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<http://www.stripes.com/news/us/government-no-benefit-hike-for-social-security-next-year-1.373405>

**311VET: NEW APP ANSWERS GENERAL VA BENEFITS QUESTIONS:**

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/23378/311vet-new-app-answers-general-va-benefits-questions/>

**NO COST FLU SHOT OPTIONS FOR VETERANS:**

<http://www.blogs.va.gov/VAntage/23289/no-cost-flu-shot-options-for-veterans/>

**CUOMO'S LATEST VETO OF VETERANS' PENSION BILL DECRIED:**

<http://www.nystateofpolitics.com/2015/10/cuomos-latest-veto-of-veterans-pension-bill-decried/>

**HOW MANY STREET HOMELESS? NYC'S TALLIES LEAVE THE QUESTION OPEN:** <http://citylimits.org/2015/10/13/how-many-street-homeless-nycs-tallies-leave-the-question-open/>

**MAYOR DE BLASIO LAUNCHES \$400G AD CAMPAIGN URGING LANDLORDS TO HOUSE HOMELESS VETERANS:**

<http://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/de-blasio-launches-ad-campaign-house-homeless-vets-article-1.2408008>

Remember the Veterans Crisis Line is always here for support: 1-800-273-8255 and PRESS 1. Text: 838225 or online at: <http://veteranscrisisline.net/>

## **EVENTS:**

**VETERANS EVENTS IN NYC:** The following is a list of veteran events (compiled by Joe Bello) that are taking place within the five boroughs (NYC) during the month of November. This list is not all inclusive and other events may be taking place throughout the New York City. Please pass on to others. If you have any upcoming events and would like them posted in a future newsletter, please send them to me at the e-mail address below.

**2015 Veterans Day Free Meals and Discounts:** <http://themilitarywallet.com/veterans-day-free-meals-and-discounts/>

**Veterans Clothing Drive:** NYS Assemblyman David Weprin will be collecting gently used/new clothing items, Bath and Shower products, new socks and new underwear as well as feminine hygiene products at his two district offices now thru November 6th. Bring all donations to either 185-06 Union Turnpike, Fresh Meadows, NY (718) 454-3027 OR 111-12 Atlantic Ave., Suite 5, Richmond Hill, NY (718) 805-2381. These items will be brought to the Queensborough Hill VFW Post 3427 just in time to be distributed for Veterans Day.

**October 13 – December 6, 2015:** “Ugly Lies the Bone.” Written by Lindsey Ferrentino; Directed by Patricia McGregor Ugly Lies the Bone follows Jess, a newly discharged soldier who has finally returned to her Florida hometown. She brings with her not only vivid memories of her three tours in Afghanistan, but painful burns that have left her physically and emotionally scarred. Jess soon realizes that things at home have changed even more than she has. For more information and tickets, visit: <http://www.roundabouttheatre.org/Shows-Events/Ugly-Lies-the-Bone.aspx>.

**November 1, 2015** – The **TCS NYC Marathon**. Good luck to all participants and to all Team Red, White & Blue (TRWB) members!

**November 1, 2015** – **Tribute to PV2 Isacc T. Cortes**. Join us for the 6th Annual Memorial Ride. The Staging area will be at Citi Field near parking lot A, underneath the overpass (on Shea Rd off 126th Street). Muster at 11 AM. Departure at 12:30 PM; escort to Long Island National Cemetery, 2040 Wellwood Ave, Farmingdale, NY. \$10 dollar donation per person with all proceeds going to the Illinois Freedom Run Wall.

**November 2, 2015** – **Disabled Veterans Awareness Program**. Queens College Veterans Office will host Decorated Army Colonel and honorary NY Giants Captain Gregory D. Gadson, USA; Ret. as he shares his story about overcoming adversity. This event will take place at Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd, SU Ballroom, 4th Floor from 12 noon to 2 PM. This event is free but you must RSVP: <https://goo.gl/GVBmph>

**November 2, 2015** – **2nd Annual Student Veteran Alumni Event**. Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC/CUNY) is holding its annual Student Veteran

Alumni event from 4 – 6 PM in the Hudson Room. This is an opportunity to meet and recognize former BMCC student-veterans who have graduated and/or transferred and hear how their experience at BMCC prepared them for what they are currently doing.

**November 3, 2015** – **Election Day (General Election)**. Don't forget to vote! Vets Vote!

**November 3 – 4, 2015**: **TED Talk Live 2015: War and Peace**. Can we build a future without war? What does it take to bring peace? Join those who have experienced every aspect of war -- fighters, journalists, psychologists, and more -- for a look at the impact of war in the world. Learn how it affects every one of us in these extraordinary, passionate talks and performances from Adam Driver, Rufus Wainwright, Sebastian Junger, and many more vital voices. Tickets for these two days for veterans are FREE and will take place at The Town Hall Theater (123 W. 43rd Street, New York, NY). To sign up for tickets, please visit: <https://tedtalkslive.wufoo.com/forms/r1hpus121pvuf6n/>

**November 4, 2015** – **Start of Veterans Week**.

**November 4, 2015** – **SBA Veterans Business Resource Day**. Join SBA from 8:30 AM to 12 PM at 26 Federal Plaza, 6th Floor for a half day of Panels (Planning and Starting your Business, Financing, Sell Your Products & Services to the Government & Resources and Assistance) and One on One meetings with: Lenders, Business Counselors, Government Agencies and Veteran Organizations. To attend, you must RSVP to: [man-li.lin@sba.gov](mailto:man-li.lin@sba.gov) or phone Teresa Detelj at (212) 264-1319.

**November 4, 2015** – The Mission Continues and Wounded Warrior Project invites you to their joint **fall hangout**. Come out for an evening of networking and collaboration as the Mission Continues talks about their upcoming service project on November 8th and Wounded Warrior Project talks about their events for the NYC Veterans Day parade. Food, drink and DJ will be provided. Sign up here: <https://www.missioncontinues.org/event/details?id=a114000000217ih>

**November 4, 2015** – **SSGT Ollis Dedication**. All are invited at 12 noon for the dedication of the SSGT Michael Ollis (KIA-OEF) memorial sculpture at the Petrides School (715 Ocean Terrace) in Staten Island. The sculpture will honor Ollis as well as eight other soldiers who were killed in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

**November 5, 2015** – **Got Your Six Storytellers**. Come hear from some of our country's most groundbreaking veterans. Each speaker will give a short presentation on their unique area of focus and share how their work is strengthening our communities. This event will talk place at the HBO Theater, 1100 Avenue of the America (6th Ave). Doors open at 8 AM, Breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM and the event will run from 9 – 10:30 AM. To register for tickets, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/got-your-6-storytellers-nyc-tickets-18895076683>

**November 5, 2015** – **CUNY Veterans Academic Awards Breakfast.** The CUNY Office of Veterans Affairs (COVA) is holding their 3rd Annual Veteran Academic Awards Breakfast onboard the Intrepid Sea-Air-Space Museum at 9 AM. By invite only.

**November 5, 2015** – **Legal Services Veterans Justice Legal Symposium.** To many, the problems veterans encounter as they reintegrate into civil society should be addressed on a federal level by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). However, the VA alone cannot confront and respond to all veteran needs. There are various effective and innovative program and solutions by State and local governments. We are assembling a panel of State and local policy makers to talk about the initiatives developed in both New York State and in New York City to assist veterans. This event will take place from 9:30 AM to 12:30 AM at Legal Services New York, 40 Worth Street, Suite 606, New York, NY. To register, please go to: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wzq1ZhMZtpa-SSBzEpBzEaC5DXNoQS3IPMAN5ijgzQ/viewform>.

**November 5, 2015** – The NYS Troopers Marine Corps Association will host their **Annual fundraiser** at Gigino at Wagner Park located at 20 Battery Pl, New York, NY from 7 PM – 10 PM. Iwo Jima survivor Mr. Angelo Ciota will be our Guest of Honor. The cost is \$50 dollars per ticket, which includes 5 raffle tickets upon admission, a 3 course meal and selective drinks. Tickets will not be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, click here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marine-corps-ball-sponsored-by-the-nys-troopers-marine-corps-assn-tickets-3589358869>. We will play the Commandant's message and also will have a cake cutting ceremony!

**November 6, 2015** – Lincoln Medical Center “**Salute Our Veterans.**” Milton H. Nunez, Executive Director, HHC Lincoln Medical Center and Rep. Jose Serrano will host a Salute to Veterans, which will feature a Ceremony and Luncheon in recognition of retired and active military personnel employed at Lincoln, Belvis and Morrisania, along with veterans from the downtown Bronx area. This event will take place from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Lincoln Medical Center, 234 East 149th Street, Bronx, NY in the Auditorium and 1st Floor Conference Room. For more information and to RSVP, contact: (718) 579-5561.

**November 6, 2015** – Queens Borough President Melinda Katz cordially invites you to her annual **Veterans Day Observance Ceremony.** This event will take place from 11 AM – 12 noon at the Queens Borough Hall, 120-55 Queens Boulevard, Kew Gardens, NY. This is a rain or shine event. Reception afterwards. Please RSVP to the Queens Borough President’s Veterans Affairs liaison Dan Brown at: [dbrown@queensbp.org](mailto:dbrown@queensbp.org) or call (718) 286-2853.

**November 6, 2015** – **Duane Morris Pro Bono Veterans Day of Service.** Join us for a Veterans Legal Fair and Celebration with Free Legal Services from 12 – 5 PM at Duane Morris, LLP, 1540 Broadway, New York, NY. A photo ID is required to enter the building. Duane Morris will be offering free legal services for the following issues: Bankruptcy, Tax, Estate Planning, Corporate Law and Veterans Benefits & Resources.

Please call the Veteran Advocacy Project at (646) 602-5620 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome if time and space are available.

**November 6, 2015** – **Fort Hamilton Veterans Day Ceremony.** All are invited to join the Fort Hamilton Community for their Veterans Day Ceremony at 3 PM at the Post Theater.

**November 6, 2015** – NYMAS Talk: “**Battle of Britain through Japanese Eyes: Attaches on the Ground in London and the Continent**” with Theodore F. Cook, William Paterson University. NYMAS talks are free and open to the public. This talk will be held at the Soldier & Sailors Club, 283 Lexington Ave (between 34th and 35th Street), NYC from 7 PM to 9 PM. Topics and speakers may be subject to change without notice. A current updated schedule is always available at: [www.nymas.org](http://www.nymas.org).

**November 6, 2015** – **Families of the Fallen Cocktail Reception.** This event will take place at the General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen of the City of New York, 20 West 44th Street, NYC. By invitation only. For more information, please e-mail Kathryn Cross at: [kathryncross@gmail.com](mailto:kathryncross@gmail.com) RSVP, please call (212) 693-5701.

**November 7 – 11, 2015** – **9/11 Memorial Salute to Service.** The National September 11th Memorial & Museum will pay tribute to our country’s veterans during a special five-day Salute to Service from Saturday, November 7th through Wednesday, November 11th. A series of events and special programs will be available on the memorial for veterans and their families, as well as the visiting public. Throughout the tribute, veterans will receive free museum admission. Veterans will also receive up to two 50% discounted museum tickets for family members during Military Family Appreciation on November 7th and November 8th. For more information, please visit: [www.911memorial.org/veterans](http://www.911memorial.org/veterans)

**November 7, 2015** – **Youth Monument Cleaning.** This event will take place at the Eternal Light Monument, Madison Square Park, NYC from 10 AM to 12 PM. Cub Scouts and other local scouts proudly clean the site for the start of the Veterans Day Parade and wreath laying ceremony. This event is in coordination with the Madison Square Park Conservancy. If you’re interested in helping out, please contact Jeff Swanson at (212) 693-1476 or e-mail: [jswansen@uwvc.org](mailto:jswansen@uwvc.org)

**November 7, 2015** – **Bronx Veterans Day Parade.** Join us in honoring the Bronx’s veterans and telling them Thank you for your Service and Sacrifice. The one-mile parade route will assemble at 11 AM and kick off at 12 Noon. The route travels from E. 175th Street & Crotona Parkway going north; Turns right on E. 180th Street; Pauses at the West Farm Soldiers Cemetery at 180th Street & Bryant Avenue; and ends at Vidalia Park at E. 180th Street (between Vyse Ave. and Daily Ave.). Resource Tables will be available and there will be a Memorial Mass at the Cemetery. For more information, please call: James Wilson (718) 682-6154 or Sgt. Lugo Jorge at (347) 750-3366.

**November 8 – 13, 2015** – **U.S.S. New York (LPD-21)**. The U.S. Navy ship, whose hull includes steel from the World Trade Center, arrives Sunday, November 8 to celebrate and participate in Veteran's Day events. This will mark the ship's second visit to NYC since it's commissioning in 2009. The ship will hold limited tours while in town.

**November 8, 2015** – The United War Veterans Council cordially invite all to attend a special **Veterans Church Service** at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue between 50th & 51st Street. The service will start at 10:15 AM but Veterans and Military should arrive by at least 9:45 AM to follow the Color Guard into the Cathedral and feature select readings for veterans along with a Color Guard.

**November 8, 2015** – **31st Annual Bronx Veterans Day Parade**. The parade will start off with a breakfast at Villa Barone (Throggs Neck Expwy). This year's parade will honor the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. The Grand Marshall is Lt.Col. Floyd Carter – WWII, Korean & Vietnam Veteran and proud Tuskegee Airman. The parade will form up at 11 AM at Lafayette and East Tremont Avenues and step off at 12 noon. The parade route will turn at Randall Avenue and march to Bicentennial Veterans Memorial Park, where a ceremony will take place immediately following the parade. All are invited to attend.

**November 8, 2015** – **Queens Veterans Day Parade**. This parade will take place at 12 Noon on 80th Street along Metropolitan Avenue and conclude with a commemorative ceremony to be held at Christ the King Regional High School (6802 Metropolitan Avenue, Middle Village, NY). All veterans are welcome to march. This year's Grand Marshals is New York Guard Commander Stephen A. Bucaria, Brigadier General, New York Guard; and is dedicated to the memory of Pfc. Le Ron A. Wilson, KIA Baghdad, Iraq (07/06/2007). For more information or to participate, please call (718) 894-5954.

**November 8, 2015** – **The Mission Continues Service Project (Brooklyn)**. In honor of Veterans Day, The Mission Continues Service Platoons throughout the five boroughs will come together to help restore the Brooklyn War Memorial. During this day of service, veterans, service members, and supporters will come together to do park maintenance, plant over 1,000 daffodils, paint, and so much more. Join us in an effort to open the memorial to the public. For more information and to register, visit:

<https://www.missioncontinues.org/event/details?id=a11400000032qV3AAI>

**November 8, 2015** – **Montford Point Marines Dinner Dance**. The National Vice President of the Montford Point Marines Association, Inc. cordially invites you to join him at the 50th Annual Dinner-Dance of the New York Metropolitan Chapter from 4 PM – 9 PM at Antun's, located at 96-43 Springfield Boulevard in Queens Village, NY. Tickets are \$85 dollars and include Smorgasbord, Unlimited Liquor & Entertainment provided by Carol Felton Productions. If you are unable to attend, please show your support by making a donation to: <http://mpmalivingmemorial.kintera.org>. For more information or to purchase tickets (Individual or Group), please contact National Vice President James Carr – (718) 579-5566 or New York Office: (212) 267-3318.

**November 9 – 13, 2015** – **Dine Out for Heroes.** Join the Bob Woodruff Foundation as they launch the 2nd annual Dine Out For Heroes, a 5-night initiative that will raise awareness and funds for injured service members by showcasing the best of our city's restaurants and chefs. No passes, tickets or coupons are required for participation. We strongly recommend that diners make reservations in advance! Please visit: <http://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/dine-out-for-heroes-2015/> for more information, including a directory of participating restaurants.

**November 9, 2015** – **Brooklyn Borough President Veterans Resources Fair.** The Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams is hosting a “Start Strong Finish Strong” Kick-off to Veterans Week: Resources from Recruitment to Retirement. This event will take place at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY from 10 AM to 3 PM. All are invited to attend. To RSVP, please call: (718) 802-3763. For more information, visit: [www.brooklyn-usa.org](http://www.brooklyn-usa.org).

**November 9, 2015** – **2nd Annual Women Veterans Panel.** Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC/CUNY) is holding a Veterans Women Panel from 1 – 3 PM at Richard Harris Terrace. Come here perspectives from BMCC student-veterans on their transition from military life to student life and the challenges they face.

**November 9, 2015** – **Veterans Day Celebration at the Queens Veterans Court.** Join the Honorable Joseph A. Zayas (Administration Judge) and the Honorable Marcia P. Hirsch (Presiding Judge) as they hold a Veterans Day Celebration at 2 PM at the Queens Veterans Court, 125-01 Queens Blvd., Kew Gardens, NY 11415, 3rd Floor Annex, Buiding E324. To RSVP, please contact Maritza Karagiorgos at (718) 298-1303 or e-mail: [mkaragio@nycourts.gov](mailto:mkaragio@nycourts.gov).

**November 9, 2015** – **WNET** partners with the **New York Historical Society** to highlight the upcoming film from Ric Burns, *Debt of Honor*, which explores the treatment of disabled U.S. veterans from the Revolutionary War through today. The evening will begin with a reception at hosted by philanthropist Lois Pope followed by a screening of the full film and a panel discussion. By invite only. **NOTE:** This film will be shown on WNET (Channel 13) on November 10th at 9 PM with the panel discussion being posted on their Thirteen in the Community webpage shortly after the event: <http://www.thirteen.org/community-relations/>

**November 9, 2015** – **Cry Havoc!** Stephan Wolfert's one-man show *Cry Havoc* draws on his experience as a veteran struggling to reintegrate to civilian life. Inspired by Shakespeare's military characters, Wolfert shows his audience that veterans have always wrestled with the same hopes and worries that occupy our modern lives. This performance will take place at 6:30 PM at the **Brooklyn Historical Society**, 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, NY. They are offering the BHS Member price to veterans with the code **VET15**. Tickets for the performance can be purchased here: <https://cryhavoc.eventbrite.com>.

**November 9, 2015** – **AITAF Veterans Day Benefit.** Join Arts in the Armed Forces for their **7th Annual Veterans Day Benefit**, "Arts in the Armed Forces on Broadway." Hosted by actor and Marine, Adam Driver and Artistic Director and actress, Joanne Tucker, a cast of professional actors will perform a staged reading of "**Lobby Hero**" by Kenneth Lonergan, directed by Mark Brokaw starting at 8 PM. Immediately following the reading will be our "A Year in Service" reception open to everyone in attendance. The audience will consist of a mix of active duty military personnel, veterans, their families and civilians. Tickets for both the reading and reception are FREE for all active duty and veteran service members and their families and are \$200 for civilians. For more information and to obtain tickets, please visit: <http://aitaf2015.bpt.me/>

**November 10, 2015** – Goldman Sachs will once again host this year's **5th Annual Veterans on Wall Street (VOWS) Veteran Employment Symposium and Resource Fair.** This half-day symposium provides transition veterans with the chance to learn about great career opportunities in various industries and how to best position themselves for success. Employment professionals from leading non-profit support organizations, educational institutions, and corporate Veteran employers will be on hand to discuss various topics. The Symposium hosted by Citi, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs and will begin at 7:30 AM followed by the Hiring Fair from 12:30 to 4:30 PM. This event is free but you must register by no later than November 3rd. For more info and to register, visit: <https://www.seeuthere.com/rsvp/invitation/registration.asp?id=m1c9c3b4-6XLZR9G6SL6E&sutEventRoleID=m1c9c3b4-FE38UCIH7EPQ&sutGuid=42303>

**November 10, 2015** – **Band of Pride Concert.** This outdoor concert will take place by the Father Duffy Statue in Times Square (NYC) starting at 9:00 AM. This mass band performance features lively music by 1,000 high school students from marching bands in town for the parade. The U.S. Navy Band is also scheduled to perform. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Melinda Marinoff at (212) 757-1953.

**November 10, 2015** – **Remembrance and Reflection Ceremony.** Queensborough Community College (CUNY) will be holding a ceremony starting at 9:30 AM to honor our military members past and present. This event will take at the Charles F. Bova Veterans Memorial Grove, located inside the main campus gate on 56th Avenue (Queens).

**November 10, 2015** – **Queens College Vet Luncheon.** NYC Councilman Rory Lancman, in conjunction with the Queens College (CUNY) Veterans Club, Veterans Support Services of Queens College and VFW Post 3427 Hillcrest are hosting a Veterans Day Luncheon from 11 AM – 1:30 PM at the Queens College Student Union Ballroom, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., 4th Floor, Queens, New York. Please RSVP by November 6th at: [veterans@qc.cuny.edu](mailto:veterans@qc.cuny.edu) or by calling (718) 217-4969.

**November 10, 2015** – **Brooklyn College Veterans Day Luncheon.** Brooklyn College (CUNY) will be holding their annual luncheon from 12:30 PM to 3 PM in the Student



Center, Penthouse. Please join us for a wonderful event honoring our veterans and the faculty who support our veterans.

**November 10, 2015** – **Salute Our Hero's Luncheon**. Please join the Rotary Club of the Bronx as they honor and salute veterans with a Free Luncheon starting at 12 noon at Sammy's Shrimp Box, 64 City Island Avenue, Bronx, NY. The Guest Speaker will be County Commander Robert Feliciano. Space is limited. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to President Toba LaCrown at (347) 327-6288 by NLT November 6th.

**November 10, 2015** – **NYS DVA Community Conversations**. In the weeks leading up to Veterans Day, the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs has been holding a series of community conversations across the State to advise about current and pending legislation that affects the Veteran's community and to gain input regarding issues impacting Veterans in New York State. The last session will be held from 1:30 – 3:30 PM at John Jay College will be of Criminal Justice, 59th Street and Eleventh Avenue, Moot Court Room, 6th Floor, New York, NY. To RSVP, please call (518) 474-6114 or e-mail: [dvaoutreach1@veterans.ny.gov](mailto:dvaoutreach1@veterans.ny.gov).

**November 10, 2015** – **Special Veterans Writing Workshop (Long Island)**. Long Island University will be hosting a Special Veterans Writing Workshop with Congressman Steve Israel, Bestselling Author Nelson DeMille, Project 9 Line, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the National Endowment of the Arts from 6 – 8 PM at Long Island University's Tillis Atrium, 720 Northern Blvd., Brookville, NY. Participation is by RSVP only. Please e-mail: [Jennifer.lopez-silvero@liu.edu](mailto:Jennifer.lopez-silvero@liu.edu) to confirm your attendance.

**November 10, 2015** – **Marine Corps Birthday Dinner**. The United War Veterans Council, Inc. will be hosting a Marine Corps Birthday Dinner to mark the 240th Anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps at the Union League Club, 38 East 37th Street, New York, NY. By invite only. For more information, please call (212) 693-1476 or e-mail: [kbryan@uwvc.org](mailto:kbryan@uwvc.org).

**November 10, 2015** – **United We Stand Up 2015**. Comedians and musicians will unite for the 9th annual Stand Up for Heroes event at 8 PM at The Theater at Madison Square Garden, as Chris Botti, Seth Meyers, John Oliver, Ray Romano, Bruce Springsteen, Jon Stewart, and other surprise guests will take the stage to perform for an audience that includes some of the brave military men and women who have served this country, to raise awareness and funds to support the Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF). For more information or to purchase tickets: <http://bobwoodrufffoundation.org/sufh/>

**November 10, 2015** – **We Stand for Female Veterans**. Join the Village Underground NYC as they host a comedy event benefiting Profits Guardian House, one of only two Homeless Female Veteran Shelters in New York State. Make a difference for these veterans! This event will take place at 8 PM at The Village Underground, 130 West 3rd Street, New York, NY. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <http://westandcomedy.com/veterans/>

## **November 11, 2015 – Veteran’s Day.**

**November 11, 2015** – New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio is having a **Breakfast Reception** in honor of Veteran's Day at the Prince George Ballroom, 15 East 27th Street (between 5th Avenue & Madison Avenue) from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. This event is by invite only.

**November 11, 2015** – **America’s Parade – The 96th Annual NYC Veterans Day Parade (Americas Parade)**. The parade will start at the Eternal Light Monument in Madison Square Park with a Wreath Laying Ceremony. The parade kicks off at 11 AM after the Wreath Laying Ceremony. The parade will commence up 5th Avenue from 26th to 56th Street. This year’s featured service is the United States Navy. The parade’s Grand Marshall is former Manhattan District Attorney and World War II Navy Veteran Robert Morgenthau. For more info visit: <http://www.americasparade.org/>

**November 11, 2015** – **Veterans Day at the Intrepid Museum**. Join the Intrepid Museum as they honor our Veterans. The Museum will host a poignant Veterans Day Ceremony at 3 PM on Pier 86, which is free and open to the public. For Museum guests, special Tour Guide Talks will take place throughout the day, including Stories from Pearl Harbor, Six Ships Named Intrepid and One Day in Vietnam. Additionally, Bank of America is generously providing free Museum admission to U.S. active military, retired military and veterans. Proper ID is requested, and tickets may only be obtained at the Museum Box Office.

**November 11, 2015** – **Metropolitan Museum of Art**. In honor of Veterans Day, the Metropolitan Museum of Art (1000 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY (82nd Street)) will provide all U.S. veterans and a guest with FREE admission when some form of veteran ID is presented at any Admissions Desk. For more information, visit: <http://www.metmuseum.org/>.

**November 11, 2015** – Staten Island’s Annual **Veterans Day Observance** will take place at 10:30 AM at the WWI Memorial, Oceanview Cemetery, 3315 Amboy Road. All are invited to attend.

**November 11, 2015** – **Opportunity for Veteran Entrepreneurs**. Join Dun & Bradstreet at 11 AM for a town hall panel discussion with top veteran and SBA leaders who will discuss opportunities available to veteran entrepreneurs in 2016. The panel will cover topics such as: Access to capital and lending programs for veteran entrepreneurs; Veteran entrepreneurs training programs and opportunities and Federal government contracting opportunities for veteran entrepreneurs. For more information and to register for this town hall event, visit: <https://dandb.com/events/veteran-entrepreneurs-opportunities/>.

**November 11, 2015** – **Crisis Hotline, Veterans Press 1**. The Brooklyn Historical Society will be holding a screening and discussion of the 2015 Academy Award-winning Best Documentary, *Crisis Hotline: Veterans Press 1* at the Brooklyn Historical Society,

128 Pierrepont Street from 6:30 – 9 PM. This event is free and you can obtain tickets here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/screening-and-discussion-crisis-hotline-veterans-press-1-tickets-17900182929>.

**November 11, 2015** – **NYC Stands for the Troops Concert**. Stand for the Troops (SFTT), a nonprofit committed to helping American warriors survive the rigors of war and return home well enough to reclaim their lives will host some of the country's most enduring and entertaining musicians and comedians on Veterans' Day for NYC Stands for the Troops: A Night of Music and Laughter to Benefit Our Vets. Artists include: Judy Collins, Little Anthony, Michael Bacon, Jonatha Brooke, David & Sophie Buskin, The Manhattan Transfer, John McCurry, Jennifer Pacanowski, Vincent Pastore, Paul Shaffer and many more! This event will take place at 7 PM at the Concert Hall at the NY Society for Ethical Culture. Information and tickets can be found here: <http://www.sftt.org/>

**November 11, 2015** – The Goddard Riverside Community Center, Bernie Wohl Center (647 Columbus Avenue, New York, NY) will be holding a Special Veterans Day performance of **Reading of Letters and Memoirs from the Soldiers of the New York City Regiments of the Civil War**. This event will start at 7 PM and is Free for veterans. For more information, call: (212) 799-9400.

**November 12, 2015** – **2nd Annual Salute to Veterans!** The Ivy Branding & Marketing Group, along with a host of event sponsors is holding their 2nd Annual Salute to Veterans starting at 10 AM at the Historic Old Bermuda Inn, 301 Veterans Road West in Staten Island. There will be a complimentary buffet breakfast, along with guest speakers. For more information or to RSVP, contact Christine or Debi at (718) 356-2867 or e-mail: [Christine@ivybrandinggroup.com](mailto:Christine@ivybrandinggroup.com) / [Debi@ivybrandinggroup.com](mailto:Debi@ivybrandinggroup.com).

**November 12, 2015** – The **New York City Council Veteran's Committee** is scheduled to hold a hearing at 1:30 PM in the 14th Floor Committee Room. The topic for this hearing will be: **Oversight: Update on the City's Efforts to End Veterans' Homelessness**. If you plan to testify, please bring twenty (20) copies (double-sided) of your written testimony. Time and location are subject to change.

**November 12 & 14, 2015** – **Glory Denied**. Join us as Chelsea Opera kicks off its 12th season with an encore performance of "Glory Denied." Based on the book by Tom Philpott, this opera tells the true story of Colonel Jim Thompson, America's longest-held prisoner of war. The story not only deals with Thompson's suffering in the jungles of Southeast Asia, but also the tragic aftermath that followed his liberation. It is, above all, the story of an American family during one of our nation's most turbulent eras. The November 12th performance starts at 7:30 PM; the November 14th at 2:30 PM. Both performances take place at St. Peter's Church in Chelsea, 346 West 20th Street, (between 8th & 9th Avenues) New York, NY. For information and tickets, along with prices, visit: <https://web.ovationtix.com/trs/pr/950213>.

**November 12, 2015** – **Veterans Celebration Fair.** New York City College of Technology (CUNY) will be holding a Veterans Celebration Fair from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM on its campus in Brooklyn (300 Jay Street, Atrium Building, Ground Floor). This event will honor and celebrate our veteran and military college students and Community organizations will be providing information and services at the fair. For more information, call: (718) 260-4980 or e-mail: [veterans@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:veterans@citytech.cuny.edu)

**November 12, 2015** – **Veterans Dinner in Queens.** Queensborough Community College (CUNY) will be honoring our veterans and active service members with a special recognition dinner in the Oakland Dining Room from 4:30 – 7:30 PM. Veterans and servicemembers should RSVP to: [veteransservices@qcc.cuny.edu](mailto:veteransservices@qcc.cuny.edu) or call (718) 281-5767 no later than Friday, November 6.

**November 12, 2015** – **“Tales from the Vault: War Correspondence.”** The Brooklyn Historical Society invites all for a Veterans Day celebration in their archives as they explore the life and times of American veterans in Brooklyn. BHS archivist John Zarrillo and BHS Director of Public History Julie Golia, PhD. examine Brooklyn’s role in America’s wars, from the Revolutionary War to the present, and share stories from veterans and their families in their own words using correspondence and objects found in our collections. This event will take place at the Brooklyn Historical Society, 128 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn, NY from 6 – 8 PM. This event is free and tickets can be picked up here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tales-from-the-vault-war-correspondence-tickets-17954981834>.

**November 12, 2015** – **The Home Show.** The Veteran Artist Program (VAP) is thrilled to present their 2015 NYC Veterans Day Showcase at the David Rubenstein Atrium at Lincoln Center (Broadway between 62nd and 63rd Street), in partnership with Lincoln Center and Wild Turkey Bourbon. The evening is presented as part of Lincoln Center’s Veterans Initiative. THE HOME SHOW will feature an all-star line-up of professional veteran artists in music, theater, film, dance, poetry and prose. The evening will be hosted by James P. Connolly (Comedy Central, HBO, XM Radio, VH1) with an all-veteran house rock band led by Tom Mooney (Emmy Award-winning commercial producer, lead singer for The NYC August Rock Band). Wild Turkey Bourbon will be releasing its new military label in partnership with VAP, featuring artwork commissioned from Air Force veteran Shawn Ganther. Shawn’s artwork will also be on display and we will be pouring drinks featuring a variety of Wild Turkey bourbons. Admission is free but seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. This line-up is subject to change.

**November 12, 2015** – **IAVA 9th Annual Hero’s Gala.** This event will take place at Cipriani, 110 East 42nd Street (between Lexington & Park Avenue). Cocktail Reception at 6:30 PM, Dinner and Program starts at 7:30 PM. This year, IAVA will honor Army Veteran & Bronze Star recipient Daniel Rodriguez with the 2015 Veteran Leadership Award as well as Chairman and CEO of Polaris Industries Inc. Scott Wine (Navy Veteran) with the 2015 Civilian Leadership Award. Willie Geist (MSNBC, Today Show) will host. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to: <https://iava.org/event/heroesgala-2015/>

**November 12, 2015** – **Holding it Down: The Veterans’ Dreams Project.** This event will take place at 7:30 PM in the Grace Rainey Rogers Auditorium and will feature a compelling multimedia work of voice, video, and music; *Holding It Down* is mined straight from the words of minority veterans of the post-9/11 wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This event is made possible by Beth and Leonard Wilf. It was commissioned by Harlem Stage through its WaterWorks program. To purchase tickets, please visit: <http://www.metmuseum.org/events/programs/met-live-arts/vijay-iyer?eid=100113>

**November 13, 2015** – **Veterans Business Affairs Council.** The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce Veterans Business Affairs Council will take place from 9 – 10:30 AM at the offices of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, 335 Adams St, Suite 2700 (Next to the Brooklyn Marriott.) For more information, please call: (718) 875-1000.

**November 13, 2015** – The NYPD Marine Corps Association will hold its annual (240th) **USMC Birthday Celebration** at 11 AM at One Police Plaza in the auditorium. After the conclusion of the ceremony, celebration will be held at TGIF’s located at 47 Broadway New York, NY.

**November 13, 2015** – **Jet Blue Military & Veteran Career Expo.** Representatives from several JetBlue departments (including Finance, Inflight, JetBlue University, Marketing, Operations and many more) will be available to answer questions about their team/functions. You will also have the opportunity to speak with veterans who currently work for JetBlue. This event will take place at the JetBlue Airways Office at 27-10 Queens Plaza North, Queensboro Room, 2nd Floor, Long Island City, NY. For more information and to register, visit: <http://work-here.jetblue.com/military-veteran-career-expo/>.

**November 13, 2015** – **Cry Havoc!** Stephan Wolfert’s one-man show *Cry Havoc* draws on his experience as a veteran struggling to reintegrate to civilian life. Inspired by Shakespeare’s military characters, Wolfert shows his audience that veterans have always wrestled with the same hopes and worries that occupy our modern lives. This performance will take place at 6:15 PM at Davis Hall, **Columbia University**, inside the Shapiro Center. Tickets to this event are on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information and to obtain tickets, visit: <http://heimancenter.org/events/cry-havoc/>.

**November 13, 2015** – NYMAS: “**The Blood Telegram: Nixon, Kissinger, and a Forgotten Genocide**” with Gary J. Bass, Princeton University. This event will take place from 7 PM – 8:45 PM. It will be held at the Soldiers & Sailors Club, 283 Lexington Avenue (between 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Streets) New York. Topics and speakers may be subject to change without notice. These NYMAS talks are FREE and open to the public. A current updated schedule is always available at: [www.nymas.org](http://www.nymas.org).

**November 14, 2015** – **Times Square Church Veterans Reception.** The Times Square Church cordially invites all Veterans, Military Service members and Police

Officers, as well their families to a Veterans Day Reception in your honor. Be blessed and strengthened by an encouraging message, special music and a buffet style lunch. This reception will take place from 11 AM – 2 PM at 1657 Broadway (between 51st and 52nd Street, New York, NY), Education Annex, Room 201. **\$5 PARKING:** Hampton Inn Parking Garage, 51st Street and 8th Avenue (Have your ticket stamped at the Security desk). **DIRECTIONS BY SUBWAY** Line/Station: 1/50th and Broadway; C & E/50th St and 7th Ave; N, R & Q/49th St and 7th Ave; F & M/47-50th St, Rockefeller Center; BD/7th Ave and 53rd St. For more information, please visit: <http://www.tscnyc.org/veterans-reception-2015/>.

**November 17, 2015** – **Cry Havoc!** Stephan Wolfert’s one-man show *Cry Havoc* draws on his experience as a veteran struggling to reintegrate to civilian life. Inspired by Shakespeare’s military characters, Wolfert shows his audience that veterans have always wrestled with the same hopes and worries that occupy our modern lives. This performance will take place at 7:30 PM at the **Little Theater at LaGuardia Community College** (CUNY), 31-10 Thomson Avenue, E-Building, Long Island City, Queens. This event is free and open to all.

**November 18, 2015** – **Veterans Educational Training Conference for Clergy & Chaplains.** Clergy are often on the frontline with returning veterans. The Brooklyn Borough President, in partnership with the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Brooklyn Community Recovery Center is hosting this conference from 10 AM – 1 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall, 209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY. Participants will learn how clergy can assist veterans and their families as they transition from deployment and how to recognize the hidden spiritual and emotional pain war may leave in the soul. They will also learn about benefits which veterans may be entitled to. For more information or to RSVP, call: (718) 802-4875 or e-mail: [clergy@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:clergy@brooklynbp.nyc.gov).

**November 19, 2015** – **War Correspondent Series.** The latest edition of War Correspondents will take place at 7:30 PM at the Brooklyn Brewery (79 N. 11th Street). In collaboration with Reporters Instructed in Saving Colleagues (RISC), Brooklyn Brewery co-founder, chairman and former war correspondent Steve Hindy will sit down with bestselling author David Shields and graphic design legend (and Brooklyn Brewery designer) Milton Glaser. They will discuss David’s new book “War is Beautiful” designed by Milton. The book examines the cover photos of the New York Times’ war coverage over more than a decade, providing a disturbing look at the glamorous treatment of armed conflict in the media. Please visit: <http://brooklynbrewery.com/events/2015/11/19/war-correspondents-at-the-brooklyn-brewery-david-shields-and-milton-glaser-nyc> for more information.

**November 20, 2015** – **Marine Corps Leadership Seminar.** Lehman College (CUNY) hosts a Marine Corps leadership seminar from 8:30 AM to 2 PM in the Music Building – East Dining Room, 250 Bedford Park Blvd, Bronx, NY. Guest Speaker will be Arnold Fields, Major General, USMC (Ret.). For more information and to register, call Barbara at Lehman College at: (718) 960-7188 or e-mail: [Barbara.thompson1@lehman.cuny.edu](mailto:Barbara.thompson1@lehman.cuny.edu)

**November 20, 2015** – NYMAS Talk: “**The Second Sino-Japanese War: China as a War Power**” with Ching Wah Chin, NYMAS Board. NYMAS talks are free and open to the public. This talk will be held at the Soldier & Sailors Club, 283 Lexington Ave (between 34th and 35th Street), NYC from 7 PM to 9 PM. Topics and speakers may be subject to change without notice. A current updated schedule is always available at: [www.nymas.org](http://www.nymas.org).

**November 21, 2015** – **Voices From War Fall Reading**. The “Voices From War” Fall reading will take place at 7 PM at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Y (344 E 14th Street, New York, NY); our host site for more than two years of workshops. Come meet our veteran writers and hear some of their original work! For more information on Voices From War, please visit: <http://voicesfromwar.org/>. For questions regarding this event, e-mail: [info@voicesfromwar.org](mailto:info@voicesfromwar.org). Tickets for this event are free and will soon go live on the 14th Street Y website: <http://www.14streety.org/landing-pages/arts-culture/>.

**November 21, 2015** – “**In the Soundless Awe.**” The New Light Theater Project and Access Theater present *In the Soundless Awe*, a drama that tells the story of Captain McVay, the man at the helm of the worst naval disaster in U.S. history: the 1945 sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis that killed hundreds of sailors. Directed by Sarah Norris, *In the Soundless Awe* is written by Jayme McGhan and Andy Pederson. The New York premiere will begin previews November 21st at Access Theater, located at 380 Broadway, 4th Floor, with opening night slated for November 23rd until December 12th. A limited number of free and discounted tickets for veterans and active-duty personnel are available. For more information and tickets, please visit: <http://www.newlighttheaterproject.com/#!soundless-awe/cbs2>.

**November 26, 2015** – **Thanksgiving Dinner**. The Fort Hamilton Community Club presents Thanksgiving Dinner from 1 – 4 PM at 207 Sterling Drive, Brooklyn, NY. Tickets prices are: \$30 for members, \$35 for guests. Children 4-12 years old \$20 dollars. Prepaid reservations are required by November 12th. Call (718) 765-7368 ext. 3 for more information. No refunds/Gratuities not included.

**FINAL THOUGHTS:** This is it! Don’t forget to **VOTE** on November 3rd! As always, if you see me at the Veteran’s Day parade, stop me and say hello! If we somehow miss each other, I wish each and every one of you a Happy Veterans Day and a wonderful & blessed Thanksgiving. As always - **Congrats and thank you to each and every one of you that put together an event this month!** My fingers hurt from all the typing! The fliers for all who sent them with events will be posted on **NY MetroVets Facebook page**. As always, if you receive this newsletter, please pass it on to others! Got any comments, questions or suggestions? E-mail me at: [bjoe7@hotmail.com](mailto:bjoe7@hotmail.com).

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