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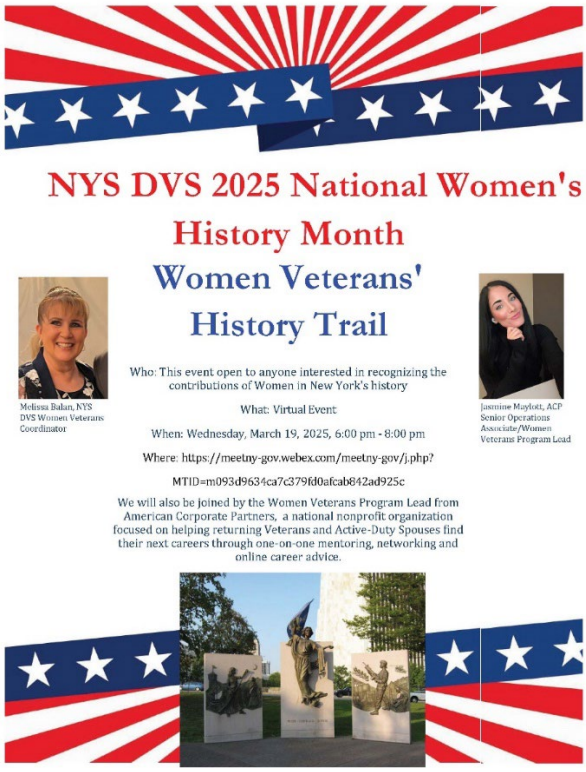
New York State Department of Veterans' Services Will Host National Women's History Month and Women Veterans' History Trail Virtual Event on March 19

Albany, NY – The New York State Department of Veterans' Services (DVS) today announced that it will host a National Women's History Month and Women Veterans' History Trail Virtual Event on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The virtual event, open to anyone interested in recognizing the contributions of women in New York's history, can be accessed online at: https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=m093d9634ca7c379fd0afcab842ad925c.



This event is part of DVS's observance of March as Women's History Month, highlighting the service, sacrifice, and leadership of New York's women Veterans.

Women's History Month is celebrated annually to honor and recognize the achievements and contributions of women throughout history.

The event will also showcase the New York State's Women Veterans History Trail, which celebrates a distinguished group of women in military service with close ties to New York State.

Melissa Balan, NYS DVS Women Veterans Coordinator, and Jasmine Maylott, ACP Senior Operations, Associate/Women Veterans Program Lead will moderate the virtual event. ACP is a national nonprofit organization focused on helping returning Veterans and Active-Duty Spouses find their next careers through one-on-one mentoring, networking, and online career advice.

"Women's History Month provides us with an amazing opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the extraordinary contributions of women Veterans. We are excited to honor these trailblazers, risk takers, boundary breakers, and difference makers and share their inspiring stories," **Viviana DeCohen, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Veterans' Services and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran said.**

"We are thrilled to highlight New York's Women Veterans History Trail and celebrate the remarkable achievements of these courageous women. Their stories of service and sacrifice are a powerful reminder of the important role women have played in our nation's military and history," **Melissa Balan, NYS DVS Women Veterans Coordinator said.**

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About the Department of Veterans' Services

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