

THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the November 12 edition of my Weekly Wrap!

BIG happenings:

- 2021 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee - Jeffrey W. French
- 2020 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee - Peter K. Goebel
- Honoring the life of U.S. Army Veteran Nathan James Snyder
- Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2021 - Honoring those who served
- Schaghticoke is officially a Purple Heart Community

Other important news:

- Sunday Morning Veterans Breakfast
- 6th Annual Veterans Ball at the Saratoga Hall of Springs
- Colonel Thomas Walsh received two medals for his service in the National Guard
- Troy Police Department Promotion Ceremony for Sgt. Eric Radigan
- Veterans Bagels & Coffee at the Barn
- This week, 246 years ago, the U.S. Marine Corps was established
- A celebration in honor of Kathy Pastore-Jordan's retirement after 44 years of work in Saratoga County Clerk's office
- COVID-19 Vaccine and Booster clinics in the 43rd Senate District
- It's Lung Cancer Awareness Month

Ribbon Cuttings:

- HVCC's Veterans Resource and Outreach Center
- Outcast Athletics

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at jordan@nysenate.gov or call my office at (518) 371-2751. Thank you for reading and subscribing to my Weekly Wrap. It's an honor and a privilege serving you!

– Senator Daphne Jordan, 43rd District

IN THE NEWS



Agribusiness Column: Economic impact of agriculture in New York state

The agricultural industry supports more than 160,000 jobs in NYS.

From article: "Every job generated in agriculture supports 0.65 jobs in backward linked non-agricultural business."

It's safe to say that farmers are the backbone of our economy! They will always have my unwavering support.

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Make N.Y. landlords whole again

Landlords have all the life expenses that we have PLUS the cost of their properties, and they have faced 20 months of financial hardship due to misguided state & federal eviction policies. Over half the ERAP applicants are still awaiting relief. I have continually called on our State government to come together & make commonsense solutions for New Yorkers.

[Watch my floor remarks from September 1st on the extension of the eviction moratorium.](#)

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Prison officials to close 6 facilities in New York state

Gov. Hochul and the Democrat's pro-criminal policies are a public safety threat to New Yorkers. Failed bail reform has put more criminals on the streets than ever. Crime has increased drastically. Shutting down Correction Facilities is not the answer.

Albany must be responsible and establish necessary long-term plans for employees of these facilities instead of arbitrarily "turning out the lights" on unsuspecting public safety professionals and local communities. The former Mt. McGregor Correctional Facility in Wilton still sits idle years after closure by the former governor.

[See my Senate Bill S.2178](#)

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Officers hope double-bunking law slows prison closings

I co-sponsored this legislation ([S.2211](#)) preventing the double bunking of incarcerated individuals in correctional facilities. Why? Double bunking causes cells to be well over their designed capacity and makes it difficult for correction officers to observe an area, needlessly exposing them to increased danger. It also makes little sense from a public health perspective.

In terms of the alarming rising violence happening in our facilities – from the local Brookwood Secure Center to Rikers Island – the state needs to LISTEN to public safety professionals walking the corridors. Passing this legislation is one step in the right direction. But NOW, we need to stop the Cuomo-era policy of continually closing correctional facilities.

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Lawmakers urge Hochul to fund veteran program ‘about life or death’

"The days of veterans and veteran advocates having to come to the State Capitol to fight tooth-and-nail for Dwyer program funding must end. These funds should already be established in the annual state budget to further support and strengthen this proven program that helps America's true heroes."

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Conservative Party releases legislative ratings

I am proud to receive a 100% rating by the Conservative Party's annual scorecard assessing the Legislature's work over the last year!

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Sunday Morning Veterans Breakfast



I was honored to attend the Annual Veterans Breakfast on Sunday morning as we recognized veterans for their service, sacrifice, and for defending America. Rensselaer County sets the gold standard for caring for our veterans.

Among those honored today were John Bommarito of the U.S. Army, Domenick Ercolano (posthumously) of the U.S. Army, John Mayhew of the U.S. Army, John Simonik (posthumously) of the U.S. Army and Garry Stone of the U.S. Army.

Seen in photos above are County Executive Steve McLaughlin, Assemblyman Jake Ashby, Sheriff Pat Russo, Chair of the Legislature Mike Stammel, Vice Chairwoman Kelly Hoffman, Vice Chair for Finance Bob Loveridge, Legislators Todd Tesman, Dan Casale and Tom Grant and Legislator-elect Bill Maloney, County Court Judge Debra Young and Troy Mayor Patrick Madden.

Thank you to County Executive Steve McLaughlin and the Melvin Roads American Legion Post #1231 for hosting the breakfast! This event was also made possible by Brooke Albert, county Veteran Service Agency Director Peter Goebel, and Lonnie Warrington.

United States Army Veteran Jeffrey W. French, 2021 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee.



I am proud and honored to select United States Army Veteran SPC 5 Jeffery W. French as the Senate District 43 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee for 2021!

[Read more here](#) or click the video below to watch!



United States Army Veteran Peter K. Goebel, 2020 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee.



It was an honor to select Rensselaer County Veteran Service Agency Director and United States Army Veteran Peter K. Goebel as a 2020 Veterans Hall of Fame Inductee.

Among Peter's awards are the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit

Citation, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, The Afghanistan Campaign Medal (with 2 Bronze Service Stars). He also earned the Combat Action Badge, the Parachutist Badge, the Air Assault Badge, and the Ranger tab during his service.

In addition to serving as the Director of the Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency, Peter Goebel serves in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, AMVETS, the Disabled American Veterans, the Friends of the New York State Military Museum, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, and the West Point Society of the Capital District of New York.

Thank you, Peter, for all that you do for our community and our nation.

[Read more](#)

6th Annual Veterans Ball at the Saratoga Hall of Springs



A wonderful evening on Friday night at the 6th Annual Veterans Ball! We recognized and honored veterans who have given so much for our American freedom. Among those recognized were WWII Veterans Frank Gimmelli, Cecily Geraghty, Dom Scavia, George Summersell, Sir Ken Bailey, and Corporal Robert Gardner. The Sunday Sewing Sisters graciously made and donated American Flag quilts for our honored WWII veterans. Also recognized were Veterans Gunnery Sgt. Albert 'Vinny' Roman Jr., Petty Officer Second Class Jason Collins, Lance Corporal Lorraine Diamond, Command Sgt. Major Robert W. Van Pelt, and PFC Frank English. We will never forget our young fallen hero, Specialist Abigail Rose Jenks. I'm pictured above with her beautiful mother, Mary, who I had the honor of meeting earlier this year.

My husband, Phil, and I had the privilege to sit with the Honorable Jim Walsh, Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, and Assemblyman Robert Smullen. I'm pictured above with Honoree Cecile Geraghty, who is 101 years old and as spry as can be! She is also one of the WWII honored veterans. I was also so happy to meet my husband's good friend and very decorated (including a purple heart) veteran, Jamel Daniels.

This year, the proceeds from the Veterans Ball will be used to kick off a campaign to build Foreverly House, a two family home for our Veteran Moms and their children while they make the transition from military to civilian life.

And of course, Joey Thomas Big Band - The JTBB provided great music! We are so thankful for our veterans and military members. Their dedication, service, and sacrifice to this country will never be forgotten.

Honoring the life of U.S. Army Veteran Nathan James Snyder



On Monday morning at the Rensselaer County Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony, we honored Nathan James Snyder, who very sadly passed away on October 20, 2018, at the young age of 23. The son of Linda Fryer and Timothy Snyder, Nathan was born on February 20, 1995, in Troy, NY and grew up in North Greenbush. After graduating from Averill Park High School in 2013, Nathan J. Snyder enlisted in the United States Army and served his country as an infantryman in Afghanistan.

U.S. Army Infantrymen are the backbone of the Army and serve in combat operations, including reconnaissance missions, and are experts in both weaponry and machinery, maintaining and firing combat weapons of all types. They must also know how to operate and maintain communications equipment, receive and

implement combat orders, and direct deployment of personnel in a number of different operation types (offensive, defensive, and retrograde). During combat, soldiers need to request, observe, and adjust direct supporting fire, and all of these tasks for the infantry are not possible without excellent communication skills as well as an advanced understanding of terrain, methods of warfare, and combat strategies.

Nathan was honorably discharged from Fort Campbell, KY on December 9, 2016. For his courageous service, he was awarded the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Air Assault Badge.

The New York State Liberty Medal is now also among those medals Nathan has received, as I was honored to present this to his family. The Liberty Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the New York State Senate. May we honor and never forget the life of Nathan James Snyder, a beloved son, grandson, brother, uncle, and soldier.

**Colonel Thomas Walsh received two medals
for his service in the National Guard**



This photo was taken on Monday morning at the Rensselaer County Legislature. After successful constituent work by my office and Assemblyman John McDonald's office, Colonel Thomas Walsh was able to receive two medals for his service in the National Guard: the Medal for Merit and the Conspicuous Service Cross #9620. This was the first time his new medals were worn. In the photo above, I'm standing with Assemblyman John McDonald, Colonel Thomas Walsh, and Rensselaer County Legislator Dan Casale, who is also my Director of Constituent Services!

Troy Police Department Promotion Ceremony for Sgt. Eric Radigan



Congratulations to Officer Eric Radigan on being promoted to Sergeant with the Troy Police Department this week! Thank you for your hard work and dedication in keeping our communities safe.

My Director of Constituent Services, Dan Casale, presented Sgt. Radigan with a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition on my behalf. Thank you Dan!

Veterans Bagels & Coffee at the Barn



Tuesday was a perfect morning for Bagels & Coffee at the High & Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center, Inc. with our veterans! Thank you to High & Mighty for hosting this event! High & Mighty is a nonprofit organization that offers all kinds of equine activities to children, teens, and adults, including a special needs program and a veterans program. Thank you to Columbia County Veterans Services Director Gary Flaherty for all you do in directing the successful Dwyer Program! (aka, the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Veteran's Counseling Program.)

This week, 246 years ago, the U.S. Marine Corps was established



On Thursday of this week in 1775, the Marine Corps was founded. For 246 years they've protected our freedoms, our citizens and our democracy. I'd like to thank our current Marines and those who've served in the past for all they have done and continue to do on behalf of our great nation. Happy birthday U.S. Marine Corps!

A celebration in honor of Kathy Pastore-Jordan's retirement after 44 years of work in Saratoga County Clerk's office



A celebration in honor of Kathy Pastore-Jordan's retirement on Wednesday evening in Saratoga Springs! Thank you to my Community Liaison, Halie Northrop, for attending and presenting a joint NYS Senate Proclamation from Senator Jim Tedisco and me, and thank you to Craig Hayner, Saratoga County Clerk for the invite to this special event.

Kathy began working for the Saratoga County Clerk's office in 1977 and became a part-time Clerk in 1979, then became a full-time clerk, working for the office for 44 years.

During her tenure with the County Clerk's Office, Kathy has held the titles of PT Clerk, Photocopy Operator, Stenographic Secretary, and Confidential Secretary. Kathy has worked for five Saratoga County Clerks including Kermit Plummer, Rosemarie Corbett, Kathy Marchoine, Peter Martin, and Craig Hayner, as well as nine Deputy Clerks throughout her career.

Thank you, Kathy, for over four decades of dedication to our community, and congratulations on your retirement!

Schaghticoke is officially a Purple Heart Community



On Wednesday night, I presented a NYS Senate Proclamation to the Schaghticoke Town Board on their recently passed resolution to become a Purple Heart Community.

Thank you to The Town of Schaghticoke elected officials: Supervisor Tim Salisbury, Councilman John Rustin Sr., Councilman William Fogarty, Councilman Jim Westhead, and Councilman David Akin.

58 of the 60 municipalities in my 43rd Senate District are now Purple Heart Communities!

Veterans Day - Thursday, November 11, 2021



The men and women in our armed forces were there for us and our nation, and we must be there for them. This Veterans' Day, and even in the days after, let's honor and thank our servicemembers for all they've done to protect our freedom. But we should also recommit ourselves to ensuring our veterans receive the care and support they need and deserve. To accomplish that, I'm proud to have helped secure funding for services like the Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Program, which provide much-needed support to veterans in their post-service lives.

This program is a start, but if you're a veteran in need of immediate assistance or you know a hero in need, help is available. The National Veterans Crisis Hotline offers 24/7 service and can be reached at 1-800-273-8255 or by texting 838255.

On behalf of Senate District 43, I want to thank our servicemen and women. Our nation is stronger and safer because of you.

COVID-19 Vaccine & Booster Clinics

Columbia County
Rensselaer County
Saratoga County
Washington County



Columbia County

[Moderna Booster on Thursday, November 18th from 4-6pm.](#)

Saratoga County

[Pfizer Booster on Tuesday, November 16th from 9am-3pm](#)

Rensselaer County

Rensselaer County offered clinics on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. New clinic information will be released soon. Check for updates at the following link:

[Rensselaer County Health & Human Services](#)

Washington County

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH @ WASHINGTON CO BURGOYNE
CAMPUS - 9AM-2PM

[Pfizer \(Age 12+\) - 3rd / Booster Dose](#)

[J&J \(Age 18+\) - 2nd / Booster Dose](#)

[Moderna \(Age 18+\) - 3rd / Booster Dose](#)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH @ ARGYLE CSD - 3PM-6PM

Pfizer (Age 12+) - 1st Dose - WALK IN

J&J (Age 18+) - 1st Dose - WALK IN

[Pfizer \(Age 12+\) - 3rd / Booster Dose](#)

[J&J \(Age 18+\) - 2nd / Booster Dose](#)

[Moderna \(Age 18+\) - 3rd / Booster Dose](#)

Lung Cancer Awareness Month



November is Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Sadly, lung cancer causes more deaths than any other type of cancer in the country. It's more important than ever to raise awareness and take action to save lives. I encourage all to learn how they can take part by visiting the [American Lung Association website here](https://www.lung.org).



HVCC's Veterans Resource and Outreach
Center



On Wednesday morning I was very happy to join Hudson Valley Community College for the formal ribbon cutting of the Veterans Resource and Outreach Center, which houses the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program of Rensselaer County. I was honored to present a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition alongside Assemblyman Jake Ashby to HVCC President Dr. Roger Ramsammy. HVCC and Rensselaer County always make helping and honoring our veterans a top priority.

HVCC's VET-ROC (Veterans Resource and Outreach) Center is the focal point for all things related to the veteran and military-connected community on campus.

The Rensselaer County Dwyer Program offers peer-to-peer counseling for veterans suffering from PTSD or TBI and any veteran looking to reintegrate into civilian society. State funding for the Dwyer Program should not have to be fought for each year to be included in the State Budget. It is an effective and vital program for our veterans and it's an initiative that I've been proud to support and deliver funding for since my first days in the Senate.

I have continually advocated for FULL funding of this program along with Assemblyman Jake Ashby and have secured \$145,000 for Rensselaer County's Dwyer Program as part of the 2021-22 State Budget. The final enacted 2021-22 State Budget included \$4,505,000 for the Dwyer Program statewide, a true victory

for our veterans. Now, we must make this a regular part of the State Budget, and not a legislative-add or bartering chip.

Our veterans fought for us, now it's our turn to deliver for them.

[Learn more](#)

Outcast Athletics



I was happy to be at the official Grand Opening for Outcast Athletics last Friday evening! Outcast Athletics is owned by Adam Walker, who has remained incredibly persistent and resilient throughout the pandemic. He has had to move his business three times within the past year, but continues to help people become the best versions of themselves through a healthy lifestyle and physical fitness.

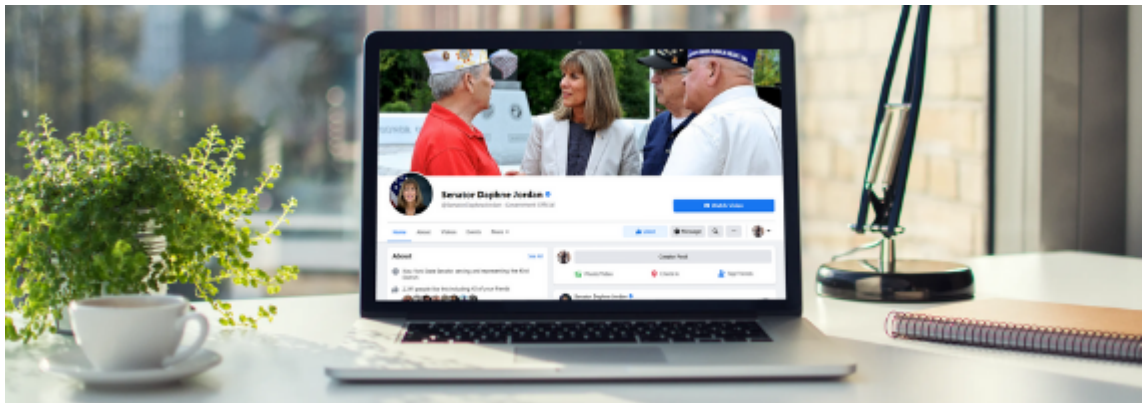
Adam's business successfully raised over \$10,000 through their "Lifting for Love" Powerlifting Meet, where proceeds were donated to the families of Mia Nassivera

Weekly Wrap: Honoring our veterans this week, Purple Heart communities, Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees, & MORE and Finn Herringshaw, who have both battled severe illnesses.

Friday afternoon was a celebration of all the hard work put into this wonderful business. I was honored to be there and present a NYS Senate Certificate of Recognition. Congratulations to Adam Walker and the entire Outcast Athletics Team.

[Learn more](#)

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