

Loyalty day  
May 1

# Putnam Veterans SITREP

## LOYALTY DAY

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



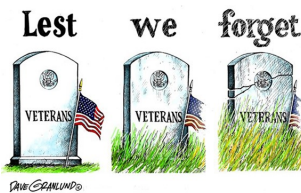
### NATIONAL LOYALTY DAY

On May 1st, National Loyalty Day recognizes American freedom and is set aside for the reaffirmation of loyalty to the United States and the recognition of the heritage of American freedom.

Every U.S. President since 1955 has set the day for May 1st. Whether they call for Americans to raise the flags, pray, or reflect on their heritage, each of them recognizes an inherent need for the country to be united in our basic ideals. Their messages speak of loyalty and freedom in equal measure, especially those who serve in the military. And while the messages may stray some in agreement on other topics, the central messages remain the same.

### NATIONAL LOYALTY DAY HISTORY

First observed in 1921 as Americanization Day, the holiday counterbalanced the Communist celebration of Labor Day on May Day. On July 18, 1958, U.S. Congress (Public Law 85-529) made the day an official holiday. President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1959, the first official observance of Loyalty Day. Each year since its inception as a legal holiday in 1958,



Since 1988 on the Sunday closest to May 1 (unless May 1 was a Sunday) I have been at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park for a Loyalty Day event sponsored by the Putnam County Council Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was almost a right of spring. Picnic, some speeches, games for the kids and just plain fun. We were expressing our pride in America. The people gathered were mostly Veterans and family members. There were others that attended. Sadly the NYS VFW disbanded county VFW's statewide. What is the point of the tale of woe? We have no group or groups to run Loyalty Day. There is now a void left by the demise of the Putnam County Council VFW. There is no organization to run Loyalty Day.

Please let's not see our great American Bald Eagle looking down at diminishing opportunities to celebrate this great nation! So we are looking for a group or organization that wants to help keep Loyalty Day alive in Putnam County. Contact this office if interested!! Thanks!

Karl



**DONALD B. SMITH GOVERNMENT CAMPUS**  
**110 OLD ROUTE 6, BLDG. #3**  
**CARMEL NY 10512**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5**  
**CALL FOR APPOINTMENT**  
**845-808-1620**  
**TUESDAY EVENINGS 5-8PM**

**KARL ROHDE, DIRECTOR**  
**ART HANLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR**





## Diary of a Horse skeptic

Dear Diary,

WOW! WOW! So excited Diary! I have been selected to go on Honor Flight. Yes that is right this May I will be on Honor Flight to Washington DC. Can you believe it???? It is like Christmas-my birthday-the Fourth of July all wrapped up in one day. Its like going to a presentation of the Nutcracker and being allow to sleep through the entire thing! WOW!WOW!

Diary do you get that I am excited? Will have to get up at zero dark thirty to get to the Westchester Airport. They will have a send off ceremony for us prior to boarding the plane.

There will be busses waiting for us when we get to DC. We tour the three major monuments-WW II, Korea and Vietnam. Then a group picture in front to the Lincoln Memorial. Back on the busses to Arlington Cemetery where we will be able to watch the changing of the guard-then a tour of Arlington. At the end of that we are taken to a near by hotel for a dinner and the back to Westchester Airport. Long day but exciting!

We also have a meet and greet with all the Veterans going on this Honor Flight along with the escorts. Yes Diary each Veteran has an escort called a guardian. My guardian will be my friend Megan Castellano. So cool! Another friend Steve Seid will also be on the flight. His two son's will be with him one as his guardian and the other will be the guardian another Veteran. Another great day leading up to

the Honor Flight! We get to meet and greet the Veterans and the Guardians and the Staff of Honor Flight.

So Diary at each step along the way to this amazing adventure I will tell you all about it.



Karl

PS I still wish you horses!



Mission 6 at WW II Monument



My friend now Sargent Major Mary Kay singing to another friend Otto Mission 22 Meet and Greet



Mission 24 at Vietnam wall



Mission 17 at Korean Monument



## JOIN G-CONNECT

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GUARDIAN CONNECT

# G-CONNECT CALENDAR

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
April 2023					1	2
3 E iRest Meditation	4	5	6	7 G Veterans	8	9
10 G First Responders	11	12	13	14 G Veterans	15	16 E Outdoor Adventure 101
17 G First Responders	18 E Writing Workshop	19 E Deep Nutrition for Everyday Performance	20	21 G Veterans	22 E Earth Day Hike & Picnic	23
24	25 G Women Guardians	26	27	28 G Veterans	29	30

## E G-CONNECT EXPERIENCES

Opportunities for recreation, learning, discussion, and connection.

**iREST MEDITATION**  
Mon 4/3 via Zoom

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES 101**  
Sun 4/16 via Zoom

**WRITING WORKSHOP**  
Tue 4/18 via Zoom & in-person @ Mahopac Library

**DEEP NUTRITION FOR EVERYDAY PERFORMANCE**  
Wed 4/19 via Zoom

**EARTH DAY HIKE & PICNIC**  
Sat 4/22 in Cold Spring

**APRIL STEP CHALLENGE**  
All month, online

## G G-CONNECT GATHERINGS

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

**VETERANS (VET2VET)**  
Fridays via Zoom

**FIRST RESPONDERS (FIRST LINE)**  
Mon 4/10 via Zoom  
Mon 4/17 @ Carmel

**WOMEN GUARDIANS**  
Tue 4/25 via Zoom



**RSVP**

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**6/22 ~ 6/29 ~ 7/6 ~ 7/13 ~ 7/20**

**\*No cost to participants\***

Hosted at our beautiful Pegasus Farm therapeutic riding center (address below). Transportation is available if needed. Bring a bagged lunch and water bottle.

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**PEGASUS**

# The Bulletin Board

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2023



Sport your favorite blue jeans, donate as little as \$1.00, and show your support!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE



Email photos to [marissa.henderson@putnamcountyny.gov](mailto:marissa.henderson@putnamcountyny.gov)



## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Since 1989, thousands of people nationwide wear the color blue during April to create awareness of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Blue Jeans for Kids is a Putnam County fundraiser held by the Friends of Putnam Child Advocacy Center.

We invite all county employees to donate and dress down by wearing denim to work on Friday, April 21, 2023!

Funds donated will go directly to the Friends of Putnam Child Advocacy Center to help support children seen at the CAC



## VETERANS NIGHT OUT

Hosted by Shorette Shield Services & Friends of Ulster County Veterans Administration

FREE ADMISSION FOR VETERANS

WEDNESDAY 3 MAY 23

FOOD | AXE THROWING | CASH BAR

SAXON HALL

1400 Route 300  
Newburgh, NY 12550

6 PM-9 PM

Please join  
NEW YORK STATE SENATOR  
JESSICA SCARCELLA-SPANTON  
VETERANS, DOMESTIC SECURITY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE CHAIR  
in Celebrating  
**KOREAN WAR VETERANS**  
APRIL 26TH, 2023  
10:00AM  
THE WELL  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING