



Dear Members of the Local Community

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I would like to introduce myself. I am Kathryn (Kate) Greene , a Ladies Auxiliary Member of AMVETS Post 2000 in Fort Plain, N.Y Our post was heavily involved last year and again this year in the NY Run For the Fallen. This is an event that involves honoring our fallen soldiers in the war on terror. They are honored by military men and women conducting a three day running event. Each mile of the way from Syracuse to Albany there is a Hero Marker. Each Hero Marker represents a fallen soldier or two. The runners will stop, present the family with an American Flag and read the bio of the fallen soldier. They will then continue on their journey. . I was tasked last year and again this year to secure police escorting for the entire run. It is also equally as important to have local community support for the families of the fallen and for the runners.

I would like to ask each and every one of you to get involved in The Run. This three day event starts in Syracuse on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 7AM. The runners will travel from HM1 to HM 47 for the day. This will cover 47 miles. At the end of the day they will have a meal provided by the Clinton Church and Ladies Auxiliary member of AMVETS Post 2000. They will have accommodations at a local motel.

Day 2 starts at 7AM in Clinton, NY and progresses to Sharon Springs, Walmart Distribution Center on Route 20. Here the Walmart's crew will provide dinner for all. The runners will be housed in Sharon Springs by AMVETS Post 2000 at a local motel.

Day 3 stars at 5:45AM in Sharon Springs and works it way to the Tri County Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Park in Albany, NY. There the concluding ceremony will take place. For further details on the run you can

go to [www.nyrunforthefallen.org](http://www.nyrunforthefallen.org) You will be able to see the details of the route and the runners and much more.

I would like to ask that you get involved. The way in which you can get involved is to educate as many people as possible about the event and the meaning. I would suggest that you engage any other organizations in your community that would be able to participate. It is impressive for the family members of the fallen to see such presence. There are posters that can be retrieved from the NYS Run For the Fallen website ([www.nyrunforthefallen.org](http://www.nyrunforthefallen.org)). These posters can be printed out and posted where they will get the most exposure. You will find them at the bottom of the Home page. If you need help with this task I would recommend contacting your local schools and churches. Many of them are looking for activities for their youth. What better way to understand devotion, dedication and love of country than to get involved.

Finally, there is a unique Honor and Remember Flag that can be purchased and personalized for a fallen soldier. These flags are a lasting tribute to that selfless individual. For more information on this please go the website. My husband lost his brother in the Viet Nam War. A few years ago, he was presented with such a flag in honor of his brother by our AMVETS Post 2000, who was killed at the age of 20. It is something he will always cherish.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance.

Best Regards,

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