



## Your Support Shows Our Military Families They Are Appreciated

Your sponsorship helps create a day of food, fun and community for the enlisted members of Stewart Air National Guard Base and the families who support them every day.

Please review the opportunities below and consider how you can help.

- Platinum Benefactor:     \$25,000
- Gold Benefactor:           \$10,000
- Silver Benefactor:         \$5,000
- Bronze Benefactor:        \$2,500
- Brass Benefactor:         \$1,000
- I'd like to pledge:         \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Your Name

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Your Organization

# Thank You!

Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to:  
**CFOSR-Military Appreciation Day Fund** and mail to:  
Community Foundation of Orange, Sullivan and Rockland  
30 Scott's Corners Drive, #203, Montgomery, NY 12549

Donate online:



**Stewart Military Appreciation Picnic Planning Committee**  
330 MEADOW AVE. | NEWBURGH, NY 12550 | 845-562-4280

Dear Friend,

The men and women who serve at Stewart Air National Guard Base defend our country with courage and commitment. They train here, work here, and raise their families here. They are not only members of our military — they are also our neighbors.

This fall, Hudson Valley businesses, organizations, and volunteers will once again come together to honor them at the **Stewart Military Appreciation Picnic at Stewart International Airport**.

Held every three years, the Picnic has become one of the region's most meaningful community traditions. Thousands of enlisted service members and their families gather for an afternoon of great food, music, entertainment, and activities for children — all provided by a grateful community that wants them to know their service matters.

While a single day can never fully repay the sacrifices made by our military families, it sends a powerful message: **this community stands with you.**

**But this special day only happens because local businesses and community leaders step forward to make it possible. We hope you will join us as a sponsor, donor, or volunteer for the 2026 Stewart Military Appreciation Picnic.**

Your support will help ensure that the enlisted members of the **105th Airlift Wing**, their spouses, and their children enjoy a day dedicated entirely to them — a day filled with appreciation, community, and well-deserved recognition.

**Please see inside to read about our successful 2023 Military Appreciation Picnic and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and how you can help make this special day possible.**

Thank you for helping us show our military families just how much they mean to the Hudson Valley.

With gratitude,

Dan Depew  
Committee Chairman

**The Planning Committee** is comprised of a Who's Who of individuals too numerous to name who contribute their time and effort to this meaningful event.

To join the team or learn more about how to volunteer please contact **Dan Depew** at: **ddepew@cahv.com**

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# A Community says “THANK YOU” to Our Military Neighbors

By Lisa Ramirez, Director of Communications



## THE STEWART MILITARY APPRECIATION PICNIC IS BACK!

It was a party so big they had to move the C-17s out of the way, making space in the hangars for rows of banquet tables and family games. In all, thousands of people — enlisted military members and their families — spent a September Sunday eating, relaxing and simply enjoying the day.



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Staffed entirely by community volunteers and funded by local donations, the picnic was months in the planning. Held every three years at the Stewart Air National Guard Base in Newburgh, the picnic was, like many community events, postponed repeatedly due to COVID, with the last one held in 2017. But it's finally back, a community tradition fueled by patriotism, generosity and gratitude.

And the volunteers came from nearly every corner of the community; local labor unions, CCA, SMACNA and FERCA members, high school students and retirees. They cooked, served beverages, arranged the tables and thousands of chairs. The names of their organizations

are recognizable to anyone who lives, shops or works in the area, but at the picnic they all donned matching t-shirts, “Thank you for your service” emblazoned across the back.

The autumn weather held despite a few light sprinkles, and the military guests - many of whom took advantage of the opportunity to wear their civilian clothing — roamed an air base that for the day seemed more like a county fair. There was live music, bouncy houses, kids’ activities, a seemingly endless buffet, even the Budweiser Clydesdales made an appearance. But above all, there was appreciation.

“It can’t come anywhere near adequately thanking them,” said Alan Seidman, CCA executive director and chairman of the picnic’s planning committee, “but it’s our small way of showing our military just how much we appreciate all they do for us.”



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