

Tully Rinckey Presents Veterans With Winter Coats

It's hard to believe that as cold as the winter nights and days can be in the Capital Region many veterans still called the streets their home in 2011. Across the nation on any given night the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs reports that 107,000 veterans are homeless. Here in the Capital Region, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development reported that last year on a January night, 119 veterans were homeless.

For the second year in a row Tully Rinckey PLLC, a veteran owned full-service law firm in Albany, held its "Coats for Veteran's" event. This morning Tully Rinckey PLLC Managing Partner Greg Rinckey provided the gift of warmth by handing out new warm and weather resistant winter coats to 50 Capital Region veterans in need. Pre-selected veterans who rely on the Veterans Community Service Center in Albany through their Health Care for Homeless Veterans program and the Compensated Work Therapy-Therapeutic Residence program came from as far as the North Country to deservedly receive their holiday surprise. Both programs are operated through the VA which provides assistance to veterans in the areas of housing, work therapy, counseling and advocacy.

"I cannot think of a more deserving group of individuals this holiday season. The commitment and spirit they have for their country is still very evident in their eyes and handshakes. They deserved to be remembered throughout the year and especially during the Holiday Season," said Greg T. Rinckey, managing partner of Tully Rinckey PLLC.

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center Director Linda Weiss along with Interim Director of the Veteran Community Service Center Dr. Nick Pazienza attended the event and expressed how very much appreciated this and any type of donation is for their veterans. Before the veterans received their winter coats, Greg Rinckey had one more holiday surprise up his sleeve. Unbeknownst to the Veteran Community Service Center, Rinckey presented the organization with a check for \$500 to go towards their Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Program and to show appreciation for their year-round dedication in the assistance of veterans.

"The Veteran's Community Service Center is a prime example of an organization that does the right thing for the men and women who bravely served in the armed forces," said Rinckey. "They will ensure that this money is not only well spent but will go a long way in reaching out to a large number of veterans who need it the most"

Tully Rinckey PLLC is a veteran-owned business with a history of giving back to individuals and organizations that help local veterans. Last month, the law firm gave away gift certificates for free turkeys to area veterans on Thanksgiving. Tully Rinckey PLLC has partnered with Dickies for this initiative. Dickies has asked Tully Rinckey to thank all of the veterans on their behalf for their service.

Tully Rinckey has also donated, and will continue to donate, Times Union Center event tickets

to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs so that veterans may enjoy a night out. Veterans have attended Albany Devils, Siena Games and concerts.