



# Military

MAY 1 - 31  
APPRECIATION MONTH

## In a New York Minute

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

MAY 24, 2013



*One among our holidays alone bears the name and the specific call to remembrance: Memorial Day.*

*Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a post-Civil War holiday. It was first instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 30, 1868, "for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, hamlet, and churchyard in the land." If the Fourth of July renews the memory of the birth of the nation, Decoration Day renews the memory of those who gave their lives that that nation might live. Or again, in Lincoln's words, "That this nation shall have a new birth of freedom."*

*After World War I, Memorial Day was expanded to commemorate the lives of all those who have died in service to our country. In the past decade, hundreds have been added to the roster of those whose lives and service we are summoned today to remember.*

*But how should we the living best honor these lives and those memories? In what manner and spirit should we remember? **Why Memorial Day today?***

### **Troops, Families Can Visit Museums Free for Summer**

From Memorial Day, May 27, through Labor Day, Sept. 2, all active duty service members, **National Guardsmen** and reservists and their families can take advantage of this cultural and educational opportunity in all 50 states.

Participating Museums <http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums>

**Congratulations !!**

**Karen Fuller**

**2013 Armed forces Insurance New  
York Army National Guard Spouse of  
the Year**



**ATTENTION:**

**NYC and Long Island Region FRG volunteers  
YOU ASKED FOR A REGIONAL TRAINING:**

**17 Aug Farmingdale Reserve Center**

<https://www.jointservicessupport.org/Events/EventDetails.aspx?Id=0d925215-8002-4a1d-9ef2-75ec9e490a00>

**&**

**Several other locations still have availability  
.....sign up today!**

**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>

**3 August Rochester**

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

**2013 Command & POC Training**

**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>

**4 August Rochester**

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

**ARMED FORCES DAY**

Members of the New York National Guard Youth Program plant a rainbow of red geraniums, yellow marigolds and blue lobelias to celebrate Armed Forces Day May 18 at the armory of the 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters in Troy, N.Y. The NYNG Youth Program aims to support children of military-affiliated members and planted flowers in Troy and in Latham, N.Y. (U.S. Army Photo by Spc. J.p. Lawrence, 42nd Infantry Division Public Affairs Office)



**DMNA Latham, NY**





**The New York National Guard Job Zone** was established in November 2011 to provide a single source point of contact to facilitate the distribution of employment opportunities throughout the State of NY to our Service Members and their Families. The sources of employment come from federal, state, and civilian employers who seek the attributes associated with military service. It is also the duty of the NYNG Job Zone to partner with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Program, Department of Labor (DOL) and the wide array of civilian employers who seek the talents of our Service Members.

**The New York National Guard Job Zone's** primary mission is to serve as a focal point for job opportunities for our Service Members throughout NY and facilitate employer partnering with our program, through posting of job fairs and individual employment opportunities on our website, face to face and electronic communication with employers and a constant liaison with the Department of Labor and the NYESGR Committee.

**Vision of New York National Guard Job Zone** is to increase the number of employed, decrease the number of underemployed Service Members and their Families, and build a robust network of private businesses in support of Service Members and their Families throughout New York State.

For information contact:

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**ESGR Support/ESGR Awards Program** Mr. Bill Tracy [william.j.tracy.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:william.j.tracy.ctr@mail.mil)



<https://dmna.ny.gov/jobs/jobs.php?id=nyng>

Weekly Update

CALENDAR OF EVENTS	
27 MAY	HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY
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>
2 JUNE	HHT 2-101 Calvary Family Day Niagara Falls, NY POC <a href="mailto:andrew.m.davis60.mil@mail.mil">andrew.m.davis60.mil@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>
16 JUNE	<b>Happy Fathers Day!</b>

**Still Missing Your Income Tax Refund?**

Federal Refund Status:

<https://sa2.www4.irs.gov/irfof/lang/en/irfofgetstatus.jsp>

NYS Tax Refund Status:

<http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/file/refund.htm>

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**HOMETOWN HEROES NIGHT AT THE RHINOS!**

**When:** Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> **Time:** 7:35 PM

All Service Members receive a FREE ticket,

Family and friends can purchase \$8 tickets!

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