



One of RSA's partners in forging helpful state policy is the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources. It's a bipartisan commission of both legislative houses focusing on all aspects of life in rural New York State. RSA was proud to write a story for their most recent issue. It chronicles the heroic work of schools during this crisis and the important role our school districts play in the health and well-being of our rural communities. Please take a minute to breeze through this edition of the commission's newsletter Rural Futures ([link here](#)) to learn helpful information on our schools, economy and activities in rural New York.

One other thing: As we enter this Memorial Day weekend, absent our traditional means of honoring our fallen heroes in arms, please take a moment to give thanks for their sacrifice. There's an old saying that says **"Our rural communities feed, fuel and fight for America."** It's a fact that rural America makes up the greatest proportion of our military. The soldiers that gave their lives to preserve our nation were fighting for a way of life that we love. Community. Caring for neighbors. Supporting our kids. That's rural New York and the America these courageous heroes gave their all for. Let's take a moment to give them the honor they richly deserve. Socially distanced or not, we owe them everything.



Have a great Memorial Day weekend, everyone!