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Laura Stradley proudly served her nation in the United States Army from August 1996 through October 2004, leaving with a rank of Staff Sergeant E-6. She has been chosen for special recognition not just for this time of service, but for her tremendous sacrifice and commitment to the veteran's community in Monroe County and the surrounding area.

Since moving to Monroe County in 2008, Ms. Stradley has identified many different ways to help veterans. She is the Military Coordinator at Bryant and Stratton College, was a program manager at the Veterans Outreach Center and is currently the Director of the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency. Ms. Stradley has worked tirelessly to connect numerous veterans' organizations in this area, and to generate ideas and alliances that maximize and deliver resources to veterans who have earned and are in need of them.

Ms. Stradley devotes much of her free time to helping those that have served and are currently serving. She serves on the Board of the Veterans Outreach Center and the Monroe County Mental Hygiene Community Service Board. Ms. Stradley is also on the Gold Star Memorial Planning Committee and the Veterans Administration's Consumer Mental Health Council, and she holds three accreditations to file claims for veterans –American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America and the New York State Department of Veterans Affairs. Incredibly, on top of all of this, Ms. Stradley makes time to be active in her children's lives, giving almost 150 hours to the Girls Scouts as a troop leader and as a little league baseball coach.

Ms. Stradley is a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She and her husband have two children and live in Penfield, where she continues to advocate for her

fellow veterans and her community.