

Putnam Veterans SITREP

AN E-MAIL SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY

Diary of a Horse skeptic

Dear Diary,
 OK let's cut to the chase. Everyone lists marriage or the birth of a child as the most important day in their lives. Horse hockey! Returning from a Veteran's convention in Indiana headed to Buffalo we stopped at a Krispy Crème in Eire Pennsylvania. As I walked through the door this massive machine was churning out glazed donuts. I was handed a donut ...free...a free glazed donut I thought perhaps we had died in a car crash and I was in heaven. Free glazed donuts. That event has been displaced dear Diary by my trip on Honor Flight on May 20, 2023. OUTSTANDING!!!

The day started at 445 AM. Yes Diary 445AM. I saw my ride pull up in front of my house. As I walked to the car I noticed a Putnam County Sheriff's car also in front of my house. What

had happened? What went wrong? My guardian, Megan Castellano, was not in her car I glanced over and saw her by the patrol car. She turned and walked toward me with a big smile on her face. I looked back and my wife was smiling and crying. It seems that my daughter Dori had arranged a Sheriff's escort for us to the Elmsford ShopRite, the staging area, where we were to board a bus to the Westchester airport Million Air Terminal.

We were greeted at each departure point and each arrival point like we were rock stars! We toured the WW 2 Monument, Korean War Monument and the Vietnam War Monument. As Megan and I started down the path to the Vietnam Wall a little boy about 5 Or 6 walked up to me a welcomed me home. We both suffered from what is known as "Honor Flight Allergies" or "HFA". A mysterious malady that both Megan and I experienced that malady with many times that day. The final stop in DC was to witness the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A whirlwind tour to be sure. On the flight home there was mail call. Our names were yelled out and we were given a big white envelope stuffed with letters. The first few were from kids from an elementary school. Then came a series of letters from friends and family that caused another bout of "HFA"

We landed at Westchester airport and walked through to lobby of terminal to a hail of cheers. Shouts of welcome home ricocheted off the falls. Friends and family and strangers. Diary I felt like I was welcomed home for the first time. Since I returned from Vietnam in 1970. When I told this to Megan on the bus ride to her car in Elmsford "HFA" impacted her again. Yes all the Vietnam Veterans on the flight received their first welcome home.

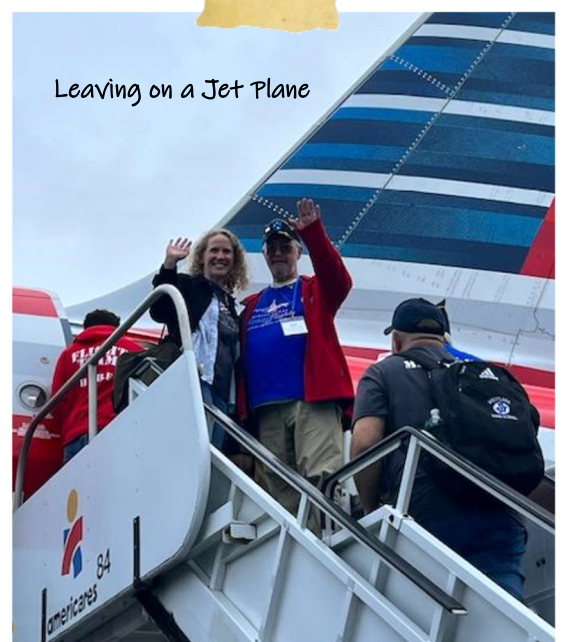
As always I wish you horses!

Karl

(Diary there were so many great photos that I put extra on another page)



Deputy Sherriff Zullo, Our official Escort



Leaving on a Jet Plane



Diary of a Horse skeptic



We getting a rubbing of my Friend Paul Zylko at the Vietnam Wall



The 2 Silver Star Recipients on the flight!



ShopRite donating money to insure continued Honor Flights!



New York New York At the WW 2 Monument



Friends and Family sending us off Steve and me!



SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN OF THE ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE!



You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United States have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

-Dwight D. Eisenhower



HUDSON VALLEY RENEGADES GAMES

Join Guardian Revival, Vet2Vet, fellow guardians, and family & friends for a series of baseball games at Dutchess Stadium for the Hudson Valley Renegades. Food and (non-alcoholic) drinks will be provided, available starting at 6 pm.

Tues June 13, Thur July 20, Thur Aug 10

Gates open @ 6 pm ET | Game starts @ 7 pm ET

These are free events, but RSVP is required.

Open to veterans & first responders and families (kids welcome!).
Up to 4 tickets per guardian. Limited tickets available first come, first serve.



Guardian Revival is a New York State 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered to revive and preserve the mental health & well-being of veterans & first responders — our guardians — at no cost to them.

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GUARDIAN CONNECT

G-CONNECT JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 G Veterans	3 E NAMI Homefront
4	5	6	7 E Everyday Nutrition	8	9 G Veterans	10 E NAMI Homefront
11	12 G First Responders E iRest Meditation	13 E Renegades Game	14 E Art Workshop	15	16 G Veterans	17
18	19	20 E Writing Workshop	21 E Business Panel	22	23 G Veterans	24
25	26 G First Responders	27 G Women Guardian	28	29	30 E No Name on the Marquee (Play) G Veterans	

E G-CONNECT EXPERIENCES

Opportunities for recreation, learning, discussion, and connection.

EVERYDAY NUTRITION

Wed 6/7 via Zoom

iREST MEDITATION

Mon 6/12 via Zoom

RENEGADES GAME

Tue 6/13
@ Dutchess Stadium

ART WORKSHOP

Wed 6/14 @ Carmel

WRITING WORKSHOP

Tues 6/20 via Zoom & in-person
@ Mahopac Library

BUSINESS PANEL

Wed 6/21 @ Carmel

NO NAME ON THE MARQUEE (PLAY)

Fri 6/30 @ Beacon HQ

G G-CONNECT GATHERINGS

Peer support - by guardians, for guardians, with guardians.

VETERANS (VET2VET)

Fridays via Zoom

FIRST RESPONDERS (FIRST LINE)

Mon 6/12 via Zoom
Mon 6/26 @ Carmel

WOMEN GUARDIANS

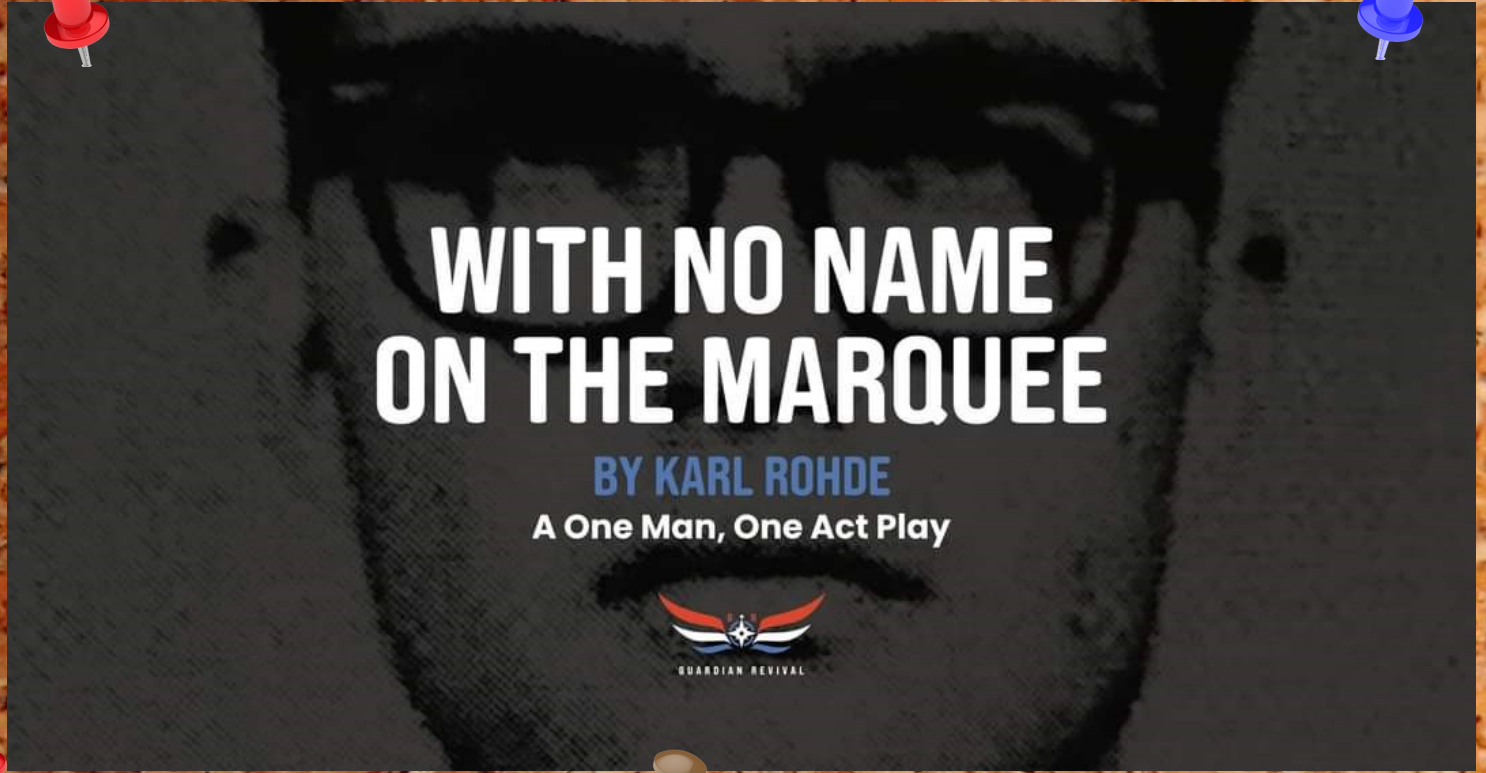
Tue 6/27 via Zoom



RSVP

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The Bulletin Board



Vietnam Veteran and Silver Star recipient Karl Rohde's one-man, one-act play, written based on his experience 'in theater' in Vietnam: "With No Name On The Marquee." Originally performed on Vietnam Veterans Day, we're hosting 2 more showtimes at GR HQ in Beacon.

This year marked the 50th anniversary of the last US combat troops departing Vietnam on March 29, 1973. As Karl says, "For many of us, we are still there."

WHEN:
 - Fri, June 30 @ 6 pm
 - Sat, July 1 @ 2 pm

WHERE: Guardian Revival HQ, Veterans Memorial Building, Beacon, NY

Free event, but please RSVP:
<https://wkf.ms/3BpKBky>

Megan Castellano,
 Program Director Guardian Connect



ShopRite donating money to Dwyer Vet2Vet/ Guardian Revival To help keep our programs running.