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Veterans Outreach Center Partners with NYS Department of Veterans’ Services for Restoration of Honor Act

Rochester, NY – Veterans Outreach Center is partnering with the Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) in promoting veteran opportunities covered under the Restoration of Honor Act. DVS is now accepting applications for restoration of New York State benefits for veterans.

As of June 1, any individual with prior military service who was discharged under conditions that were other-than-honorable (OTH) or general under honorable conditions may apply for restoration of New York State veterans’ benefits if the discharge resulted from:

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity

Determinations will be made starting November 12, 2020.

“We are proud to be a partner organization in this new initiative from New York State,” Veterans Outreach Center Executive Director and U.S. Army Veteran Laura Stradley said. “We firmly believe that anyone who said yes to our country, put their families on hold and served our nation is a hero. These brave men and women deserve the support and benefits they earned, especially if their military service ended because of discrimination based on their sex or being diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury or military sexual trauma. We are pleased to see this action from the state and will encourage every eligible veteran to apply.”

For more information or to apply, veterans can visit https://veterans.ny.gov/content/restoration-honor-act or email inclusion@veterans.ny.gov.

Veterans Outreach Center is grateful for those who share their time, treasure, and talent. Any of these will help continue VOC’s exceptional services during these unbelievable circumstances. Visit vocroc.org for a list of opportunities. Together, our dedication to support Veterans must be unwavering.
Since 1973, Veterans Outreach Center has been committed to improving the quality of life for Veterans and their families by offering free, Veteran-specific services, including employment counseling, vocational training and housing for homeless Veterans. For more information about VOC services please call 585.546.1081 or visit www.vocroc.org.

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