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Registration of Nonprofit Veterans Organizations  
For the Period  
June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

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June 14, 2018

Susan A. Berland, Chairperson  
Veterans and Seniors Committee  
William H. Rogers Building  
725 Veterans Memorial Highway  
Smithtown, NY 11787

Dear Legislator Berland:

In accordance with Suffolk County Local Law 32-2016, the Suffolk County Department of Audit & Control (Audit & Control) is responsible for registering all nonprofit veterans organizations (agencies) soliciting funds and contributions in Suffolk County. Audit and Control reviewed all documentation submitted by these agencies with their application for registration statements from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018, and provided a registration certificate to the agencies which completed all of the registration requirements. The documentation provided by the agencies was not audited, and the analyses provided are solely for informational purposes.

The purpose of our analyses was to review documentation submitted by the agencies in order to provide the Veterans and Seniors Committee of the County Legislature with a report summarizing the information submitted by each registered nonprofit veterans organization pursuant to §353-24.1 of the Suffolk County Code. These analyses were prepared using the information provided by the agencies and are not intended to be a presentation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The objectives of these analyses included, but were not limited to: reviewing all documentation submitted by the agencies with their application for registration statements in order to determine whether all registration requirements were satisfied; issuing a registration certificate, which has a registration number and expiration date, to the agencies that completed all of the registration requirements; identifying agencies with expired registration certificates and which are prohibited from soliciting funds or contributions in Suffolk County.

We conducted our analyses in order to satisfactorily complete our objectives and to comply with the requirements of Suffolk County Local Law 32-2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of the County Comptroller  
Division of Auditing Services

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## **BACKGROUND**

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In accordance with §353-21 of the Suffolk County Code, any nonprofit veterans organization that solicits funds or contributions from the public or that has funds or contributions solicited on its behalf within Suffolk County is required to file an application for registration statement with Audit & Control. The application for registration statement, which contains all of the information detailed in §353-21 B of the Suffolk County Code, must be refiled and updated every year for as long as the agency is engaged in solicitation activities in Suffolk County.

Audit & Control is responsible for reviewing all documentation submitted by the agency with its application for registration statement to determine whether all registration requirements have been satisfied. The Comptroller will provide each agency that has completed all of the registration requirements with a registration certificate which has a registration number and expiration date. In addition, Audit & Control will publish on its webpage the following information regarding each registered nonprofit veterans organization for the previous year: total revenue, including donations, contributions, grants and investments; total funds expended to assist veterans and their families; amount and percentage of funds raised that were expended to support veterans' programs in Suffolk County; amount of funds that remain undistributed; amount of monies paid to professional fundraisers and solicitors; total administrative expenses for the agency and the percentage of total administrative expenses to total agency expenses.

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## **SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY**

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- Sent recertification letters and an application for registration statement to all agencies which had a registration certificate that expired or was due to expire in the immediate future.
- Sent letters and an application for registration statement to any agency which informed Audit & Control that it intended to solicit funds or contributions from the public or that it was going to have funds or contributions solicited on its behalf within Suffolk County.
- Reviewed all documentation submitted by the agencies with their application for registration statements in order to determine whether all registration requirements were satisfied.
- Issued a registration certificate, which has a registration number and expiration date, to all agencies that completed all of the registration requirements.
- Identified agencies with expired registration certificates and which are prohibited from soliciting funds or contributions in Suffolk County.
- Published on Audit & Control's webpage the following information regarding each registered nonprofit veterans organization for the previous year: total revenue, including donations, contributions, grants and investments; total funds expended to assist veterans and their families; amount and percentage of funds raised that were expended to support veterans' programs in Suffolk County; amount of funds that remain undistributed; amount of monies paid to professional fundraisers and solicitors; total administrative expenses for the agency and the percentage of total administrative expenses to total agency expenses.

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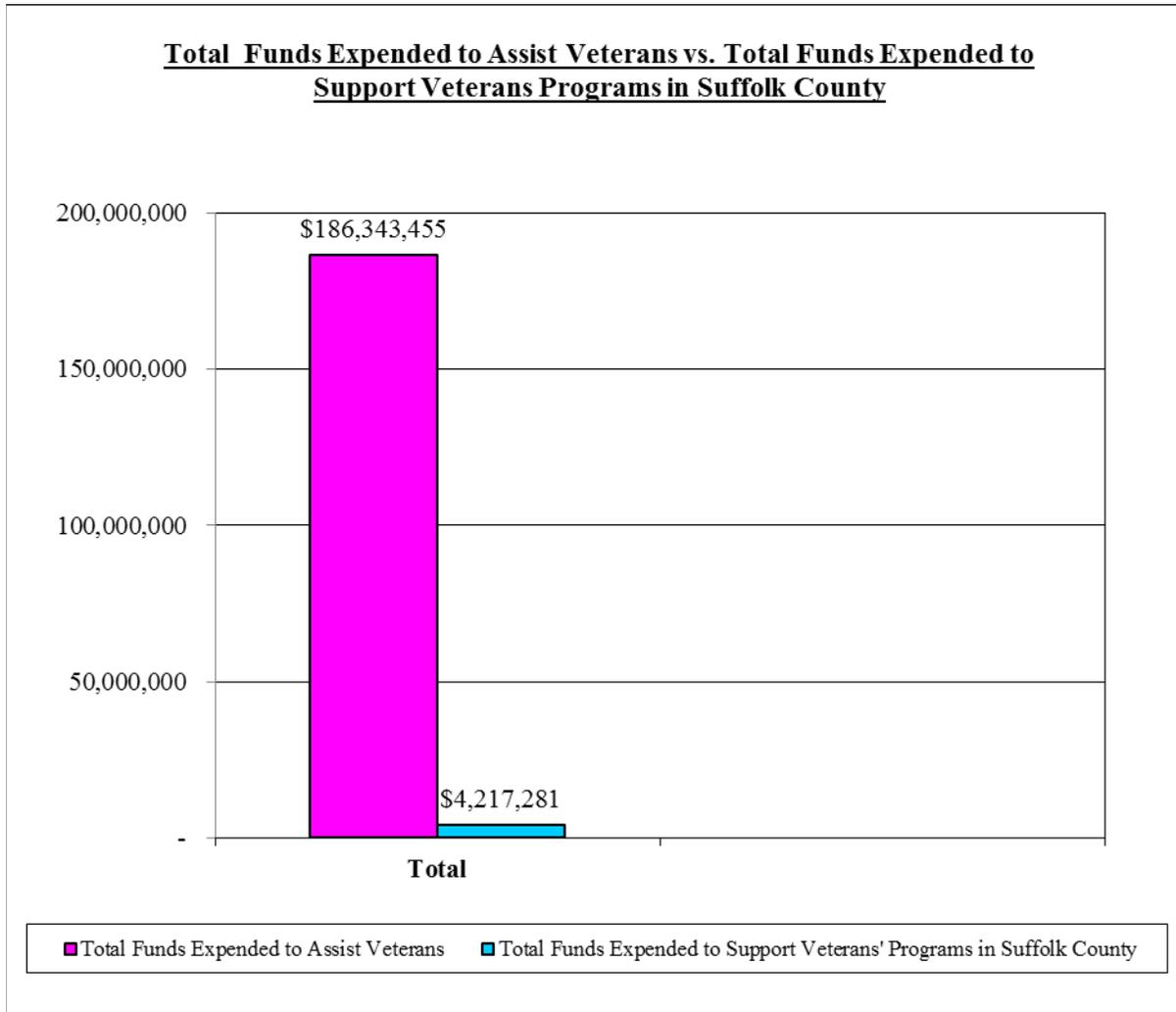
## RESULTS OF ANALYSES

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**Audit & Control issued twenty-one registration certificates from June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018 to agencies that completed all of the registration requirements (Schedule 1).** These agencies must refile an application for registration statement with Audit & Control every year for as long as the agencies are engaged in solicitation activities in Suffolk County.

**Our analysis of the documentation provided by the twenty-one agencies which were issued registration certificates revealed that a relatively small portion of the total funds expended by the agencies to assist veterans were expended to support veterans programs in Suffolk County.** As illustrated in Chart 1 below, of the \$186,343,455 that was reported to be expended to assist veterans and their families in the previous year, only \$4,217,281 was reported to be attributed to supporting veterans programs in Suffolk County.

**Chart 1**



**Our analysis revealed that one of the twenty-one (5%) agencies paid a professional fundraiser in the previous year (Schedule 1).**

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**Audit and Control identified nine agencies with expired registration certificates and which are prohibited from soliciting funds or contributions in Suffolk County (Schedule 2).** Section 353-23 A of the Suffolk County Code states that any nonprofit veterans organization which violates any of the provisions contained in Article III. Registration of Nonprofit Veterans Organizations of the Suffolk County Code shall be subject to civil penalties of no less than \$500, nor more than \$1,000 for each violation. In addition, Section 353-23 C of the Suffolk County Code requires any civil penalties which are collected to be deposited with the Veterans Service Agency to be used to provide services to homeless veterans. Our review of the noncompliant nonprofit veterans organizations on Schedule 2 revealed that almost all of these agencies are still soliciting funds or contributions in Suffolk County even though they do not have a valid registration certificate. Therefore, the Veterans Service Agency should work with the County Attorney and attempt to invoke the required civil penalties imposed by Section 353-23 of the Suffolk County Code.

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## **SCHEDULES**

Schedule 1

Nonprofit Veterans Agencies Registered with the Comptroller's Office  
For the Period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

Nonprofit Veterans Agency		Total Revenue including Donations, Contributions, Grants, and Investments in Previous Year	Total Funds Expended to Assist Veterans and Their Families in Previous Year	Amount & Percentage of Funds Raised that were Expended to Support Veterans' Programs in Suffolk County in Previous Year	Amount of Funds that Remain Undistributed	Amount of Monies Paid to Professional Fundraisers and Solicitors in Previous Year	Total Administrative Expenses for the Agency and the Percentage of Total Administrative Expenses to Total Agency Expenses	Certificate Number	Certificate Expiration Date
1	<b>Sail Ahead, Inc.</b> 32 Greenhills Road Huntington Station, NY 11746	\$15,914	\$585	\$0 - 0% Veterans are taken sailing by agency	\$15,329	\$0	\$210 - 36%	2017-11	7/17/18
2	<b>Rebuilding Together Long Island, Inc.</b> 208 Route 109, Suite 204 Farmingville, NY 11735	\$735,568	\$772,303	\$112,620 - 15%	\$0	\$0	\$98,615 - 13%	2017-12	8/7/18
3	<b>Horses Healing Veterans, Inc.</b> 133 Sportsman Street Central Islip, NY 11722	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	2017-13	8/7/18
4	<b>Combat Infantrymen's Association</b> 2605 Maraval Ct. Cape Coral, FL 33991	\$62,481	\$53,540	\$0 - 0% New Suffolk County division of agency	\$8,941	\$0	\$8,413 - 16%	2017-14	8/28/18
5	<b>Travis Manion Foundation</b> P.O. Box 1485 Doylestown, PA 18901	\$4,396,592	\$4,566,579	\$7,775 - .18%	\$0	\$0	\$285,446 - 6%	2017-15	9/8/18
6	<b>Warrior Ranch Foundation, Inc.</b> 29 Walnut Avenue East Quogue, NY 11942	\$9,474	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$1,116	\$0 - New Agency	\$8,358 - 100% Incurred to establish WRF	2017-16	10/10/18
7	<b>Angels for Warriors</b> 164 Main Street Huntington, NY 11743	\$82,170	\$88,260	\$30,000 - 37%	\$0	\$0	\$36,016 - 41%	2017-17	10/10/18
8	<b>Moonjumpers Charitable Foundation, Inc.</b> 445 Broadhollow Road, Suite 124 Melville, NY 11747	\$53,867	\$0 - Issued \$7,643 grant to General Needs for veterans use.	\$0 - Issued \$7,643 grant to General Needs for veterans use.	\$0	\$0	\$880 - 2%	2017-18	10/23/18
9	<b>Mission 22</b> P.O. Box 1511 Nashville, IN 47448	\$624,534	\$617,240	0 - 0%	\$7,294	\$0	\$37,774 - 6%	2017-19	11/2/18
10	<b>Hope for the Warriors</b> 55 Water Street, 31st Floor New York, NY 10041	\$8,895,371	\$6,232,634	\$77,061 - .9%	\$2,662,737	\$0	\$349,173 - 6%	2017-20	11/16/18
11	<b>General Needs, Ltd.</b> 297 Larkfield Road PO Box 761 East Northport, NY 11731	\$105,492	\$76,897 Boots, Beds, Household "Kits", General Distributions	\$48,127 - 46% Boots, Beds, Household "Kits", General Distributions	\$28,595	\$0	\$14,208 - 18%	2018-01	2/15/19
12	<b>Project 9 Line, Inc.</b> 25 Union Avenue Islip, NY 11751	\$81,582	\$70,119	\$43,049 - 53% Programs	\$11,463	\$0	\$939 - 1%	2018-02	3/8/19
13	<b>Veterans Yoga Project, Inc.</b> 965 Shorepoint Ct. Alameda, CA 94501	\$303,612	\$282,295	\$15,000 - 5% Yoga Classes	\$21,317	\$0	\$132,160 - 47%	2018-03	3/26/19
14	<b>Airborne Tri Team, Inc.</b> 112 Rosemont Ave Farmingville, NY 11732	\$75,673	\$58,579	\$36,262 - 48% Races, Equipment, Gym Memberships	\$17,094	\$0	\$2,426 - 4%	2018-04	3/26/19
15	<b>Fairway Foundation, Inc.</b> 1200 Veterans Highway, Suite 102 Hauppauge, NY 11788	\$531,119 (\$29,811 NY Collected)	\$0	0 - 0%	\$370,482 (\$29,811 NY Collected)	\$0	\$10,190 - 6%	2018-05	3/29/19
16	<b>Here to Help Military and Families Corp.</b> 1025 Northern Boulevard, Suite 301 Roslyn, NY 11576	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	\$0 - New Agency	2018-06	4/5/19
17	<b>Paws of War, Inc.</b> 34 E. Main Street, Suite 303 Smithtown, NY 11787	\$404,872	\$283,654	\$53,222 - 13%	\$121,218	\$0	\$50,500 - 18%	2018-07	4/9/19
18	<b>Operation-Initiative Foundation</b> 99 North Broadway, First Floor Hicksville, NY 11801	\$9,949	\$9,547	\$2,050 - 21%	\$402	\$0	\$2,100 - 22%	2018-08	4/24/19
19	<b>Wounded Warrior Project, Inc.</b> 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256	\$226,764,438	\$165,835,429 (Total Agency Expenses are \$231,827,345)	\$45,438 from 2017 Soldier Ride donated to Suffolk County United Veterans	\$0	\$6,189,776	\$12,981,666 - 6%	2018-09	4/30/19
20	<b>United Veterans Beacon House, Inc.</b> 1715 Union Blvd. Bay Shore, NY 11706	\$7,746,147	\$4,265,795 (Total Agency Expenses are \$7,475,851)	\$3,521,177 - 45%	\$270,296	\$0	\$785,143 - 10.5%	2018-10	5/7/19
21	<b>America's VetDogs</b> 371 East Jericho Turnpike Smithtown, NY 11787	\$5,342,387	\$3,129,999 (Total Agency Expenses are \$4,159,214)	\$225,500 - 4%	\$1,183,173	\$0	\$240,295 - 6%	2018-11	5/8/19

Schedule 2

Nonprofit Veterans Agencies with Expired Registration Certificates  
For the Period June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018

	<b>Agency Name</b>	<b>Registration Certificate Expiration Date</b>	<b>Recertification Letter Mailed</b>
1	<b>Cpl. Christopher G. Scherer Semper Fi Fund, Inc.</b> 12 Madsen Lane East Northport, NY 11731	4/3/2017	3/7/2017 (No Response from Agency)
2	<b>Guardians of Rescue</b> 34 East Main Street, Suite 303 Smithtown, NY 11787	4/3/2017	3/7/2017 (No Response from Agency)
3	<b>Honor Flight Long Island</b> P.O. Box 1314 Southampton, NY 11968	4/13/2017	3/7/2017 (No Response from Agency)
4	<b>Marine Corps Veterans, Long Island, NY, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 236 Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776	9/8/2016	10/25/2016 (No Response from Agency since 12/13/16)
5	<b>Sell To A Veteran, Inc.</b> 475 Northern Blvd, Suite 24 Great Neck, NY 11021	11/21/2017	10/18/2017 (No Response from Agency since 12/27/17)
6	<b>Safe and Sound Veterans Foundation</b> 19 Quality Street Oakdale, NY 11769	12/8/2017	10/18/2017 (No Response from Agency)
7	<b>Cow Harbor Warriors, Inc.</b> PO Box 204 Northport, NY 11768	2/17/2018	12/21/2017 (No Response from Agency)
8	<b>9-1-1 Veterans, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 911 Lindenhurst, NY 11757	4/18/2018	3/1/2018 (No Response from Agency)
9	<b>Make It Count Foundation, Inc.</b> P.O. Box 370 West Islip NY 11795	5/23/2018	4/25/2018 (No Response from Agency)