



In a New York Minute

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April 17, 2015

From the Desk of the State Family Programs Director:

“It is my pleasure to announce the National Family Programs Award Nominees from New York. All of the nominees have not only put forth the effort as a Volunteer to qualify for these awards but have displayed a caring and passionate attitude that resonates throughout the Family Programs Community, Good Luck and Congratulations!”

John Willsey, Director, New York Family Programs

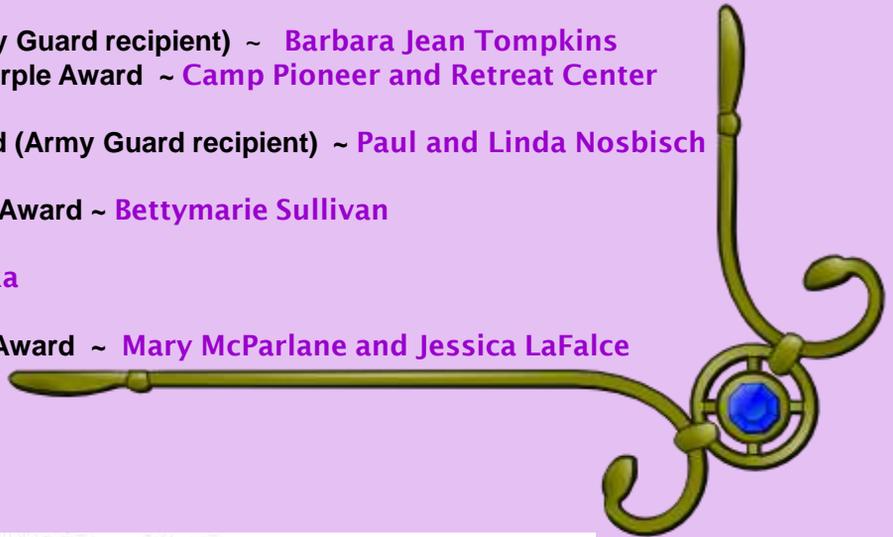
Extra Mile Award, Retiree (Army Guard recipient) ~ Barbara Jean Tompkins
Family Program Community Purple Award ~ Camp Pioneer and Retreat Center

Guard Family of the Year Award (Army Guard recipient) ~ Paul and Linda Nosbisch

Regional Volunteer of the Year Award ~ Bettymarie Sullivan

The Gold Award ~ Daniel Ratka

Youth Development Volunteer Award ~ Mary McParlane and Jessica LaFalce



NYNG Family Programs 2015 Annual Readiness Regional Trainings

“Mission Possible”

A training event for Unit FRG's, Commanders, MPOC's, and volunteers

DATES

30 MAY

27 JUNE

11 JULY

15 AUGUST

LOCATIONS

YONKERS

STATEN ISLAND

JFHQ-LATHAM

ROCHESTER

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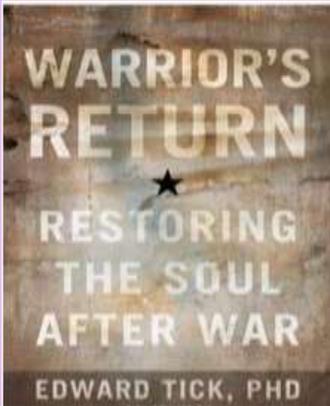


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SOLDIER'S heart

Warrior's Return e-book giveaway and webinar

Webinar 4/22; e-book giveaway 4/29-5/6



With generous production support from **CommPartners**, Soldier's Heart will be offering its first webinar on Wed 4/22/15 at 3pm EST. Ed Tick will be joined by Kate Dahlstedt and Chris Antal as they discuss the philosophy laid out in Ed's book **Warrior's Return**. For more information on this webinar and the rest of the series, visit <http://goo.gl/6oUOj3>

One week later, from April 26-May 6 Sounds True will generously give away free e-book versions of **Warrior's Return**. This giveaway coincides with the 40th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War.

Month of The Military Child
FAMILY ROCK-N-BOWL
SATURDAY APRIL 18TH
3-5 PM
\$5 Per Person
(Includes Shoe Rental)

Sponsored by:
Boulevard Bowl
1315 Erie Blvd
Schenectady NY

Date: Fri., April 24th 8pm
Sat., April 25th 8am.

Military Teen Lock-In

at the

Seneca Babcock Community Center
Buffalo, NY

Activities Include:

- Self Defense Course
- Cyber Safety
- Healthy Lifestyles Activities
- Team Building
- Leadership Activities
- Community Service Project
- AND MORE!

For Registration
Details, Contact

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716-652-5400 x140

** NO WALK-IN'S **

SPECIAL MILITARY OFFER

Sunday, April 19, 2015 | 10 AM – 6 PM

FREE PARKING | Gates open at 9:30 AM

This is a semi-private event. Military and other select groups invited.
This event is not open to the general public.

ADVANCE ONLINE TICKET PURCHASE:

Ages 3 and older \$25*
(excludes \$0.75 per ticket/vaulted processing fee)

*This event is rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

WALK-UP TICKET PURCHASE:

Ages 3 and older \$30**
Active & Retired DoD/Civilian

**You MUST present your Military ID at the Hersheypark Ticketing Services Building at Train Circle to purchase. This event is rain or shine and tickets are non-refundable.

Purchase tickets at: <http://tinyurl.com/2015MILITARYDAY>

Enter promo code: 15762

Staying Over?
The Hotel Hershey® and Hershey® Lodge are offering special military rates starting at \$149. Receive 20% off sites and cabins at Hersheypark™ Camping Resort from April 17-19, 2015. For more information and to make your reservation, please call 717-508-1956 and refer to MILITARY DAY AT HERSHEY PARK ROOMS.

HERSHEYPARK

Ages:
13-18 year olds
ONLY



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5K Family Fun Run/Walk To Honor May 9th 2015



I RUN TO HONOR ...

Please join Watervliet Arsenal's Morale, Welfare and Recreation, ARMY Survivor Outreach Services, Service Members and Family Members To Honor Our Hero's on **May 9th 2015** for a Free Family 5K Fun Run/Walk.

Who Can Attend: This event is open to all Military, DoD Civilian, DoD Contractors and Families. (please have valid photo ID to access Watervliet Arsenal's South Gate)

Date: May 9th 2015

Place: Watervliet Arsenal Recreation Area

Registration: **Early Registration** is encouraged by **April 20th 2015**. Please contact *Melissa Ryder* at 518-266-4829 or *Melissa.a.ryder4.naf@mail.mil* or *Bonnie Deiter* at 518-270-1541 or *bonnie.l.deiter.ctr@mail.mil* with your Name, Contact Information, and how many adults and children attending.

Time: Day of Event Registration - 8:00 a.m. (**Pre-Registration is Encouraged**)

Opening Ceremony - 8:45 a.m.

Run/Walk Start Time: - 9:30 a.m.

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Defending The Blue Line (DTBL)

This organization will help pay for hockey equipment, league fees, and will even pay for summer camps.

Visit Defending The Blue Line® at:

www.DefendingTheBlueLine.org

Contact Pete Mehling for more information at:

pete.mehling21@gmail.com

DTBL April Newsletter:

http://www.defendingtheblueline.org/files/5514/2852/5040/DTBL_April_newsletter.pdf

The ShopRite Military Family Scholarship

The Chamber of Schenectady County and the Schenectady County Chamber Foundation, Inc. are pleased to announce the ShopRite Military Family Scholarship. The goal to provide support for support for servicemen, women and their families within the Capital Region.

The ShopRite Military Family Scholarship will recognize a student whose educational and career goals are geared towards strengthening our workforce and the economic vitality in our community and country, along with an interest in community service and participation in community affairs.

For more information visit.

<http://goo.gl/1J6wX0>



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Military Community and Family Policy Fact Sheet

Sittercity Sunset

Background

Sittercity is one of the nation’s largest online resources for employing babysitters, nannies, senior care providers, pet sitters, tutors and more. The Department of Defense entered a contract with Sittercity Corporate Program in 2010 to increase military families’ access to these resources. The contract which gives military families no-cost premium access to the Sittercity database through <https://www.sittercity.com/dod> expires July 31, 2015.

Highlights

Here’s what you need to know about the Sittercity contract expiration:

- Beginning Aug 1, 2015 military families will begin to pay for Sittercity’s premium service but fees will be discounted
- Existing accounts will move from <https://www.sittercity.com/dod> to <https://www.sittercity.com>
- Military OneSource specialty consultants work with Military Families one –on-one, online or by phone to help meet their needs. Consultants refer families to resources for children, including those with special needs; adults with disabilities; elder and wounded warrior care; and tutoring services. Call 800-342-9647 to contact a specialty consultant at no charge.

You can contact our NY Military OneSource consultant

Amy E. Nevells

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www.MilitaryOneSource.mil

Sky Zone Dodgeball!

Open to military veterans and family members (16 and older). **No cost to you!** Evening includes 90 minutes of Sky Zone Dodgeball and a pair of SkySocks.

- **When:** Sunday, April 26th
- **Time:** 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm (arrive at 6:00)
- **Where:** Sky Zone Albany

50 Simmons Lane, Menands NY

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Registration deadline: April 24th, 12:00 pm

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Using the Volunteer Activity Tracker in JSS

Tues April 21, 2015 11:00 – 11:30 AM, EST

This webinar shows volunteers how to enter volunteer activity hours, as well as search and edit volunteer activity hours in the JSS Volunteer Activity Tracker Tool.

<http://goo.gl/3lyQnm>