



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Anna M. Kaplan

Senator Kaplan & NYS Senate Majority Honor Fort Drum Day, Pass Legislation to Better Serve Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members

SENATOR ANNA M. KAPLAN February 26, 2020

| ISSUE: **FORT DRUM DAY, ARMED SERVICES, ARMED SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS**



(Great Neck, NY) -- Senator Anna M. Kaplan (D-Great Neck), together with the Senate Democratic Majority, celebrated the 9th Annual Fort Drum Day by welcoming members of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division, to the State Senate Chamber. In honor of Fort Drum Day, Senator Kaplan co-sponsored, and helped pass, legislation supporting New York

veterans and active duty military personnel. The legislation expands tax exemptions available to military personnel and veterans, establishes career support services, and implements the “Outdoor Rx Act” to help veterans transition back to civilian life. These bills build on the work Senator Kaplan has done to support the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces.

“Our nation and our state owe a significant debt of gratitude to the men and women who courageously defend our freedoms in the armed forces,” said Senator Anna M. Kaplan. “I’m proud to co-sponsor legislation that will support our veterans, active-duty service members, and their families, and I thank each and every one of them for their service to our great nation.”

The legislation passed by Senator Kaplan and Senate Democratic Majority includes:

- The Outdoor RX Act : This bill [S.6706A](#) sponsored by Senator Brian Benjamin will require the Division of Veterans’ Services to work with other state offices to review issues facing veterans, their abilities to access state parks, lands, and facilities.
- Veteran Career Assistance Program: This bill [S.3471A](#) sponsored by Senator John Brooks will create a program within SUNY and CUNY systems to assist veterans in resume building and career searching. It will provide veterans with the tools to translate their military experiences and skills into a resume, and supportive employment placement services.
- Veteran Civil Service Credit: This bill [S.3647](#) sponsored by Senator Andrew Gounardes will allow anyone who has served in the military to receive preferences and additional credits on competitive examinations for civil service appointments. Currently, the credit is only available to veterans who served during a time of war.

- Increases the Alternative Veterans Exemption: This bill, [S.2570](#), sponsored by Senator Jamaal Bailey, provides additional real property tax exemption for two or more veterans living in the same household.
- Tax Exemptions for Property Owners: This bill, [S.2930A](#), sponsored by Senator John Brooks, authorizes municipalities to offer real property tax exemption for residential property owned by active duty military personnel.
- Establishes Military Opportunities Day: This bill, [S.6057](#), sponsored by Senator John Brooks, establishes November 1st of each year as Military Opportunities Day, to show support and encouragement of military service recruiters and those who seek to enlist in military service.

RELATED LEGISLATION

2019-S6706A

- Introduced
- - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes the outdoor Rx act

September 11, 2019

Senate Floor Calendar

Sponsored by **Brian Benjamin**

Do you support this bill?

2019-S3417

- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
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Relates to extending the Thousand Islands - Seaway Wine Trail

February 06, 2019

In Senate Committee [Transportation](#)

Sponsored by [Patty Ritchie](#)

Do you support this bill?

2019-S3647

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to veterans' preferences with respect to civil service promotions

February 11, 2019

In Senate Committee [Judiciary](#)

Sponsored by [Andrew Gounardes](#)

Do you support this bill?

2019-S2570

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ◦ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Provides additional tax exemptions for two qualified veterans living in the same household

January 28, 2019

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [Jamaal T. Bailey](#)

Do you support this bill?

2019-S2930A

- Introduced
- ◦ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ◦ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Relates to a real property tax exemption for property owned by certain persons performing active duty in a combat zone

January 30, 2019

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by [John E. Brooks](#)

Do you support this bill?

2019-S6057

- Introduced
- ○ In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
- ○ On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate

- ○ Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Establishes November first as Military Opportunities Day

May 16, 2019

In Assembly Committee

Sponsored by **John E. Brooks**

Do you support this bill?