



In a New York Minute

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



May 23, 2014

BRET MICHAELS
TIMES UNION CENTER

THE MARSHALL LUCKER BAND

CHARLIE DANIELS BAND

LIVE MAY 31ST STARTING AT 7PM

PROUDLY SUPPORTING SOLDIER ON

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CENTER FOR HOMELESS VETERANS OF ALBANY COUNTY
VETERANS GET DISCOUNTED TICKETS ONLINE AT TICKETMASTER.COM
SELECT THE "SPECIAL VETERANS OFFER" AND USE "VET" AS THE PASSWORD DISCOUNT.

SIGN UP FOR OUR MOTORCYCLE PARADE!!!
REGISTRATION AT 9AM AT THE ANN LEE HOME IN ALBANY. KICK STANDS UP AT 10:30AM AND ARRIVING AT THE PEARL ST. JAM STREET FESTIVAL AROUND 12 NOON.

PEARL STREET JAM
ALBANY, NY

JOIN US PRIOR TO THE CONCERT
FROM 12PM-6PM FOR OUR WARM-UP PARTY ON PEARL ST. / BETW. HUDSON & BEAVER

FOOD & MERCH VENDORS
CUSTOM MOTORCYCLE SHOW
WITH LIVE MUSIC FROM
No.2 BAND ★ E.B. JEB
JESSE KALIN CARSON
& SKEETER CREEK

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT PAT BRISSON IN ALBANY 518-376-3998
MARCUS OSIMUN IN SYRACUSE 315-402-3160



New York State Mission of Mercy
New York State Dental Foundation,
In partnership with Abbots of Mercy

2 days of free dental care www.nysmom.org

When: June 12th and 13th 6am to 6 pm

Where: Hudson Valley Community College in N. Greenbush

How: First come first serve, no appointments

What: cleanings, extractions, crown, fillings and root canals

With your help, we can deliver care for over 1,000 neighbors!

- Tell your friends, spread the word
- Volunteer to help
- Pick a job:

<http://www.nysmom.org/community-volunteers.html>

- Pick a time that works for you
- Register

<http://www.rsvpbook.com/event.php?540978>

For Help Call Shelley Renee 518-461-6686



Join Us...We Need Your Support!

The New York State Mission of Mercy is a free dental clinic coming to Hudson Valley Community College June 13-14! We need help on June 12th and June 15th. You can be part of our team and help make a difference!, *please visit:*

www.nysmom.org

WARRIOR & FAMILY TENNIS DAY
FREE FUN-FILLED DAY WITH FAMILY & FRIENDS
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME
Harlem Junior Tennis & Education Foundation
Howard Bennett Park • Harlem, NY
135th Street between 5th & 6th Avenues
Saturday, July 26
Saturday, September 20

Legacy Youth Tennis & Education
4842 Ridge Avenue • Philadelphia, PA
Saturday, June 28
Saturday, August 2
Saturday, September 13

Registration 12:30 – 1:00 PM
Tennis 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Social hour with light snacks/beverages 3:00 – 4:00 PM
Open Tennis 4:00 – 5:00 PM
RSVP: Ben Meyerson, military@usta.com

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May's Resilience topic is Physical fitness and mental agility :



Hunt The Good Stuff!

Join Comprehensive Soldier & Family Fitness for "Hunt the Good Stuff Thursday" on Facebook and Twitter.

www.Facebook.com/ArmyCSF2

Use #HTGS and tag @ArmyCSF2

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

National Military Appreciation Month will be celebrated in May and is a declaration that encourages Americans across the globe to observe the month in a symbol of unity, to honor the current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces, most importantly those who have died in pursuit of freedom. In May, National Guard Family Programs will honor our Military Spouses/Partners. If you have a spouse/partner that you would like to honor, we will be highlighting these individuals on our social media outlets (Facebook/JSS).

For Submissions: See Below



NY Governor's Proclamation for Military Spouse Appreciation Day, May 9th 2014

Puppies Behind Bars

To Request a Puppy: See below:

263 West 38th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10018
212.680.9562

nora@puppiesbehindbars.com

www.puppiesbehindbars.com

Puppies Behind Bars trains prison inmates to raise service dogs for wounded veterans and explosive detection canines for law enforcement. The puppies live in prison with their puppy-raisers from the age of eight weeks to twenty months. As the puppies mature into well-loved, well-behaved dogs, their raisers learn what it means to contribute to society rather than take from it.



Please note the following requirements:

1. In 25 words or less, please complete the following sentence:

In honor of Military Spouse Appreciation Month, I want to recognize my (husband /wife /partner) for....

2. No photo is required, however, if you have a photo of your significant other, and would like to share it with your appreciation recognition the following must be adhered to:

- One photo less than 12MG.
- Size must be between 1280x720 & 320x160
- Request a photo of the recognized individual. The service member can be in the photo however, no children, no commercial products.
- Submitted photos become the property of the National Guard Bureau and Department of Defense. It will solely be used for our Facebook websites and Joint Services Support website.

3. Please send all recognitions

jennifer.r.armstrong2.civ@mail.mil

In addition, you must provide your name /rank and unit.

4. Once the recognition is published, I will send you a quick note and link so that you may share with your spouse, family and friends.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 May	Memorial Day
31 MAY	642 AVN During Yellow Ribbon event, Farmingdale NY john.a.ross3.mil@mail.mil
7 JUNE	102 nd MP Pre-Mob Yellow Ribbon Event, Auburn NY john.a.ross3.mil@mail.mil
28-29 JUNE	27 th Fin Co 30/60 Yellow Ribbon Event, NYC john.a.ross3.mil@mail.mil

MEMORIAL DAY

May 26 - Registration at 12pm

The Roost is hosting a
Special Memorial Day Event
for 36 returning Veterans & their Families

The veterans' spouses and children will be welcome at the swimming pool, on the tennis courts, putting green, playing bingo, etc. while the veterans are playing 9 holes of golf with our members.

We will finish off the day with a full cookout!
BBQ dinner of grilled chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, and more!

We will complete the day with a touching final tribute to our special guests at the Wolferts Roost flag pole.

Wolferts Roost Country Club 120 Van Rensselaer Blvd, Albany, NY 12204 If interested, please contact Bob Van Pelt 518-786-4605
robert.w.vanpelt.ctr@mail.mil



GREAT ESCAPE SEASON PASS
MWR now has Season Passes & FREE Season parking. Passes are \$60.00 per person. For information, contact
Melissa Ryder at 518-266-4829
Melissa.a.ryder4.naf@mail.mil
Park opens 23 May 2014

HISTORY OF THE FALLEN BATTLE CROSS

By : Bradley Snyder is a Senior at Attica Central School, his father (William) had served in the National Guard over 23yrs and deployed twice, his Mom (Michelle) served as the FRG Leader. Brad is a 2nd yr student in the GVEP Medal Trades and Welding program. Brad designed and fabricated this sculpture as a memorial to ALL fallen members of the United States Military. This sculpture was added to the Armory Memorial Garden and will be on display permanently at the Connecticut Street Armory located in Buffalo, New York.

The origins of the Battlefield Cross or Battle Cross are a little vague, but appear to lie in the American Civil War and they are a bit grisly. Until this period, fallen soldiers were buried where they lay, often by opposing forces, with crude markers being erected and sometimes replaced. However, during the Civil War soldiers began to be sent home for burial or buried in an area designed to be a cemetery near the recent battlefield. After a battle was over, people would move through the battlefield to mark the bodies which needed to be recovered and the most convenient marker would have been a soldier's rifle with its bayonet stuck into the ground with his hat placed on top.

During World War II, as units rapidly advanced, Soldiers and Marines would often bury the bodies of their fallen comrades in shallow graves. Once again placing a rifle with bayonet fixed into the ground and a helmet on top to indicate that here lies the remains of an American fighting man. Later, graves Registration Units would follow through and recover the remains for proper identification and burial. Over time, this image came to be associated with military loss.

During Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, the battlefield cross began to attract popular attention, with numerous units erecting Battle Crosses to commemorate their comrades. Since they could not attend the funerals of their fellow soldiers, some units made a habit of paying tribute at the Battlefield Cross and photographers following the war captured some of these iconic images, which were widely reprinted in the United States. The Pentagon does not typically permit the publication of images of flag-draped coffins, but now the Battlefield Cross has come to be used as a poignant reminder of the cost of war.

Although the Battlefield Cross itself is not an official military honor, it does play a part in the memorial ceremony as a visible reminder of the fallen soldier. Many unit commanders have recognized the value of the memorial, encouraging members of their units to pay their respects to fallen comrades and sometimes holding ceremonies at the site of a Battle Cross memorial.

The helmet and identification tags signify the fallen soldier, their name never to be forgotten. The inverted rifle with bayonet signals a time for prayer, a break in the action to pay tribute to our friend. The combat boots, worn and dirty, represents the final march of the soldier's last battle. After a set period of time, the memorial is respectfully dismantled, with the components being returned to the unit for appropriate disposition.