



New York State Council of Veterans' Organizations

FROM: PETE O'CONNELL
RE: 2026 END OF SESSION MEMO
DATE: JUNE 6, 2026

The legislature adjourned for the session yesterday. This memorandum describes those bills that have been signed into law or are awaiting delivery to the Governor for action.

CHAPTERS OF 2026

CHAPTER 4; A.9433 by M of A Woerner/ S.8886 by Senator Addabbo:: Chapter amendment to the bell jar bill. Signed into law on 2/13/26.

CHAPTER 22; A.9476 by M of A Dinowitz:/ S.8805 by Senator Bailey Chapter amendment to veterans' tuition awards bill. Signed into law on 2/13/26.

CHAPTER 59; S.9009-C/A.10009-C: Title VII Budget Bill: Part EE of this bill amends Chapter 77, described below, to only require that a veteran be determined by the VA to be permanently and totally disabled in order to receive a 100% real property tax deduction. The bill does, however, require a municipality to adopt a local law to authorize such exemption. Signed into law on 5/28/26.

CHAPTER 77; S.8803 by Senator Addabbo/A.9448 by M of A Pheffer-Amato: Exempts property owned by a veteran with a 100% service- connected disability from real property taxes and assessments. Signed into law on 2/13/26

CHAPTER 92; S.8790 by Senator Scarcella-Spanton/A.9489 by M of A Stern: Clarifies the definition of "armed forces" to include Guard or Naval Militia members who have served in a combat zone to receive the real property tax combat zone service exemption. Signed into law on 3/27/26

BILLS AWAITING DELIVERY TO THE GOVERNOR

A.3223-A by Eachus/S.7277-A by Senator Scarcella-Spanton: Allows veterans of the United States armed forces to fish for free in state parks.

A.3397-A by M of A Raga/S.1242-A by Senator Addabbo: Makes it easier to identify and include memorials and monuments in the State Memorial and Monument Registry.

A.3450-A by M of A Santabarbara/S.3194-A by Senator Skoufis: Technical amendment related to the duration of the Persian Gulf War in the provision of law dealing with the alternative veterans' exemption.

A.5578-A by M of A Hunter/S.1788-A by Senator Hinchey: Purports to extend the real property tax combat zone exemption to persons who have served in a classified mission or a on submarine during a time of war.

A.6559-C by M of A Benedetto/S.S.7708-B by Senator Fernandez: Establishes a veterans' bill of rights that designates the rights and benefits that veterans are entitled to.

A.7627-B by M of A Kay/S.7786-B by Senator Addabbo: Requires DVS to coordinate with the VA and State agencies concerning the availability of home and community-based services (HCBS) services and to post the availability of such services on its website.

A.8861 by M of A Bronson/S.9940 by Senator Scarcella-Spanton: Creates a Women Veterans History Trail.

A.9350-C by M of A Lupardo/S.8494-C by Senator Liu: Amends Labor law to provide members of the civil air patrol who respond to US Air Force and Coast Guard missions with the same benefits that apply to volunteer firemen.

A.9351-A by M of A Magnarelli/S.8751-A by Senator Ryan. Allows a veteran who is rated as 100% disabled by the VA to receive a disabled veteran license plate. Eligibility for such plates is currently dependent upon physician recommendations, which are often inconsistent and difficult and costly to obtain.

A.10003-D/S.9003-D; Aid to Localities Budget Bill. See attached Budgetary memo.

A.10004-D, A/S.9003-D Capital Projects Budget Bill. See attached budgetary memo.

A.10163 by M of A Lavine/S.9315 by Senator Scarcella-Spanton: Required DVS to provide pre-release briefings for incarcerated veterans which advise such veterans of benefits available under State and Federal law.

A.10351 by M of A Lupardo/S.9406 by Senator Liu: Provides that state employees who are members of the Civil Air Patrol are to be granted leave from work with pay when responding to US Air Force or Coast Guard missions.

A.10418 by M of A Stern/S.9851 by Senator Scarcella-Spanton: Expands veterans' service commission from 13 to 15 members ,13 of which are to be veterans. Also specifies areas

of expertise (i.e; health care, homelessness), etc. that members are required to possess and mandates that the commission meet at least quarterly.

A.10742 by M of A Beephan/S.9505 by Senator Rolison: Designates a portion of State Route 376 in the Town of East Fishkill to East Fishkill Veterans.

A.10921-A by M of A Stern/A.10398-A by Senator Martinez: Authorizes municipalities to exempt or lower fees associated with the modification of a residence to accommodate a service-related disability.

A.11225-A by M of A Schiavoni/S.9594-A by Senator Martinez: Increases the goal for participation in state contracts by veterans from 6 to 8 percent.

A.11233-A by M of A Magnarelli/S.9806-A by M of A Ryan: Authorizes early renewal of a vehicle registration by members of the armed forces who will be engaged in the performance of their military duties at the time the registration expires.

S.40-C by Senator Walczyk/A. 11290 by M of A Smullen: Dedicates a portion of State Route 28 in the Town of Herkimer to be dedicated to war dogs. The designation shall be ceremonial in nature, which allows for the posting of signs, but will not change the name of the highway,

S. 2071-A by Senator Scarcella-Spanton/A.6084-A by M of A Hunter: Requires Department of Labor to maintain a list of available careers and job openings for veterans. The list will be posted on the DVS website.

A.7609-D by Senator Borrello/A.8340-C by M of A Hawley: Dedicates a portion of State Route 19 in the Town of Leroy to Lt. Gary A. Scott.

S.8440-A by Senator Fahy/S.8897-A by M of A McDonald: Dedicates the bridge on I-90 between Albany and Renselaer to Sgt. Henry Johnson

S.8968-A by Senator Scarcella-Spanton/A. 9645-A by M of A Lavine: Establishes a 13-member Veteran Suicide Mortality Review Board within the Office of Mental Hygiene consisting of the Commissioners of Health, Mental Health and Veterans Affairs, seven mental health experts and three members with “expertise in veterans’ issues, community mental health or suicide prevention.”

S.9481-A by Senator Helming/S.10792-A by M of A Bailey: Dedicates a portion of State Route 3 in the Village of Dansville to Clara H. Barton.

S.9729-A by Senator Cooney/A.11085-A by M of A Jensen: Dedicates a portion of State Route 941-A in the Town of Greece to Gunners Mate First Class Donald Roy McAnn.

S.9878-A by Senator Baskin/A.10906-A by M of A Chludzinsky: Dedicates a bridge on Cleveland Drive in the Town of Cheektowaga to PFC Travis C. Krege.