

SPECIAL INTEREST LEGACY FUNDS

VETS Fund Serving Veterans in NEPA

The Veterans Education, Training & Support (VETS) Fund has once again fulfilled its mission of providing needed support and assistance to local veterans. In 2025, the VETS Fund provided veteran grants totaling almost \$12,000.

Three scholarships were provided to veterans attending the Susquehanna County Career & Technology Center (SCCTC). Air Force veteran Brooke Howey enrolled in the esthetician program to learn a skill that will allow her to grow a new career while still accommodating her family's needs. Navy veteran Josh McConnell and Army veteran Greg Campbell both enrolled in the Commercial Drivers License (CDL) program at SCCTC. Upon completion of the program, each will have new, local career opportunities.

A 2025 VETS grant was sent to Susquehanna County Interfaith to meet the immediate needs of veterans in the local community. Interfaith grants

are used for urgent fuel, food and other essentials. The VETS Fund also provided blankets to each resident of the Gino Merli Veterans Center during the Christmas season. Melissa Turlip, Director of Programming was present when the gifts were distributed. She shared the joy of watching a 103-year-old veteran light up with a smile when his new blanket was tucked around him.

The VETS Fund is honored to support veterans in northeastern Pennsylvania, and each year finds opportunities to fill some financial gaps in government programs to ensure the needs of veterans are met. Everyone who appreciates our veterans is invited to say, "Thank you for your service!" in a tangible way by becoming a VETS fund donor at any level. Their legacy to us is a strong and free America. Our legacy to the veterans can be the care and respect they have earned.



Left to right: Teresa Magnotta, SCCTC student; Brooke Howey, Air Force Veteran and SCCTC student; Melissa Turlip; Joe Andre, VETS Fund; Joe Andre, VETS Fund, Greg Campbell, Army Veteran and SCCTC student; and Josh McConnell, Navy Veteran and SCCTC student.

