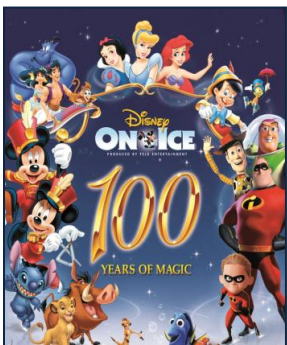
As it is the first event, space is limited to the first 150 Veterans and Military Members who RSVP to participate. If you are interested in attending please email RSVP to info@patriohills.org or call 518-438-4370.

Discounted Tickets for Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" Show Deadline to Order Tickets is December 12th

Disney on Ice "100 Years of Magic" will be coming to the Times Union Center in Albany, NY December 18th through the 22nd, 2013.

Special ticket pricing, ranging from \$15-\$55 (plus applicable fees), available for select show times. Discount price varies per seating location. You must place your order over the phone with a representative from the Group Sales office. Please let them know that you are with the DMNA and/or NYARNG when placing the order.

The deadline to order tickets is: Thursday, December 12th at 4:00 PM EST. Please contact Taveun Fergus at tferguson@feldinc.com or 1-866-248-8740 ext.31427 with any questions and to order tickets.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

INPUT VOLUNTEER HOURS ON JSS <https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Default.aspx>

6-8 DEC	Strong Bonds Couples Event “Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage” Buffalo, NY www.strongbonds.org
7 DEC	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
7 DEC	133rd QM Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, Fort Hamilton https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events
13-15 DEC	Strong Bonds Family Event “Lasting Intimacy through Nurturing, Knowledge & Skills” NYC/Westchester, NY www.strongbonds.org
14 DEC	4th Fin, 37th Fin, 53rd DLD Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, La Guardia Marriott https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events
15 DEC	1569th TC Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon, Suffern Crowne Plaza https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events
20-22 DEC	Strong Bonds Family Event “7 Habits For an Effective Military Family “ Albany, NY www.strongbonds.org
21 DEC	First Day of Winter
31 DEC	New Year’s Eve

Scholarship Opportunity for US Army Veterans Studying in the Healthcare Field

Buffalo, NY American Legion ERIECO Women’s Post No. 1586 is seeking applications for The Bernice Walker Scholarship Fund for the 2014-2015 academic year. The scholarship is available for US Army Veterans who are studying in the healthcare field such as (but not limited to) Nursing, Medicine, Radiology, Medical Technology, Physician Assistant, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, or Chiropractor.

Deadline to apply for The Bernice Walker Scholarship Fund is April 15, 2014. If you are interested in applying or would like more information about this scholarship opportunity please email

Walkerscholarship@yahoo.com



Free “Get LinkedIn to Your Career Network” Webinar for Veterans on December 11th

As part of Excelsior College’s “You’re Back-What’s Next?” Webinar Series for Veterans, they will be offering a free webinar titled “Get LinkedIn to Your Career Network.” To be held on Wednesday, December 11th from 7:00-8:00p.m. EST; the webinar will discuss how “returning veterans can use the site to...network, find new opportunities, and advance in their career.”

Topics will include steps in developing a professional and eye-catching profile page, how to take advantage of a free year of access to a “Job Seeker Premium Account,” join professional groups to network in your career field, and online job search.

To register to participate in the webinar visit, www.bit.ly/ECgetlinkedin . Registration is required.



Spring 2014 RIRP "State TA" Applications Deadline is December 15th

The Spring 2014 window for RIRP aka "State TA" applications is now open! Applications will be accepted 01 NOVEMBER 2013 - 15 DECEMBER 2013.

The Recruitment Incentive and Retention Program (RIRP) is a New York State program designed to recruit and retain quality members for the State Military Forces (Army and Air National Guard, and Naval Militia). This competitive program will pay the cost of tuition up to a maximum of \$5,570 per calendar year for eligible qualified applicants.

Soldiers who apply by the deadline have an additional 60 days to forward any and all pertinent financial aid documentation to the Education Office.

Applications must be submitted electronically to ng.ny.nyarng.list.rirp-ny@mail.mil. No paper copies, faxes, etc will be accepted.

Learn more about this important benefit at <http://dmna.ny.gov/education/?page=rirp>



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