Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for April 2019

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Space-A Travel Opens to 100% Disabled Vets: A new change contained in the 2019 defense bill now allows 100 percent disabled veterans to travel Space-Available aboard military and military-contract flights within the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and U.S. territories. According to an article in Military.com, the disabled veterans must possess a Defense Department ID Card (DD Form 2765) in order to not only fly Space-A but to access military installations. The rule change halfway accomplishes Resolution 419 from the 112th VFW National Convention; only halfway because dependents are not eligible to accompany them. The article also states disabled vets have limited destinations, whereas other Category 6 travelers (military retirees) have worldwide eligibility. That discrepancy will be addressed.

22 VETERANS DIE BY THEIR OWN HAND EVERY DAY! LET'S BRING ATTENTION TO THIS CRISIS AND CUT THIS NUMBER DOWN!

WHO: Scott LoBaido, Creative Patriot

WHAT: 22-13 Traveling Art Installation

WHERE: VFW Post 4821, Warrensburg NY

• WHEN: April 7th & 8th (2-days ONLY)

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^{*}The art will be lit at night for a consecutive 48 hours of viewing*