

Putnam Veterans SITREP



pray thank remember

PLEASE ATTEND A MEMORIAL DAY EVENT!!!!

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



**FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY,
MAY 26,27,28, 2023:**

Putnam County Joint Veterans Council-
John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil,
Each day 6 PM-1AM Opening Ceremony Friday
the 28th at 7:00 PM Flag Retirement through out
the Vigil. Every Friday until Flag Day we will be
retiring flags from 6 PM to 1PM.



SUNDAY MAY 28, 2023

**VFW Post 1374 & Auxiliary, Carmel &
American Legion Post 270-**
9:30 AM Ceremony at monument on Terryhill
Road, Kent 11:00 AM Ceremony at Post Home 32
Gleneida Ave, Carmel
Refreshments to follow 11:00 Ceremony

MONDAY MAY 29, 2023:

VFW Post 391, Putnam Valley-

The will be three short parades with ceremonies. Town
Hall 11 AM, Lake Peekskill 12:00 PM. Post Home 1:00
PM (154 Oscawana Lake Road, Put Valley. Open House
at Post following last ceremony.

**VFW Post 672, Brewster (American Legion Post 71
& Marine Corps League Detachment 242 will be
participating)**

Brewster has a whole day of events scheduled!!!
Please see their flyer on the last page.

**VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275
Cold Spring-**

Small Local Ceremonies at Main Street Memorial at
10:00 AM and laying a wreath on the Hudson River

**VFW Post & Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac &
American Legion Post 1080-**

Mahopac VFW and American Legion will have
their parade on Monday, May 29th. Step off at 10:30
from Clark Place, followed by a ceremony at the
monument near CVS. Afterwards, Mahopac VFW
will have their ceremony at their post at 154 East
Lake Blvd., then the American Legion will have
their ceremony at the post on Buckshollow Road.

**VFW Post 9257 & Auxiliary & AMVET Post 1111
Putnam Lake-**

Parade and Ceremony at The Monument located at
the intersection of Fairfield and Haviland Dr.
10:00AM parade step off from The Castle Building
located on Haviland Dr. Refreshments to be served
at VFW 9257, located at 4 Fairfield Dr, Patterson



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

Dear Friends,

As we approach Memorial Day, it is important that we take time to honor and remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to this great nation. Every year, every month, every day, we should be trying to pay tribute to those who gave their lives in defense of freedom. But it is this one day per year, that we are asked to pause and reflect.

So this upcoming Memorial Day Weekend, I encourage all of our residents to participate in an event or activity honoring our fallen heroes. If you can't participate, consider visiting a grave site to pay your respects, or sit with your children or grandchildren to explain the meaning behind the day. Every gesture of appreciation counts.

In Putnam County, there are many different events going on, but the one I'm most proud to say we're going to continue is the display of flags on Lake Gleneida; our Row of Honor. This year, the Row of Honor will stand up 650 American Flags. I encourage folks to sponsor a flag, or assist with putting up the flags on or assist in taking down the flags on July 18th.

Alternatively, we need volunteers round the clock for the watchfires to guard the monuments at our Veterans Memorial Park. In 2005 during the late hours on Memorial Day Weekend, monuments at our park were vandalized. Ever since then, we've posted volunteer watchfires to safeguard the property. We're still looking for more individuals to take shifts.

Contact our Veterans Services Agency for more information about these opportunities.

Again, let us take this opportunity to come together as a community and express our gratitude for the sacrifices of our service members. Their memory and legacy will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Byrne".

Kevin M. Byrne
Putnam County Executive

MEMORIAL DAY



ESTABLISHED AFTER THE CIVIL WAR BY UNION VETERANS AND NAMED

DECORATION DAY

1st celebrated at Arlington National Cemetery on

MAY 30th 1868

Waterloo, N.Y. is considered to be the birthplace of **MEMORIAL DAY**



1971 Year that Memorial Day was established as an official holiday



NOW CELEBRATED ON THE LAST MONDAY IN MAY

IN 2010, CONGRESS PASSED AND THE PRESIDENT SIGNED AN ACT CREATING A



NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

WHICH ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO STOP AT 3 P.M. FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE

Memorial Day pays tribute to those

U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES



1,196,793

Total war casualties, over 300,000 of which are buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.



An average of **28** burials occur each weekday at Arlington – **6,900** annually



Diary of a Horse skeptic

Dear Diary,

When we were in Vietnam and it was getting near the end of our tours we became short timers. That title came with a raft of short timer jokes. I am so short that I can sit on the edge of a dime and dangle my feet. I know Diary real bad. It was a count down to the time we got on the Freedom Bird to fly back to the world! I'm so short you have to dig a hole to kick me in the ass. I know ugh!

Well I am a short timer again. Only a few days and a wake up again. This time it is going to be wings up for Honor Flight! A wonderful

trip Washington DC with other Veterans and our guardians to see the Veteran monuments in DC. We are being treated like VIP's Diary. On May 7th Honor Flight hosted a meet and greet for all the Veterans and guardians going on the Flight #30. My Guardian Megan drove us to the event in Port Chester. Every Veteran is assigned or can pick a Guardian who will be with you the entire day of the flight! Steve who works in this office was there with his 2 son's who are Guardians.

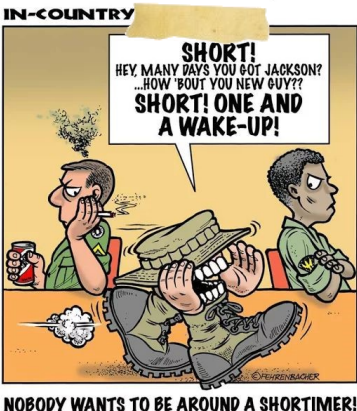
It was there that Megan saw a person from Honor Flight staff with a shirt with the following Will Rogers quote on the back: "We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by". Well I am not a hero but I will be on the flight with heroes.

Also Diary Megan epitomizes that quote.

Not wanting to extinguish the flame of excitement I do have to make a point. Recently we had a rally and had definitive proof that Governor Hochul was cutting millions of dollars from the NYS budget and we heard crickets of support from her supporters. Now there is a bill in the House of Representatives that has zero to do with Veterans (I read the bill Diary) and our Congressman Lawlor is being attacked for cutting funding for Veterans. Nothing could be further from the truth. Dairy people should check things out prior to spewing nonsense!

Sorry if that was a downer but I had to say it.

I wish you horses! Karl





MISSION 30

WHEELS UP!

MAY 20, 2023
Westchester County Airport

Join us on **Sat., May 20, 2023** to cheer on our local veterans as they depart on Hudson Valley Honor Flight's **Mission 30** to Washington, D.C. Bring a flag and your family, group, team or troop to honor our heroes and give them the send off and welcome home that many of them never received but so rightfully deserve.

6:30 am SHARP:
Pre-Flight Send Off

Million Air -
136 Tower Road, Hangar M
White Plains, NY 10604

8:00 pm:
Welcome Home Rally
Main Terminal



Help us get every Hudson Valley Veteran on a flight.
Call **845-391-0076** or visit hvhonorflight.com for applications and information.



“Row of Honor”

Order Form

Date: _____

Contact Name: _____

Organization(if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Sponsor: _____

Dedication: _____

Check#: _____ Amount: _____

Please make your check for **\$100 payable to *PCJVC*** and on the memo line write ***Row of Honor***

Mail your check to:

**Putnam County Veterans Service Agency
Row of Honor
110 Old Route 6, Bldg#3
Carmel Ny 10512**





G-CONNECT CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 E iRest Meditation	2	3	4	5 G Veterans	6 E NAMI Homefront E Nature Walks w/ Another Summit
7 E Equine Day w/ Lucky Orphans Horse Rescue	8 G First Responders	9	10	11	12 G Veterans	13 E NAMI Homefront
14	15	16 E Writing Workshop	17	18	19 G Veterans	20 E NAMI Homefront
21	22 G First Responders	23 G Women Guardians	24 G Veterans Meet & Greet	25	26 G Veterans	27
28	29	30	31 G First Responders Meet & Greet			

E G-CONNECT EXPERIENCES

Opportunities for recreation, learning, discussion, and connection.

iREST MEDITATION
Mon 5/1 via Zoom

NATURE WALKS W/ ANOTHER SUMMIT
Saturday 5/6 @ Fishkill

NAMI Homefront
Saturdays 5/6, 5/13, 5/20 via Zoom

EQUINE DAY W/ LUCKY ORPHANS HORSE RESCUE
5/7 @ Dover Plains

WRITING WORKSHOP
Tues 5/16 via Zoom & in-person @ Mahopac Library

G G-CONNECT GATHERINGS

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

VETERANS (VET2VET)
Fridays via Zoom
Weds 5/24 @ Carmel VFW

FIRST RESPONDERS (FIRST LINE)
Mon 5/8 via Zoom
Mon 5/22 @ Carmel

WOMEN GUARDIANS
Tue 5/23 via Zoom
Weds 5/31 @ Carmel VFW

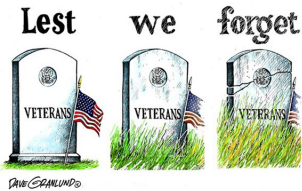


RSVP
qrco.de/gc-site



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



The Bulletin Board

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

MEMORIAL DAY THE PARADE:

- FORMS AT THE BREWSTER FIRE DEPARTMENT AT 10:00AM -
- STARTS AT 10:45 AM AND ENDS AT ELECTROZONE MEMORIAL FIELD -

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:

- STARTS AT APPROXIMATELY 11:00 AM (ELECTROZONE MEMORIAL FIELD) -
- PRESENTATION OF WREATHS AND RIFLE SALUTE TO OUR HEROES -

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY THERE WILL BE FOOD, REFRESHMENTS AND VENDORS AVAILABLE AT MARKEL PARK.

MEMORIAL DAY 5K

- MONDAY, MAY 29TH -
- START TIME IS 8:00 AM -
- MARKEL PARK BREWSTER, NY -



HOSTED BY THE BREWSTER VFW & THE BREWSTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS MEET & GREET

Meet other veterans & first responders in the Hudson Valley Region at these FREE events and learn about upcoming events & programs.

We will be hosting two separate events — one for veterans and one for first responders.



VETERANS
 Open to Veterans,
 Active Military, Reserve
 & National Guard
 Wednesday, May 24
 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm
 Carmel VFW Post 1374
qrco.de/g-c-vets-524



FIRST RESPONDERS
 Open to Law Enforcement,
 Fire & Rescue, EMS, Dispatchers,
 Corrections, and Federal Agents
 Wednesday, May 31
 @ 6:30 - 7:30 pm
 Carmel VFW Post 1374
qrco.de/g-c-fr-531



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

VA HUDSON VALLEY MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

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MEMORIAL DAY
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CASTLE POINT - MAY 23 - 1 PM,
PAVILLION OUTSIDE BLDG. 19

MONTROSE - MAY 24 - 10 AM
PAVILLION, BEHIND BLDG. 15