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There are few people more dedicated to a cause than Renate DeAngelis. She has made it her life's work to ensure people remember our veterans, their families and the sacrifices they have made for our country.

In May 1992, Ms. DeAngelis joined the American Gold Star Mothers Inc., Hudson Valley Chapter #31, and was soon appointed recording secretary. With her continued involvement and dedication, she became president of her local chapter 12 years ago and maintains that position today. As chapter president, she attends the wakes and funerals of our fallen heroes, lays wreaths at memorial services, and participates in parades and street sign dedications. She also assists in numerous local fundraisers for veterans and their families.

In addition to serving locally, Ms. DeAngelis is also very active at the state level. Currently, she is in her fifth term as the recording secretary for the American Gold Star Mothers Department of New York, and has served as department president for two terms. Additionally, she has served as the department historian under several other department presidents.

As an American Gold Star Mother, Ms. DeAngelis has been made an honorary member of Rolling Thunder, New York 3, an organization dedicated to POW/MIA issues. As a member, she participates in all of their functions which include hosting numerous parties at Castle Point and Montrose VA Hospitals for our hospitalized veterans.

Ms. DeAngelis' generosity and unwavering commitment to helping others is endless. In addition to her work with American Gold Star Mothers Inc. and Rolling Thunder, she also volunteers at the United States Military Academy at West Point for the Paws for Kids program. This year, she participated in the Wreaths Across America project at the West Point

Cemetery and took part in the West Point Tree Lighting Ceremony.

In recognition of her commitment and caring, Ms. DeAngelis received the President's Volunteer Service Award from President George W. Bush for her unceasing dedication to our nation's heroes. She is also the recipient of the President's Award from Rolling Thunder 3 for her Volunteer Service.

Ms. DeAngelis is a dedicated, caring supporter of our veterans in the Hudson Valley and she goes above and beyond to show her admiration and gratitude to those individuals who have given so much for our country.