

CITY OF ONEIDA

2024

SPECIAL EDITION

Honoring military veterans of the United States Armed Forces



VETERANS DAY

NOVEMBER 11, 2024

“We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.”

Thank you to our Veterans for your service. You are appreciated and valued, not only for defending our country, our constitution, and our freedom, but for your courage, strength, and determination. Freedom is not free. It comes with a price, and you are honored on this day and always by us, the City of Oneida, for your sacrifice and heroism.

BE **THE** ONE

TO **ASK** VETERANS
IN YOUR LIFE
HOW THEY ARE DOING

TO **LISTEN** WHEN
A VETERAN
NEEDS TO TALK

TO **REACH OUT**
WHEN A VETERAN
IS STRUGGLING

 AMERICAN
LEGION

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"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Ronald Reagan

AMERICAN LEGION-POST 169

315-363-0337

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The Oneida American Legion, located at 398 N. Main St. is a non-profit organization that serves our veterans. Through their many events, benefits, breakfasts, raffles and more, the volunteers work tirelessly to make sure our veterans are supported and cared for. They offer mental health support, peer-to-peer resources, and compassion to those that are serving or have served our country. When you are a member of the Legion, you are family. You are never alone. Thank you to our veterans and thank you to the Legion!



Madison County

MISSION FIRST

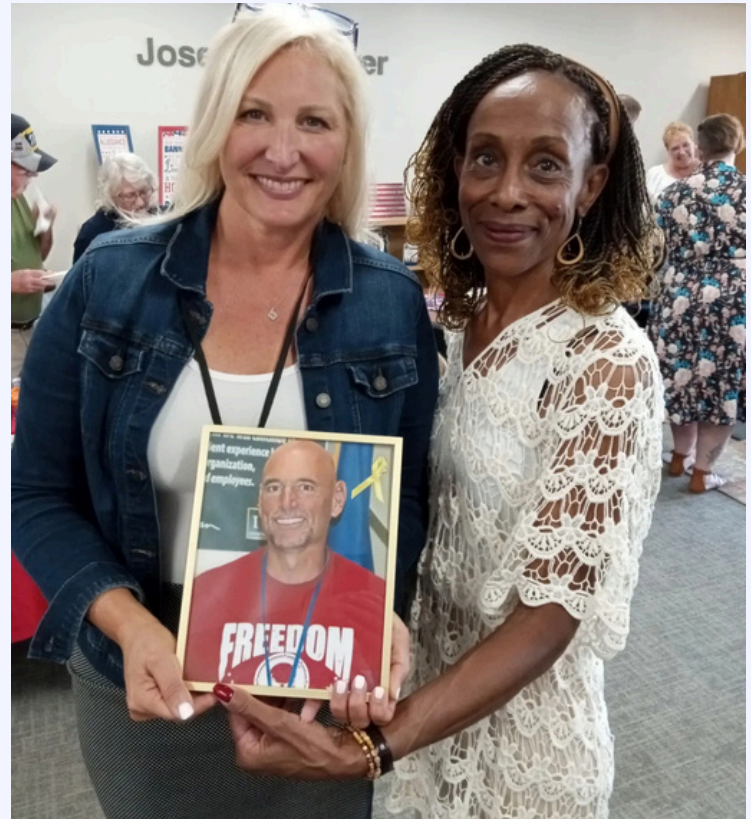
Veterans Community Center

1065 Northside Plaza

315-366-2395



The Mission First Veterans Community Center opened earlier this year as welcoming space for veterans and their families to connect, receive support, and thrive. It includes a large community space where veterans and their families can relax, play a game or two, or just have a cup of coffee. There is also a conference room, dedicated to a former staff member of the Veterans Service Agency, Mark Mossman, who lost his battle with PTSD, as well as offices for the MCVSA staff. The Community Center is a reality thanks to funding from the Gorman Foundation and the New York State PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program. Staff at the center offer a wide range of services for veterans and their families including peer support, disability claims assistance, general benefits assistance.



***“We don’t know
them all, but we
owe them all.”***



CLEAR PATH FOR VETERANS

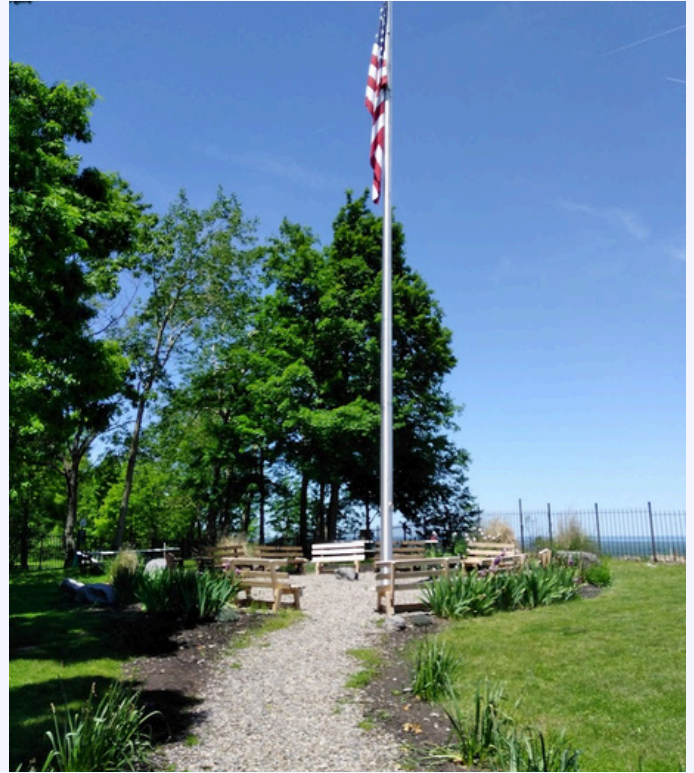
1223 Salt Springs Rd., Chittenango
315-687-3300

“Finding your place is more than just a physical structure or specific coordinates. It's about a deep sense of real belonging.”

Whether you're active duty, retired, or a military-family member, Clear Path is a welcoming community where you can heal, grow, and truly become the best version of yourself. Going from military to civilian life is a personal journey. Every veteran faces their own hurdles, whether it's finding a job, accessing healthcare, or overcoming trauma, and Clear Path for Veterans is there to help.

Clear Path has many programs and services available to veterans and their families. Thank you for being there!

Visit: Clearpath4vets.com



ONEIDA CITY OFFICES CLOSED

Our offices will be closed on Monday, November 11, 2024 in observance of Veterans Day.

VETERANS EXEMPTIONS

On October 1, 2024, a Local Law was introduced to amend the annual income ranges for senior citizens as set forth in Chapter 165 of the Oneida City Code and to create a Cold War Veterans Exemption. This law was adopted on November 6, 2024.

Thank you Councilor Andrea Hitchings and City Assessor Rebecca Lennon for working to make this change and to the Mayor, City Manager, and Council for your support.

As the deadline for the 2025 taxes was May 1 of 2024, any changes with this local law will take effect with the 2026 taxes. The paperwork will need to be submitted to the Assessor by May 1, 2025.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

[Rebecca Lennon](#)

City Assessor

315-363-7579





The background of the entire image is a stylized American flag pattern, featuring red and white stars on a blue field, with red and white stripes. The pattern is oriented diagonally, creating a sense of movement and patriotism.

OUR FRIENDLY FACE

BRIAN SHOVLIN

Chief-United States Navy

Normally this “Friendly Face” is out and about taking pictures of people around the City sharing stories and smiles. Today, I captured him! Brian is one of the kindest people I know. He has served our country for 21 years and today, we thank him and all veterans for their service!

PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN

Lyrics

If tomorrow all the things were gone
I worked for all my life
And I had to start again
With just my children and my wife
I thank my lucky stars
To be living here today
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom
And they can't take that away
And I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
And defend Her still today
'Cause there ain't no doubt
I love this land
God Bless the U.S.A.
From the lakes of Minnesota
To the hills of Tennessee
Across the plains of Texas
From sea to shining sea
From Detroit down to Houston
And New York to L.A.
Where's pride in every American heart
And it's time we stand and say
That I'm proud to be an American
Where at least I know I'm free
And I won't forget the men who died
Who gave that right to me
And I'd gladly stand up next to you
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Songwriters: Lee Melvin Greenwood

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THANK YOU VETERANS

11TH NOVEMBER 2024

