



**American  
Red Cross**

**Military Family Salute and Reconnection Brunch  
For Military Families, Active-Duty Service  
Members, Veterans and Reservists**

**Saturday, June 1, 2019 10:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Leonard Post, Jr. #6251—VFW  
2450 Walden Avenue, Cheektowaga, NY**

**Brunch will be provided.**

**This event is FREE to all military families, friends, active duty  
service members, veterans, reservists and agency partners.**

**Service providers will be present, providing information  
on resources and programs.**

**Seating Space is limited, so please RSVP by May 24, 2019  
To RSVP, call the American Red Cross and leave a message  
at 716-878-2371 or email [lisa.taibi@redcross.org](mailto:lisa.taibi@redcross.org)**



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**NYS Senator, Robert G. Ortt**

Robert enlisted in the New York Army National Guard in October 2001 in direct response to the attacks on September 11th. He is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, where he served from March 2008 until December of the same year. His mission was to serve as a combat mentor-advisor to the Afghan National Police in Kandahar City, the second largest city in Afghanistan. As the Executive Officer and Unit Movement Officer for an infantry company, he was responsible to ensure that all the logistical needs of the company were met to facilitate operational readiness, coordinate and run all company meetings, and act as the commander in his absence. He successfully transferred \$10 million worth of equipment to Afghanistan and back to the United States.

Rob is the recipient of the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge in recognition of his service.

*Robert G. Ortt was sworn into office as a New York State Senator for the 62<sup>nd</sup> District in January of 2015.*

