

TOWNSEND REPORTS TO ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS

Dear Veteran Leader:

I would like to take a moment to report to you another exciting program that Orange County residents may participate in to show their support for our troops serving overseas.

Recently, I was privileged to join with County Executive Edward A. Diana, NYS Senator William J. Larkin, Jr., Congressman Ben Gilman, County Clerk Donna Benson Bob Martell of Post #488, Connie Flickenschild of the Orange County Veterans Coalition and WTbQ Radio personality Uncle Buck as Orange County joined the Cell Phones for Soldiers program.

Here's how the program works... just take an old cell phone that you no longer want and deposit it in the Cell Phones for Soldiers collection boxes at any Orange County Department of Motor Vehicles Office. Our County DMV offices are located at 255 Main Street, Goshen; 128 Broadway, Newburgh; 14 King Street, Middletown and 20 Hammond Street, Port Jervis.

We will then take these old cell phones and in partnership with American Legion Post #488 Monroe and WTbQ radio we will forward the phones to ReCellular. ReCellular then donates a pre-paid calling card to a soldier or sailor overseas.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Berquist from Norwell, Massachusetts with \$21.00 of their own money. Since then, this not – for profit has raised almost \$1 million dollars and distributed more than 400,000 pre-paid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.



L-R Tony Zippo, Ed Diana, Bob Martell L-R Ben Gilman, Bill Larkin, Donna Benson
Connie Flickenschild, Greg Townsend. Greg Townsend

Again, thank you for your service to our nation. With best wishes,

GREG TOWNSEND, Orange County Legislator District 7