# **VETERANS TASK FORCE MEETING 12/08/2021 AGENDA**

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81110625659?pwd=MIRtam1VeVZEcVl1SjVIRGVYVkFNdz09 Meeting ID: 811 1062 5659 Passcode: 733511

## Welcome / Mission Statement / Review

 December is: National Human Rights Month, National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, 80<sup>th</sup> Anniv. (12/7), US National Guard Birthday (12/13), National Wreaths Across America (12/18).

## • Special Guests/New Members

- Hans Hageman Veteran, Veteran Advocate
- David Phelps Veteran Advocate
- o Joel Murns Veteran Outreach Coordinator, Middletown Vet Center

#### Presenters:

- o Marco Bongioanni (Mr. B) US Army Veteran, Readjustment Therapist, Vet Center, Bronx, NY
- o Deborah Francis, MBA: Integra Accounting.

#### Shout Outs

- Everett Cox O.C. Vet2Vet delivers 12 Thanksgiving dinners to veterans on T-Day
- o Heidi Schumacher Project Freedom Backpacks, Thermal Blankets and Coat Drive
- Sharon Toney-Finch YIT Foundation: Purple Heart Honor Mission/TV Appearance, Purple Heart Coin

#### Announcements:

- Everett Cox O.C. Vet2Vet Facilitator Retires
- Christina Novak WestCOP, Community Network Liaison
- Kiron Dawkins WestCOP, HV Regional Manager named Interim CEO
- Dave Marshall Named HV VA Veterans Experience Officer
- Bob Dole Senate Majority Leader, WWII Veteran dies at 98

### VA Healthcare Corner with Dawn Schaal, Director, VA Medical Center

General updates / Booster Shots

#### Task Force Homeless Case Status:

WestCOP: Open/New Case Report

## • Roundtable/Updates

- What's Happening?
- Next meeting: Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 9:00am-11:00am, Location: Zoom



## Announcements/Calendar

- o Dec. 1st: Civil Air Patrol (USAF Auxiliary) Birthday
- Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: National Purple Heart Hall of Honor will commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor
- o Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>: Sullivan Vet2Vet Christmas Tree giveaway
- o Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: Coffee with Vets, RSVP at https://lnkd.in/gjZSjFr2
- o Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- o Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>: SAL Squadron 1796, New Windsor- Will hold their annual Pearl Harbor Day at the Newburgh Waterfront-beginning at 11:00am. Meet by parking lot of Blu-Point around 10:00am.
- o Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>: Rumshock Veteran Foundation will be hosting a fundraising event at the Newburgh Armory Unity Center with special guest, Veteran and Medal of Honor Recipient, Kyle Carpenter.
- Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: Saugerties Veterans Resource Fair at 10 AM 12 PM located at the Saugerties Senior Citizen Center hosted by Senator Michelle Hinchey
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: The Rockland County Pfc Joseph P Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program- Veteran's Game Day Holiday Social Luncheon
- o Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup>: YIT Foundation Winter Coat, Gloves, Scarves Drive, Monticello, NY, 9AM-5PM
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>: "Resilient Transition" Book Launch, Meet the Author, Sa'eed Mustafa, Highland Falls Library, 3pm 5pm
- o Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>: , 2021- Vet2Vet of Westchester NY- Christmas Dinner- Click to Register
- o Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>: Holiday For Heroes: 2pm: Marist Men's Basketball vs. Navy (Free) at Marist College, 4pm: Holiday for our Heroes celebration at Mahoney's Irish Pub in Poughkeepsie
- o Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>: US National Guard Birthday
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>: Saratoga NY Pfc Dwyer Vet2Vet- Coffee Night w/ Holiday Twist
- o Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Newburgh Warming Station Opens. 13 Bridge Street, Newburgh, NY
- o Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>: Vet2Vet of Ulster County Veteran Luncheon
- o Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Grand Opening, Veteran and 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Center, by Warwick Valley VFW Post 4662, 10am-5pm
- o Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: MHA Dutchess, Veteran's Stand Down, Poughkeepsie, 11am-3pm
- o Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>: Mental Health of America New York State- Caregivers: Meeting the Demand of a Changing Workforce
- o Dec. 18th: National Wreaths Across America Day
- O Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Wreaths Across America, Wreath Laying Ceremony, Veterans Cemetery, Goshen, NY, Noon.

- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>: Carol Singing at Platte Cove Community, Elks Park, NY (Phil Gattis). Arrive by 6:00PM
- o Dec. 18th: "22 Until None" and American Legion Post 193 (Santa's Workshop)
- o Dec. 18th: YIT Foundation, Coat Distribution, Monticello, NY, 1pm-4pm
- o Dec. 19th Hope Alive 845- Holiday Event/ Meet Santa
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>: American Legion Post 1748- Holiday Luncheon- 12 Old Stage Rd Lake Katrine, NY
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>: YIT Foundation, Community Food Distribution, Liberty, NY, Noon-7:00PM
- o Dec. 24th: Christmas Eve
- O Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Day
- O Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: Kwanzaa
- o Dec. 31st: New Year's Eve
- o Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: New Year's Day