

UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT – CHECK THE WEBSITE OR CHECK WITH THE POINT OF CONTACT TO SEE IF THE EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELLED OR POSTPONED.

VIRTUAL – U.S. ARMY FIELD BAND, SOLDIER CHORUS & JAZZ AMBASSADORES ARE ON

LINE: The band is performing daily on-line concerts in place of its scheduled performances. Go to <https://www.armyfieldband.com/schedule/concert-tours> for details on how to watch them live or archived.

JAN – MAR (VARIOUS) – SUNDAY BREAKFASTS, TUESDAY DRIVE-THRU DINNERS, AND FRIDAY FISH FRY: Enjoy them at Eli-Fagan Post 1151. Go to <http://www.alpost1151.org> to find dates, times and menus.

JAN 1st – NEW YEARS DAY: A federal holiday.

JAN 7th – ORTHODOX CHRISTMAS: An Orthodox Christian holiday.

JAN 9th – SEP 18th – RESERVE & NATIONAL GUARD RETIREMENT SEMINARS: **Reserve Seminars:** Virtual and in-person seminars are tentatively scheduled throughout FY 2021. These seminars are designed to ensure Retired Soldiers, current Soldiers, and their families receive information and referrals on benefits and **entitlements**, including those from Department of Veterans Affairs, TRICARE medical/dental, Social Security/Medicare, survivor benefits, retired pay, and other sources as applicable. Soldiers who have already been transferred to the retired reserve and "gray area" Retired Soldiers awaiting retirement at age 60 are encouraged to attend. Seminars are scheduled throughout the U.S., its territories, and in Asia. Go to <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/Events> for information and a complete list of seminars. Go to <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/rso?maps=nationalguard> for information on the **National Guard** Retirement Services Office.

JAN 18th – MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY: A federal holiday honoring the birth, life, and dream of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JAN 19th – NOV 10th – JOB HIRING FAIRS: *Hiring Our Heroes Employment Workshops and Job Fairs*, including spousal fairs and net-working functions, around the country, overseas, and virtually (on-line). Go to <https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/events/hiringfairs> to find an on-line activity, or for a location near you for an in-person event.

FEB 14th – VALENTINE'S DAY: Don't forget that someone special in your life.

FEB 15th – PRESIDENTS' DAY: A federal holiday. Don't forget to fly your flag.

FEB 17th – ASH WEDNESDAY: First day of Lent for Christians

MAR 14th – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS: Clocks spring forward one hour.

MAR 17th – ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Please celebrate responsibly – Don't drink and drive.

MAR 27th – APR 4th – PASSOVER: An 8-day Jewish festival.

MAR 28th – PALM SUNDAY: A Christian Holy Day

MAR 29th – NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY: An official national observance to honor U.S. military members who served during the Vietnam War (1955-1975).

TBA – SIGNAL SOLDIER GET-TOGETHER: Former members of any signal unit are welcome and encouraged to attend these informal dinners where you can meet old friends and make new friends. Contact Kent Schneider at 585-704-1562, or email him at k131schneider@gmail.com for more information.

TBA – MILITARY RETIREE ACTIVITIES DAYS (RAD): **Retirees from all branches of service** can receive benefits information, renew ID cards, get medical checkups, and much more. Some RADs include dinners and/or golf tournaments. The dates and locations of future events have not yet been announced due to COVID-19; they will be announced on the website <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/Retirement/Events>. This site includes RADs throughout the U.S. and at worldwide installations.

DATES TBA – YOUR FUNCTION: Have your military/veteran-related function listed here. Send complete information to timstreb1@gmail.com at least 10 days prior to the next luncheon for insertion in that month's notes.

VA COMMEMORATES ADDITION OF WESTERN NEW YORK NATIONAL CEMETERY

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dedicated a new 269-acre national cemetery in Corfu, New York on November 30, 2020. The new cemetery is 20 miles east of Buffalo, and for the first time there is now a nearby VA burial option for an estimated 77,100 Veterans and their eligible family members. <https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5576>