

# THE WEEKLY WRAP

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Dear Friend:

Happy Friday and welcome to the June 3rd edition of my Weekly Wrap!

## **BIG happenings:**

- Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 23rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony
- My Bipartisan Legislation Passed:
  - Korean War Service Medal
  - Vietnam War Service Medal
  - Allowing the Saratoga County Courts to conduct more virtual proceedings
- Stillwater Memorial Day Ceremony
- Village of Schuylerville Memorial Day Ceremony
- American Legion Mohawk Post 1450 Memorial Day Ceremony

## **Other important news:**

- Shenendehowa's Carter Cukerstein honored for his State Championship
- June is PTSD Awareness Month
- St. Basil's Greek Festival this weekend!
- Take a hike this Saturday at the Zim Smith Trail with Halfmoon Parks and Recreation
- Waterford Emergency Team Blood Drive June 7th
- 10th Anniversary of Life Song Dash next Saturday

As always, I want to hear from YOU. If you have a comment, question, or concern, please email me at [jordan@nysenate.gov](mailto: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



## "ALL TOGETHER NOW" Arts Celebration Weekend in Saratoga

This weekend is the "ALL TOGETHER NOW" Arts Celebration Weekend in Saratoga! This community event will serve as the official re-opening of Saratoga's cultural destinations and will feature 40 events for locals and tourists to experience everything that Saratoga has to offer.

[Read the Article](#)



## Late changes clear way for Clean Slate

Even as New Yorkers face staggering rates of violence, the Majority continues to double down on Criminal-Coddling policies. This "Clean Slate" bill will automatically seal criminal records of people with all kinds of criminal history, including FELONS! I will continue to work for the safety of all New Yorkers and oppose these wrong headed ideas.

[Read the Article](#)



### Schuylerville boys capture Section II title

Congratulations to the Schuylerville boys lacrosse team on their Section II Class-D Championship. Good luck in the state tournament!

[Read the Article](#)



### Schenectady County announces 2022 SummerNight headliner

The SummerNight festival in Schenectady is one of the Capital Region's premier cultural events. There will be live music, great food, and the vibrant downtown we have seen revitalized over the last few years. The big night will be July 22nd!

[Read the Article](#)

## Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 23rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony





On Saturday I had the opportunity to attend the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery 23rd Annual Memorial Day Ceremony. The spectacular ceremony that Cemetery Director W. Scott Lamb and his amazing team put on was a touching tribute to the more than 18,000 men and women buried at the cemetery. I want to thank the New York State Police for presenting the colors, Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo and the entire Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, Pastor Clyde McCaskill, the Ballston Spa Community Band, and the Halfmoon-Waterford Fire Department (HMFD), and the Queensbury Central Vol. Fire Company for using their trucks to display this beautiful American flag. Shortly after the ceremony, I saw my good friend Chaplin Paul O'Keefe, a Purple Heart recipient who served in the Korean War, there to pay his respects to his fallen friends.

[Visit the Cemetery](#)

## Korean War Service Medal





The Korean War is often referred to as America's "Forgotten War" because of its place in history between World War II and the Vietnam War. I am proud to say that our Korean War Veterans will never be America's "Forgotten Veterans" with the passage of my bill to create a Korean War Service Medal. We owe a great debt to our veterans and should take every opportunity to honor their service to our nation. The bill has already passed the Assembly and is now awaiting the Governor's signature.

Read the Bill

## Vietnam War Service Medal



On Wednesday the Senate overwhelmingly passed my bill, S2089B to create a New York State Vietnam War Commemorative Medal. When our brave service members returned from Vietnam, they were not given the respect and honor they deserved for serving our nation. This bill will work to remedy that wrong by providing veterans with the recognition they deserve.

Read the Bill

## Allowing the Saratoga County Courts to conduct more virtual proceedings



On Tuesday, my bill S9350 passed the Senate UNANIMOUSLY! This legislation is a victory for the taxpayers of Saratoga County because it will allow the county court system to conduct more proceedings virtually. By cutting the number of defendants needing to be transported to the Saratoga County Courthouse, costs will be reduced and public safety will be enhanced. This system is already in use in New York City and 27 counties across the state, and I am proud to expand the system to my home county.

Read the Bill

## Stillwater Memorial Day Ceremony



Last Friday evening, I joined the Village of Stillwater for their annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice is so important to ensure our heroes are never forgotten. Thank you to Stillwater Village Mayor Judy Wood Shaw, Stillwater Town Supervisor Ed Kinowski, Earl J Manning, American Legion Post 490 Post Commander Ed Burmaster, our Master of Ceremonies John Meehan, and the Boy Scouts for such a touching ceremony.

## Village of Schuylerville Memorial Day Ceremony





Great to join the Village of Schuylerville Monday morning for their annual Memorial Day Ceremony. Town of Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood served as emcee extraordinaire. This morning was a special tribute to the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation and I am grateful I could be a part of it. As Americans, we owe a great debt to our service members, and Schuylerville is no stranger to the call to serve. The village is home to the turning point of the Revolutionary War and without the sacrifices made on its fields our history would be forever altered. God Bless all those who laid down their lives so that we could live free..

## American Legion Mohawk Post 1450 Memorial Day Ceremony



Commander John “Lippy” Lepine commanded a huge turnout on Monday at the American Legion: Mohawk Post 1450 to honor those that gave of themselves for the freedoms we enjoy today. If you love your freedom, thank a veteran. If you honor their service and sacrifice, take a moment this Memorial Day and say a prayer for the fallen and their families.

[Post 1450 Website](#)

## Shenendehowa's Carter Cukerstein Honored for his State Championship



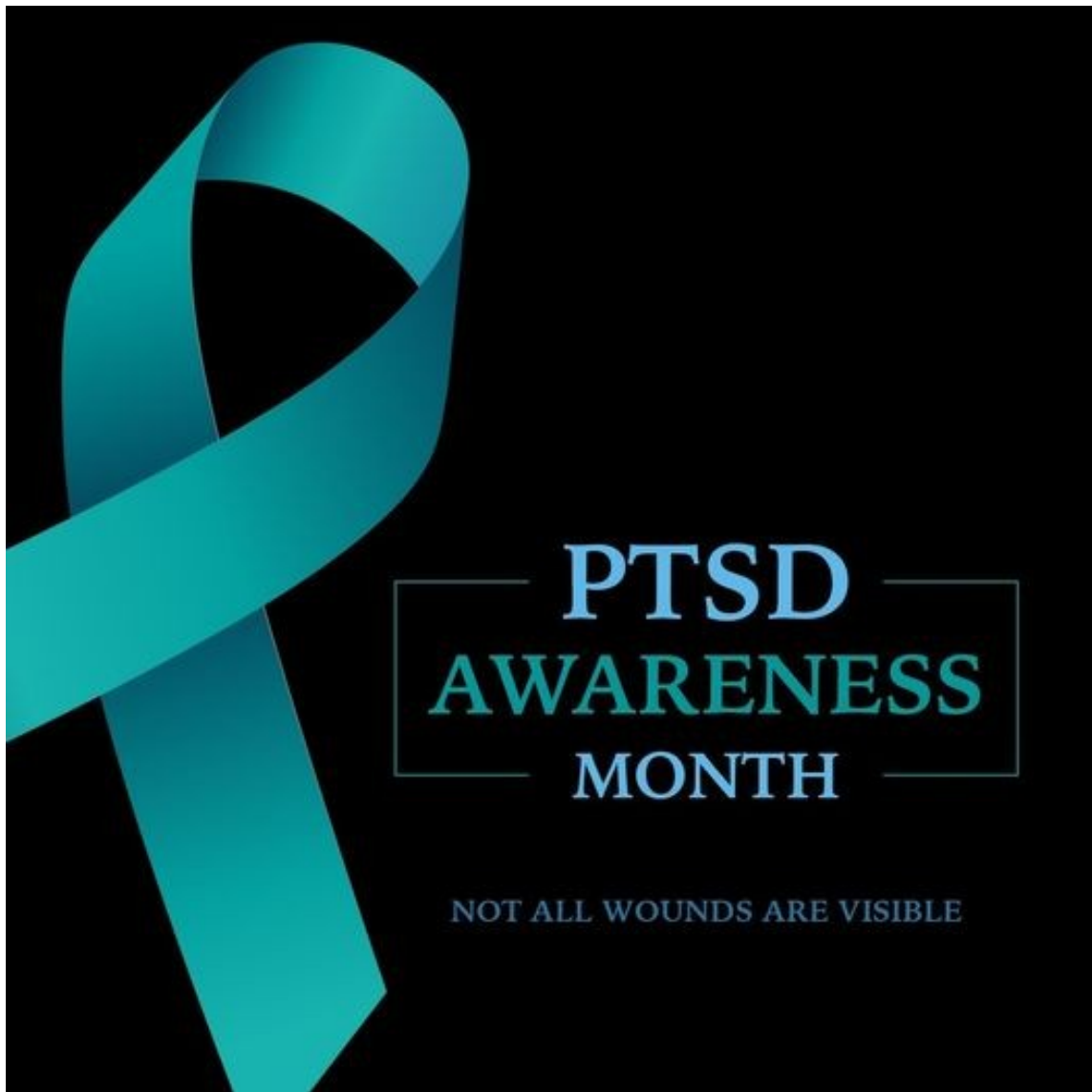


On Wednesday it was my honor to have Carter Cukerstein from Shenendehowa Central School District join me in the New York State Senate after his victory in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field 55-meter dash. With a time of 6.28 seconds, Carter was an exemplary representative of his community. Congratulations to Carter and his family, and good luck as you move onto the University of Oklahoma to continue your journey.

[Watch my Remarks](#)

## PTSD Awareness Month





June is PTSD Awareness Month. This is a critical time to spread awareness on how to support all those who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, particularly our veterans.

Help Raise Awareness

St. Basil's Greek Festival this weekend!



**June 3, 4 & 5, 2022**

*Great Homemade Food - Live Music - Dancing  
\$10,000 Raffle*

*Fri 5pm-10pm, Sat Noon-10pm, Sun Noon-5pm*

**Don't Miss It!**

*909 River Street, Troy [www.StBasilTroy.org](http://www.StBasilTroy.org)*

*518-273-8923/[stbasiltroy.org](http://stbasiltroy.org)*

The most delicious food combined with good times beckon your company at my Church Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church - Troy, NY. Come on over!!

[Learn More](#)

## Take a hike this Saturday at the Zim Smith Trail with Halfmoon Parks and Recreation

### ZIM SMITH TRAIL WALK & PICNIC IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY JUNE 4th, 10:30-NOON** (Rain date June 5)

**ZIM SMITH TRAIL HEAD - Coons Crossing Rd**

*Arrive at Zim Smith Trail Head on Coons Crossing Rd by 10:30am. A shuttle will transport participants to the Zim Smith East Trail head on Elizabeth Street Extension to begin walk at 11:00am. Trail walk is approximately 2.42 miles and should take about an hour to complete. A free lunch will be provided back at Zim Smith Trail Head around Noon. Golf-carts will be available for those unable to walk it.*



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**In order to participate please  
register in the Recreation  
office or online at**

**[halfmoonny.myrec.com](http://halfmoonny.myrec.com)**

Take a hike, this Saturday June 4th with Halfmoon Parks & Recreation. At 10:30



they will be having a trail walk and a free picnic at Zim Smith Trail.

[Sign Up Here](#)

## Waterford Emergency Team Blood Drive June 7th



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June 7, 2022  
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Our Team Community Room  
122 First Avenue - Waterford, NY

Together, we can save lives!

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)  
Or email [Mike.McNamara@Tri-StateEmergencyTeam.org](mailto:Mike.McNamara@Tri-StateEmergencyTeam.org)

On June 7th from 1 to 6 p.m. Tri-State Emergency Team will be hosting a American Red Cross Blood Drive at 122 First Ave in Waterford. All blood types are needed so if you can, please sign up to donate!

As a reminder, anyone who donates in the month of June is eligible for the American Red Cross Eastern New York "Give a Pint, Get a Pint" promotion with Stewart's Shops. Sign up today at:

[Register Here](#)

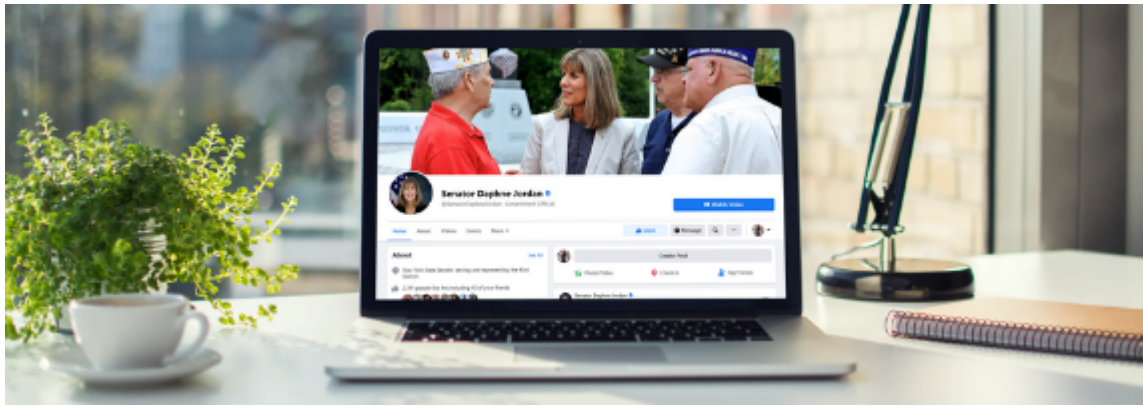
## 10th Anniversary of Life Song Dash next Saturday



Next Saturday, June 11th, LifeSong, Inc will be holding their Tenth Anniversary LifeSong Dash! Held at the Halfmoon Town Park starting at 10 a.m., the run will support Life Song in their mission to esteem and empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through community-based day habilitation and supported employment services

[Learn more and sign up](#)

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