



**ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS
ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES
ASSEMBLY SUBCOMMITTEE ON WOMEN VETERANS**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

SUBJECT: Budget and programs for veterans and the State's efforts to connect veterans with services and benefits.

PURPOSE: To review the budget and programs for veterans under the jurisdiction of the Assembly Standing Committees on Veterans' Affairs and Social Services, and to review and evaluate the State's role in connecting veterans with the benefits they have earned.

ALBANY, NEW YORK

TUESDAY

November 17, 2015

10:30 AM

Roosevelt Hearing Room C Legislative Office Building

Veterans in New York State are eligible for a variety of benefits but may not be aware of what they are entitled to because such benefits are not automatic. This hearing will review current State benefits and the ways that veterans are informed about these benefits.

Persons wishing to present pertinent testimony to the Committees at the above hearing should complete and return the enclosed reply form as soon as possible. It is important that the reply form be fully completed and returned so that persons may be notified in the event of emergency postponement or cancellation.

Oral testimony will be limited to 10 minutes' duration. In preparing the order of witnesses, the Committees will attempt to accommodate individual requests to speak at particular times in view of special circumstances. These requests should be made on the attached reply form or communicated to Committee staff as early as possible.

Ten copies of any prepared testimony should be submitted at the hearing registration desk. The Committee would appreciate advance receipt of prepared statements.

In order to further publicize these hearings, please inform interested parties and organizations of the Committee's interest in hearing testimony from all sources.

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PUBLIC HEARING REPLY FORM

Persons wishing to present testimony at the public hearing on veteran benefits are requested to complete this reply form as soon as possible and mail, email or fax it to:

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- I plan to attend the following public hearing on review of current State veterans' benefits to be conducted by the Assembly Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Social Services and Subcommittee on Women Veterans on Tuesday, November 17, 2015.
- I plan to make a public statement at the hearing. My statement will be limited to 10 of minutes, and I will answer any questions which may arise. I will provide 10 copies of my prepared statement.
- I will address my remarks to the following subjects:

- I do not plan to attend the above hearing.
- I would like to be added to the Committee mailing list for notices and reports.
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