

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
VETERANS' SERVICES  
March 19, 2024

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: DRISCOLL, Bruno, Patchett, Turner, Wild, Strainer, and Runyon - Chair of the Board shall serve as an Ex-Officio member when needed in accordance with Section C (4) of the Rules of the Board.

- I. Committee meeting called to order by Chair
- II. Approval of minutes of prior Committee Meeting
- III. Privilege of the floor
- IV. Action Agenda/New Business Items:
  1. Request:
  2. Rationale:
  
  3. Request:  
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  4. Request:  
Rationale:
- V. Discussion Items:
  1. Department Updates
  2. OFA/Veterans' Services Senior/Veteran Local Transportation Program
- VI. Referrals/Pending Items: None
- VII. Privilege of the floor and public comment
- VIII. Motion to adjourn

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Attachments:

- Department Updates (review only)
  - Outreach/Transportation (2-pgs)
  - Claims (1-pg)
- OFA/Veterans' Services Senior/Veteran Local Transportation Program Updates (1-pg)

# Veterans' Services Department Updates March 2024

## Outreach:

### • November

- 8<sup>th</sup>, Outreach at Veterans Day Recognition Breakfast at Six Flags Great Escape Lodge
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Attended Warren Co American Legion Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Attended VFW 6196 Luncheon & evening meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup>, Hosted Congresswomen Elisa Stefanik's Service Academy Nominations (Jeff C. interviewer)
- 18<sup>th</sup>, Assisted with the VFW 6196 – Senior Dinner
- 28<sup>th</sup>, Adirondack Peer-to-Peer Q4 Advisory Board Meeting

### • December

- 7<sup>th</sup>, Delivered donations collected during our annual month long "Support Your Troops" drive
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Assisted Operation Adopt a Soldier collecting donations at Queensbury Walmart
- 11<sup>th</sup>, Attended VFW 6196 Luncheon & evening meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Attended Warren Co American Legion Meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup>, Assisted with wreath placement at Gerald B. Solomon National Cemetery
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Department employees participated in SFC Coon's Xmas Eve Road March

### • January

- 9<sup>th</sup>, Attended NY VA Regional Office Town Hall Webinar
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Attended OFA Advisory Meeting (virtual)
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Attended NYS Dwyer Coalition Meeting (virtual)
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Attended ADK Vet House BOD Meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup>, Attended Q1 VSO Conference at Albany VAMC
- 19<sup>th</sup>, Attended Dept of NY American Legion Mid-Winter Conference
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Met with Wayne Wright, GF Historian on a local Veteran's Burial Plot Database
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Completed two home visits
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Attended VA Homeless Vet Symposium (virtual)

### • February

- 7<sup>th</sup>, Met with SAIL Rep
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Attended Dept of NY American Legion DSO Meeting (virtual)
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Met with Martin's Point Healthcare Rep
- 12<sup>th</sup>, Attended VFW 6196 meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup>, Attended NYSDVS Informational Webinar on [The 6 Triple 8](#)

## Upcoming:

### • April

- 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Partnering with Leatherstocking Honor Flight to assist with transportation during the next flight to Washington D.C.

### • May

- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, Outreach at King Phillips Campground & Lake George Riverview Campground on a Veterans Informational Program
- 27<sup>th</sup>, Glens Falls/Queensbury Memorial Day Parade

### **Albany VAMC Transportation:**

- **3-year passenger count:**
  - **2022** – 292 Passengers
  - **2023** – 251 Passengers
  - **2024** – 58 Passengers

### **Welcome notes:**

On February 12<sup>th</sup>, I hired a new part-time driver, Tim Nolin, who came to us after retiring from CDTA. Tim is a wonderful addition to our department bringing with him years of driving experience and having served in the Army Reserves he has that sense of duty to give back to his fellow comrades.

## Committee Meeting March 2024 Claim Updates

YEAR	#CLAIMS	STARTING AMT	NEW AMT	DIFFERENCE	RETRO
<b>2019 Current</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>36,978.93</b>	<b>97,715.70</b>	<b>60,736.77</b>	<b>797,080.04</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	148	36,978.93	97,571.56	60,592.63	797,080.04
<b>2020 Current</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>30,691.02</b>	<b>85,375.62</b>	<b>54,684.60</b>	<b>692,319.58</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	99	30,662.08	82,334.39	51,672.31	616,160.71
<b>2021 Current</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>78,353.72</b>	<b>151,446.02</b>	<b>73,092.30</b>	<b>687,936.61</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	100	74,835.88	146,262.86	71,426.98	687,936.61
<b>2022 Current</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>94,903.79</b>	<b>180,261.26</b>	<b>85,357.47</b>	<b>724,704.66</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	146	81,914.19	148,449.29	66,535.10	540,045.84
<b>2023 Current</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>106,533.53</b>	<b>169,385.71</b>	<b>62,852.18</b>	<b>510,016.87</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	168	65,088.67	86,539.22	21,450.55	191,039.49
<b>2024 Current</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>342.46</b>	<b>1,955.21</b>	<b>1,612.75</b>	<b>7,487.20</b>
Last reported OCT 2023	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

\*Any/all numbers listed above in "bold" represent the increased awarded claims since last reported

OFA/Veterans' Services  
 Senior/Veteran Local Transportation Program  
**January 1 – March 8, 2024**

Location	# of trips	Number of Passengers	Destinations
Bolton/Hague	2	8	Mall, Jersey Mike's
Warrensburg/Johnsburg	5	26	Walmart, Aldi's, Hobby Lobby, Dollar Tree, Stewart's, Pharmacy, JoAnn Fabrics, Price Chopper, Hannaford, GF Nat'l Bank
Chestertown, Brant Lake, Horicon	1	1	Walmart, Key Bank
Thurman, Stony Creek	1	1	Stops in Wsbg at Bottle Redemption, Price Chopper, Walgreens
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	

**Other Data:**

# of passengers who are designated as Veterans/spouse: **6**

Overall total mileage driven: **1042**

Total work hours: **59.23**

\*From January 1 – February 13 there were a **total of 3 trips with 16 riders**

\*From February 15 – through March 8 there were a **total of 6 trips with 20 riders**

**Transportation Schedule:**

Bolton/Hague – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday

Chestertown/Brant Lake/Horicon – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday

Warrensburg/Johnsburg – 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

Thurman/Stony Creek – 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday

Lake George – Call Town Hall

Lake Luzerne – Call Senior Center