

## Highlighting Veteran-Owned Businesses

By Rep. Joe Emrick

SLATE BELT - Many veterans who have honorably served our country return home and continue contributing to their communities by starting their own business. I recently voted in support of legislation that would create a logo signifying a business is owned by a veteran.

House Bill 993 calls on the state Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to work with the state Department of Community and Economic Development to create a logo and process by which a veteran business owner could apply and receive approval to use the logo. Any business owner falsely using the logo would be subject to fines.

The bill received unanimous support in the House and is now pending consideration in the Senate.



## Education Aid for Military, Veterans

By Rep. Joe Emrick

SLATE BELT - In recognition of May as National Military Appreciation Month, the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is encouraging veterans, service members and their families to take advantage of the financial aid opportunities available to them, especially through the PA Military State Aid Programs.

The PA National Guard Military Family Education Program (MFEP) is a tuition assistance program for dependents (spouses and children) of PA Guard members who commit to an additional six years of service with the National Guard. More information is available at [pheaa.org/MFEP](http://pheaa.org/MFEP).

The PA National Guard Educational Assistance Program (EAP) provides financial assistance for guard member students who enter into a six-year service commitment with the PA National Guard. More information is available at [pheaa.org/EAP](http://pheaa.org/EAP).

Additional resources on funding opportunities available to service members and their families can be found at [pheaa.org/militarybenefits](http://pheaa.org/militarybenefits).



## PHEAA Announces Financial Aid Webinars

By Rep. Joe Emrick

SLATE BELT - The Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA) is hosting free webinars in June and July aimed at helping students and families.

The webinar titled "Deep Dive into Covering the Gap" aims to help students and their families understand their bill and financial aid package, and determine what, if any, borrowing is needed to cover the difference between aid and actual cost.

The one-hour session will be offered twice in June, at noon on Tuesday, June 10, and 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 26. It will also be offered twice in July, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, and at noon on Tuesday July 29.

For a full schedule of webinars, and to register your participation, visit [pheaa.org/virtual](http://pheaa.org/virtual) <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/HKxlll4yR0XGcJ45EHEVPKP7MKDREtPKHBZcOjYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gWofQiYFqdbTvLdTPeDuD0AVmB0g>.



## Nazareth Borough Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony

By Rep. Joe Emrick

I'd like to thank American Legion Post 415 Commander Rich Tully for inviting me to be the keynote speaker at this year's Nazareth Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony.

It was an incredible privilege to participate in this event and honor those soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we may live in freedom.

## Attention Artists!

By Rep. Joe Emrick

America250PA – the organization planning the state's participation in the United States' 250th anniversary next year – is seeking submissions from local artists for its "Bells Across PA" art series.

Selected artists will execute their designs on a fiberglass bell sculpture. The goal is to place at least one bell in each of the state's 67 counties, but the hope is for many more.

Bells Across PA is open to all Pennsylvania artists and groups from the acclaimed to the amateur. Painters, sculptors, craftsmen, multi-media artists and other wildly creative people are all encouraged to apply. Each commissioned bell will receive one honorarium, regardless of group size. Learn more here <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/-uj55Fx11j0XKtHsUlt-WAjBzs-kj1HkJy7ZcOjYnZ0aW1lc0ByY24uY29tw4gSTUlzgvBeoqlLbZPbx-MFm0ozJw>.

