



Press Release

WNY Armed Forces Committee

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14 Local Service Members to be honored during Armed Forces Week

BUFFALO, NY– The Western New York Armed Forces Committee will honor 14 local service members during the annual Armed Forces Ball, May 18th at 6pm, as well as hosting additional events during Armed Forces Week with proceeds supporting the American Legion.

“It is the committee’s mission to recognize our amazing local service members, while celebrating our Nation’s armed services,” said Ret. Maj. Gen. David Conboy, General Chairman.

“We would like to thank our major sponsor Moog Inc., and would like to extend an invitation to the community to join us in this celebration,” said Honorable Frank Caruso, Civilian Chairman

Armed Forces week agenda:

- Armed forces Week Opening Ceremony (Free)
 - Sunday, May 5th at noon
- Armed Forces Luncheon (Donation - \$30.00 per person)
 - Thursday, May 9th at 11am
- Armed Forces Ball (Donation - \$50.00 per person)
 - Saturday May 18th at 6pm

Tickets information can be found on the Western New York Armed Forces Committee’s web page:
<http://www.wnyafw.com/>

President Truman led the effort to establish a holiday in order for citizens to unite and to honor our military heroes for their patriotic service in support of the United States of America. It’s a day to pay special tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

Originally, there were single day celebrations for each branch of the military, this format changed on August 21, 1949, when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. Stemming from the unification of the Armed Forces under the Department of Defense, the annual celebration now commemorates all branches of the military during one solitary day.

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The first official Armed Forces Day took place on May 20, 1950 and was themed “Teamed for Defense.” Nine years later, in 1959, the Western New York Armed Forces Committee was organized and held their first Armed Forces Week Celebration. A Military ceremony on Sunday begins the week-long celebration. Thursday a luncheon is held where local businesses and friends are able to hear from leading military leaders on what our present military is doing and what the future holds. This is usually centered on the branch of service selected to lead the week-long celebration, then on Saturday we hold our Military Ball with traditions dating back to the founding of our nation.

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