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*POUGHKEEPSIE, NY* – On Saturday, September 28, 2013, New York State Senator Terry Gipson's (D-Dutchess, Putnam) Veterans and Families Fair drew hundreds of local veterans and family members to learn about services available to them in the Hudson Valley. The event featured over 60 service providers and exhibitors that offer services such as healthcare, housing, employment, education, business support and much more, specifically for veterans and their families in Dutchess and Putnam Counties.

Senator Gipson recently formed the 41st Senate District's Veteran's Advisory Committee to hear and best address the concerns of veterans and their families in our community. Hearing from his advisory committee about the lack of comprehensive information about veteran services, Senator Gipson was inspired to organize the Veterans and Families Fair.

"By bringing all of these services into one room, Veterans and their families have a greater opportunity to learn about services and support they may not have known about beforehand in Dutchess and Putnam Counties," said Senator Gipson.

"Veterans were able to gain access to job opportunities, health care services, housing and more. It was also important to include the families of veterans, because often by helping a family member, we can help a veteran."

Senator Gipson also honored local veterans in the first annual [41st Senate District Veterans' Hall of Fame](#). The sixteen veterans were nominated by their local veterans organizations for the work they do supporting their fellow veterans and their communities. In addition to the 41st District's Veterans Hall of Fame, all World War II veterans in attendance were recognized.

Added Senator Gipson: "We owe our veterans and their families a great deal for their sacrifices. As a member of the New York State Senate Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee, ensuring that they receive the support they deserve from New York State is a top priority of mine."

Senator Gipson's Veterans and Families Fair was made possible by the support of Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, Health Quest, Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union and Bridgeway Federal Credit Union.

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