



## CONGRESSWOMAN KATHY HOCHUL – FIGHTING FOR OUR VETERANS –

As a Member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congresswoman Hochul is proud to support the brave men and women of our military, our military families, and our nation's veterans:

- **Telehealth Care for Veterans in Rural Areas** – Congresswoman Hochul is working on veterans' telehealth legislation to improve access to medical care for veterans in rural areas. The legislation will require the VA to provide incentives for telemedicine and telehealth coordination services and to partner with local universities to develop curriculum to advance telehealth programs.
- **Veterans Jobs Bank** – Congresswoman Hochul supports launching a Veterans Jobs Bank, or National Resource Directory, that will allow veterans to find job postings from companies looking to hire them.
- **Tax Credits to Small Businesses That Hire Reservists or National Guard** – The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station plays a critical role in the Western New York community. Congresswoman Hochul is a co-sponsor of legislation to provide small businesses with a work opportunity tax credit for hiring a member of the Ready Reserve or the National Guard; ensuring that the men and women who serve our country have employment opportunities when they return home.
- **Encouraging Businesses to Hire Vets** – Congresswoman Hochul is a co-sponsor of legislation to encourage the hiring of veterans, including the Hiring Heroes Act that modernizes and improves programs to assist our veterans with the transition from service member to civilian life. She voted in support of the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act of 2011 – a bill that received bipartisan support – that provides assistance to older, unemployed veterans and provides active duty service members with transition and employment assistance.
- **Member of the New York Defense Working Group** – Congresswoman Hochul is a proud member of the New York Defense Working Group, a NY delegation effort to support our state's military facilities and the many jobs they create.
- **Advocate for the VetStar Program** – Congresswoman Hochul voted to establish the VetStar program, a program to annually recognize businesses who help promote the hiring of veterans.
- **Protecting Victims of Sexual Abuse** – Congresswoman Hochul has toured the Batavia VA hospital, a hospital with one of the few treatment facilities in the nation dedicated to the treatment of women veterans who have experienced Post-traumatic Stress Disorder and Military Sexual Trauma (MST). Congresswoman Hochul strongly supports legislation to support military victims of sexual abuse and victims' treatment programs.
- **Right to Military Retirement Pay & Disability Compensation** – Congresswoman Hochul supports the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act to ensure that our disabled veterans receive the compensation they deserve. This legislation would amend current law, which bans veterans from collecting both military retirement pay and disability compensation – full benefits our veterans earned in service to our country.
- **Supporting an Increase in Disability Compensation** – Congresswoman Hochul voted in favor of the Veterans' Compensation Cost of Living Adjustment Act that increases the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities.