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SARATOGA COUNTY CLERK CRAIG A. HAYNER ANNOUNCES YELLOW RIBBON DAY DONATION DRIVE

Donations Benefit Blue Star Mothers of America - NY2 to Send "Freedom Boxes" to Deployed Troops

Saratoga County, N.Y. – Saratoga County Clerk Craig A. Hayner, today announced his office has launched its annual Yellow Ribbon Day donation collection drive to benefit Blue Star Mothers of America - NY 2. The County Clerk's Office is partnering with the Saratoga County Chamber, Saratoga County Veterans Business Council, Hannaford stores in Saratoga County, and Blue Star Mothers of America - NY2 to support U.S. military members who are serving overseas.

Residents can drop off donations now through April 7 at any collection box located at the County Clerk's Office, Saratoga County DMV locations, the Saratoga County Veterans' Services Agency, Halfmoon Town Hall, and at participating Hannaford stores throughout Saratoga County. The collection will culminate on Yellow Ribbon Day, Saturday, April 9, 2022 with an 11AM ceremony at Veterans Memorial Park in Halfmoon and all donations presented to Blue Star Mothers.

The Blue Star Mothers - NY2 will use the donations to make "Freedom Boxes" to ship to deployed troops who call the Capital Region home.

Snack and personal care donations requested include individual and travel size packages of crackers, microwavable cup of soup, fruit snacks, granola bars, and beef jerky, as well as personal care items such as insect repellent wipes, toothbrushes, body wash, deodorant, lip balm, puzzle books, and more. A full list of donation requests is on the Saratoga County Clerk webpage on the County website at www.saratogacountyny.gov and its Facebook page, @saratogacountyclerk.

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Monetary donations are also accepted to help ship and fill “Freedom Boxes.” Those interested can donate to “Blue Star Mothers of America – NY2” through the PayPal Giving Fund (www.paypal.com/fundraiser/hub). Alternatively, checks can be made payable to Blue Star Mothers of America - NY2 and sent to PO Box 243, Delmar, NY 12054. Suggested donations include \$15 to ship a box; \$35 to fill a box; \$50 to ship and fill a box; any donation amount is welcome. More information is available on the Blue Star Mothers of America – NY2 Facebook page, @NY2BlueStarMoms.

“We are excited to partner with the Saratoga County Chamber, Veterans Business Council, and Hannaford stores throughout Saratoga County once again for this important endeavor,” said Saratoga County Clerk Craig A. Hayner. “With collection boxes located throughout the county and our community’s support, we can help troops feel the comforts of home as they protect our freedom from miles away.”

Donna Vickery, President of Blue Star Mothers of America-NY 2, said, “We receive many requests for ‘Freedom Boxes’ from troops stationed all over the world and as parents of service men and women, it’s important to us to accommodate every request. On behalf of Blue Star Mothers, I offer our sincere appreciation to Saratoga County Clerk Hayner, the Saratoga County Chamber and Veterans Business Council, Hannaford, and our community for supporting our troops and the Yellow Ribbon Donation Drive.”

Denise Romeo, Executive Vice President at The Saratoga County Chamber said, “It is my honor to assist in this program in conjunction with Craig Hayner, Saratoga County Clerk as we look to support our local chapter of Blue Star Mothers. As the mother of a US Army Veteran, I know how much these care packages mean to our troops overseas and on behalf of the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and our Veterans Business Council, I’m proud to play a role in this program.”

Frank McClement, Director of the Saratoga County Veterans’ Service Agency said, “It’s always a good time to remember those who are serving abroad, and with the troubling current events and more troops deploying across the globe, it’s as important as ever. I can say from personal experience while serving overseas that receiving a care package of items of necessity and some comforts of home is a tremendous morale boost. Not only is it a blessing to have the items received, but also knowing that there are folks back home who care and support you is a great feeling. We are proud to partner with all the great folks involved in this effort and hope everyone will join us to support our service men and women.”

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