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## New York State Emergency Nurses Assn. Honors Military Nurses

In celebrating Emergency Nurses Week, Oct 8- 16, the New York State Emergency Nurses Association(NYSENA) is launching a drive to send packages to United States military nurses in thanks for their service.

This year's theme for Emergency Nurses Week "always ready, always caring" holds especially true for those nurses who serve our country. The idea for the drive came after a recent meeting where it was found how many of our members and their children are serving in the military. Nursing is a service profession, as is military service. Nurses have strong commitments to their country and to their patients. Everyday their skills, courage, and compassion are making a big difference.

NYSENA will be sending medical reference materials and personal items to show support for our colleagues serving our nation in these dangerous times. We are planning for the first of the care packages to arrive in time for Veteran's Day. If you would like to join this effort you can contact us through the website www.nysena.org.

State President Carole West stated, "We have the highest respect for the skills and courage of our fellow nurses in the military. We hope that in this way we can show our support and thanks for their efforts. We hope for their safe return."

Congratulations to all ER Nurses on this special week!