

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) is a veteran-owned project committed to travel the USA to honor, respect, and remember those who served, and pay specific tribute to those who gave all. AVTT is not government sponsored or affiliated, but funded through sponsorship fees, donations, and sale of merchandise at events. AVTT works with The Traveling Wall Foundation; an IRS designated charitable non-profit organization.



For more information about the AVTT, visit www.avtt.org.

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The mission of The Erie County Veterans Service Agency is to ensure that every veteran in the county is registered in the VA System and is fully aware of all the benefits that they have earned and also to make veterans an economic force in education, employment and business development. Originated in 1926, The Erie County Veterans Service Agency was the first of its kind in the State of New York. Due to the increased demand for such services, and accelerated by World War II, the Agency became a part of the County Government on January 1, 1945. Since that time, this office has provided service to many thousands of veterans and their dependents, residing in Erie County. For more information, visit the organization's website at www.erie.gov/veterans/.



Knox Farm State Park is the former country estate of Buffalo's renowned Knox Family. It is located adjacent to the historic village of East Aurora, birthplace of the Roycroft Arts & Crafts movement and former home of Millard Fillmore. The park's 633 acres are comprised of a variety of habitats, including 400 acres of grasslands (pastures and hayfields), and 100 acres of woodlands, ponds and several wetland areas. Visitors to Knox Farm can observe wildlife, hike, cross-country ski and ride horseback along beautifully scenic nature trails. For more information, visit www.nysparks.state.ny.us.



REFLECTIONS



KNOX FARM STATE PARK
JUNE 25 - JUNE 29, 2009

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SIZE
17x11

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT) is a mobile group of memorials and exhibits, anchored by an 80 percent reproduction of the Vietnam Memorial Wall including all of the names included on the original.



The AVTT honors the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure American freedom as well as those who served their country from World War II through the Iraq and Afghanistan conflict. A special 9/11 memorial also is included and a large art display; Vietnam Remembered and a Walk of Heroes' display also accompanies AVTT. The 370-foot long replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall reproduction stands 8-feet tall at its apex, and does not leave out a single name featured on the original in Washington D.C.

Don Allen, a retired U.S. Army Special Forces Lt. Col., and several other veterans, formed the AVTT in 1997 and the exhibits began touring in 1998. Along with its role as a memorial, the AVTT also serves the purpose of offering those who cannot, or will not make the journey to Washington D.C. a chance to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

The memorial is a tribute to all who stood up for America and an opportunity for our community and our youth to better understand those who sacrificed their lives, and support all who have served and are currently serving.

Nearly every weekend of the year, except for occasional down time needed for maintenance, the AVTT is set up somewhere in the U.S., informing and educating people about the cost of freedom and honoring those who made it.

It is the duty and mission of the AVTT that those who served SHALL never be forgotten.

For further information on the AVTT, ceremony schedule changes, parking, and more contact the Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce at 652-8444, eanycc.com.

Opening Ceremony:
Thursday, June 25, 2 PM

Local dignitaries, sponsors & invited guests
Open to the public

Emergency Services Recognition:
Thursday, June 25, 7 PM

Special Recognition & Thanks to Emergency Service Organizations
Open to the public

Greater East Aurora Chamber of Commerce:

Friday, June 26, 12 Noon
GEA Chamber Members

Veteran Memorial:

Friday, June 26, 7 PM

Speakers from American Legion, Vietnam Vets, VFW & Patrick Welch, Erie County Veterans Service Agency
Open to the public

All Veterans' Day – "A Day to Honor All Who Have Served"

Saturday, June 27

10 – 10:30 AM: Marine Corp League S/B Corps
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: American Legion Band of the Tonawandas – Post 264
2:45 PM: David Bellavia – Silver and Bronze Stars – Iraq
3 PM: Congressman Brian Higgins
3:15 PM: Gary Beikirch – Medal of Honor – Vietnam
Open to the public fly over

Non-Denominational Worship Services:

Sunday, June 28, 9 – 10 AM

Rev. Willie O'Dell, Hunter's Creek Bible Baptist Church, Coordinator
Open to the public

"Cost of Freedom"

Sunday, June 28, 12 Noon – 1 PM

The Reading of the Names of WNY and Local Servicemen & Women Who Have Paid the Cost for Our Freedom
Open to the public

"Community Day"

Monday, June 29, 6 PM

Organized by the East Aurora Kiwanis' Aktion Club
Open to the public

The Wall is available for public viewing 24-hours a day from 2 PM, Thursday, June 25 through 7 PM, Monday, June 29.

Presenting:

TOPS Friendly Markets
Erie County Veterans Service Agency
Knox Farm State Park

Event:

The Buffalo News
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SKM Group
WGRZ-TV
Sahlen's
Sharp Printing

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Machias Legion Post

