

## **Hudson Valley Veterans Task Force Meeting: 8/10/2022**

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### **Welcome**

**Introductions:** Rockland County Joseph P. Dwyer, RCC Veteran Coordinator,

**Mission Statement:** *The mission of the Hudson Valley Veteran Task Force is to address the needs of those who served by having relevant agencies meet collectively, regularly and cooperatively, to ensure the timely administration of services and referrals in order to achieve an end to Veteran homelessness and meet their immediate and long term needs.*

**August is:** National Dog Month, National Peace Month, National Immunization Awareness Month

**Shout Outs:** Gavin Walters, Ulster County Joseph P Dwyer and quarterback of the “We are Dwyer Coalition”.

Ashley O’Leary, Burke Rehabilitation, BRAVE program.

**Presenters:** **Brett Cotter:** Founder/CEO of “Stress is Gone” and the Author of “3 Keys to Managing PTSD: The Warriors Guide to Overcoming Combat Trauma”; also conducts the weekly “Mindful Meditation” program that is open and free for all Veterans.

**Jim Rathschmidt:** “United For The Troops” UnitedForTheTroops.org was created by friends & family of our troops serving the U.S. overseas. Our sole purpose is to make life while deployed a little better for our brave men & women serving in the US military by collecting food, toiletries and goods that the military does not provide them. Some of the items include cookies, snacks, t-shirts and other food items. Through speaking with the troops, even though the military provides them with the essentials for day to day life, many of them miss the extra amenities that they receive while at home. Our goal is to show them that we are proud of them and appreciate all of their efforts while they're deployed.

**VA Healthcare Corner:** Dawn Schaal, Director, VA Medical Center Hudson Valley

**Task Force Homeless Case Status:** WestCop

**Announcements:** Open for announcements

**Roundtable/ Updates:** Orange, Sullivan, Ulster, Dutchess, Putnam, Rockland

