

New York VFW Post Opens Veterans Information Center

Thanks to the work of VFW Post 4662 in Warwick, N.Y., their community's veterans will have a place to visit where they can receive assistance with applying for VA benefits, attend seminars and take yoga classes

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A ribbon-cutting ceremony took place March 1 for the new Veterans Information Center in Warwick, N.Y.

The center, open to all veterans, offers and will host special events, which, Post 4662 Commander Dan Burger said will address issues such as Post-Traumatic Stress and continuing education. It also will be a place where veterans can receive counseling.

"At the Veterans Information Center, we took over what were doctor's offices, and we converted them into private counseling rooms – whether it's for helping with benefits or giving actual counseling from the VA," Burger said. "This is our Post, but it's set up like a professional office building."

Burger, a 1991 Persian Gulf War veteran and former Army captain who served with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, said the information center also will offer veterans a computer lab and basic computer courses to help veterans apply for benefits.

"Some people that have difficulty accessing information, because they are not comfortable with computers, for instance – so that is something we thought we could help with," Burger said. "We tried

to identify some of the challenges people are having with their transition from the military, and help them in those areas."

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