

## Warren County Veterans Service Officer's Report for May 2015

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**GOT VETERAN'S???**



### ATTENTION ALL VETERANS...

Memorial Day will be here before we know it!

Please feel free to march with "RETURN THE FAVOR"

as part of

The Glens Falls-Queensbury Memorial Day Parade!

(Monday - May 25, 2015)

\*We will also have a wheelchair accessible bus to transport those during the parade who are not able to walk in whole or in part but would like to take part in the festivities\*

For more information: contact the office listed above

- **Military Sexual Trauma Coordinators:** VBA has recently established a new "MST Coordinator" position at each of their Regional Offices. The specific duties of the position are still being hammered out, but each Regional Office now has designated one male and one female MST Coordinator to assist Veterans filing disability claims related to MST. You can find a list of these staff members here: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/benefits/mstcoordinators.asp>
- **Best Employers for Vets:** The Military Times did an article on the Best Employers for Vets and the following link will take you to their findings: <http://bestforvets.militarytimes.com/best-employers-for-veterans/2015/>
- **VA Extends Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury:** *Contracts Awarded to Assisted Living Providers.* WASHINGTON – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced the award of 20 contracts for the Assisted Living Pilot Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (AL-TBI). Originally slated to end in 2014, the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 ("VACAA") extended this program through October 2017. "We are pleased to extend this valuable program and provide specialized assisted living services to eligible Veterans with traumatic brain injury that will enhance their rehabilitation, quality of life and community integration," said Dr. Carolyn Clancy, VA's Interim Under Secretary for Health, "TBI is one of the prevalent wounds of the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and VA remains committed to taking care of those Veterans suffering from TBI." The entire presser can be found at the following link: <http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2694>
- **2015 Leatherstocking Honor Flights: Fall Schedule**
  - **Sept 12th** - we are looking for 22 more Veterans.
  - **Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** - we are looking for 45 more Veterans.