

# 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 24,25,26 2024

**Putnam County Joint Veterans Council-**  
John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil,  
Each day 6 PM-1AM Opening Ceremony Friday  
the 24th at 7:00 PM Flag Retirement through out  
the Vigil. If we have coverage we will stay until  
6 AM each day. Call 845-808-1620 to volunteer.



### SUNDAY MAY 26 2024

**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  
Guardian Revival will make a companion dog  
presentation to a Veteran after the  
11 AM ceremony.

### MONDAY MAY 27, 2024:

#### **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)**

Parade forms at 930 AM on North Main Street,  
steps off 10 AM, Ceremony at Southeast Veterans  
Park (Electrazone Field). Following the parade and  
ceremony refreshments at VFW Post 972.

#### **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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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-**

Please see the flyer on the last page for the Special  
Event that will be happening in Putnam Lake that  
implemented by the Putnam Lake VFW.



PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
KEVIN M. BYRNE

Dear Friends,

As Memorial Day approaches, it is vital that we set aside time to honor and remember the courageous individuals who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. While we should continuously pay tribute to these heroes throughout the year, Memorial Day serves as poignant reminder to pause and reflect on their profound contributions in defense of freedom and the lives we enjoy.

This Memorial Day Weekend, I encourage all of our residents to participate in an event or activity that pay homage to 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, no matter how seemingly small, matters.

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 over 600 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 13<sup>th</sup>.

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 welcome additional individuals to join in this effort.

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,

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 30<sup>th</sup> 1868

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

### MEMORIAL DAY

## 1971

Year that Memorial Day was established as an official holiday

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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

★ <b>4,435</b> American Revolution	★ <b>2,260</b> War of 1812	★ <i>est.</i> <b>1,000</b> Indian Wars	★ <b>13,283</b> Mexican War	★ <b>498,332</b> Civil War	★ <b>2,446</b> Spanish-American War	★ <b>116,516</b> World War I
★ <b>405,399</b> World War II	★ <b>54,246</b> Korean War	★ <b>90,220</b> Vietnam War	★ <b>1,948</b> Desert Shield/Desert Storm	★ <b>4,422</b> Operation Iraqi Freedom	★ <b>66</b> Operation New Dawn	★ <b>2,220</b> Operation Enduring Freedom

# 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

**220,000**

FLAGS PLANTED AT ARLINGTON FOR MEMORIAL DAY IN 2012

U.S. ARMY INFANTRY REGIMENT, OR THE "OLD GUARD," HAS PLACED FLAGS ON ARLINGTON GRAVES SINCE 1948

Sources: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Department of Defense, Arlington National Cemetery

IF **Lest** we forget



**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,

This is not going to be about my experiences with horses. Although I wish you horses. This has to do with Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is the most sacred day on the Veterans Calendar. It is on that day that we honor those we served with who did not come home. They perished on battle fields and military hospitals across the globe. We as Veterans will never forget them or stop honoring them.

At every Memorial Day ceremony a member of the VFW reads General Order No. 11 from the Grand Army of the Republic, (Diary that was the Veterans organization that was created after the Civil War.) It was written on May 5, 1868 inculcate in the public

about the importance of Memorial Day:

"If other eyes grow dull, and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well a long as the light and warmth of life remains to us."

What an elegant way to explain how important Memorial Day is to our Veterans. However on another note I feel it is necessary to explain this to others in a less eloquent way. I am going to call on the spirit of the late comedian Sam Kinison to



get my point across (look him up Diary):

"MEMORIAL DAY IS NOT A DAY OF SPECIAL SALES OR A DAY TO GET AWAY ON VACATION. LISTEN UP! MEMORIAL DAY IS A DAY TO HONOR THOSE WHO GAVE YOU THE FREEDOM TO IGNORE THE DAY. IT IS NOT A LONG WEEK END TO GET AWAY! ATTEND A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY THEN GO PLAY OR GET AWAY!"

Ok now one more thing. About 18 years ago a coward under the cover of night desecrated our monuments at Veterans Memorial Park. The night leading into Memorial Day. We held our Memorial Day Ceremony at that location anyway. By the next year we decided to hold a Watchfire Friday, Saturday and Sunday leading up to Memorial Day. With the Watchfires burning we also retire tattered American Flags with dignity and honor. Please think about stopping by and helping. It is an outstanding way to be part of Memorial Day. We can always use some help!

Karl



# MAY CALENDAR

## WEEK 1

**WED 5/1 Group Crisis Intervention +**  
8:30 AM in Beacon

**WED 5/1 Wellness Gathering ^**  
5 PM via Zoom

**THU 5/2 Group Crisis Intervention +**  
8:30 AM in Beacon

**FRI 5/3 Sunrise Scramble ^**  
6 AM at Mount Beacon

**FRI 5/3 Sunset Scramble ^**  
6 PM at Breakneck Ridge

**FRI 5/3 Vet2Vet Gathering ^**  
6 PM via Zoom

**FRI 5/3-SUN 5/5 Escarpment Trail ^**  
7 AM at Catskill Park

**SAT 5/4 Women Guardians Outing ^-**  
10 AM at Nimham Mountain

**SAT 5/4-SUN 5/5 Fieldcraft 101 ^**  
9 AM at The Equus Effect

## WEEK 2

**SUN 5/5 Diamond Mountain Day Hike ^-**  
9 AM at Harriman State Park

**MON 5/6 Jam Session**  
6 PM in Mahopac

**MON 5/6 First Line In-Person Gathering ^**  
7 PM in Carmel

**MON 5/6 iRest Meditation ^**  
8 PM via Zoom

**TUES 5/7 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Beacon

**WED 5/8 Wellness Gathering ^**  
5 PM via Zoom

**THU 5/9 Talk Saves Lives - Firearms +**  
7 PM via Zoom

**THU 5/9 American Military History Series ^-**  
7 PM in Beacon

**FRI 5/10 Women's VA Rep Q&A Call ^**  
1 PM via Zoom

**FRI 5/10 Sunrise Scramble ^**  
6 AM at Mount Beacon

**FRI 5/10 Sunset Scramble ^**  
6 PM at Breakneck Ridge

**FRI 5/10 Vet2Vet Gathering ^**  
6 PM via Zoom

**SAT 5/11 Franny Reese State Park Hike ^\***  
10 AM at Franny Reese State Park

## WEEK 3

**MON 5/13 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Mahopac

**MON 5/13 First Line Gathering ^**  
7 PM via Zoom

**TUES 5/14 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Beacon

**TUES 5/14 Mobility for Health ^**  
7:30 PM via Zoom

**WED 5/15 SAFE Talk +**  
8:30 AM in Beacon

**WED 5/15 Wellness Gathering ^**  
5 PM via Zoom

**THU 5/16 Yoga with Janel ^**  
7 PM via Zoom

**FRI 5/17 Sunrise Scramble ^**  
6 AM at Mount Beacon

**FRI 5/17 Sunset Scramble ^**  
6 PM at Breakneck Ridge

**FRI 5/17 Vet2Vet Gathering ^**  
6 PM via Zoom

**SAT 5/18 Mindfulness Walk ^\***  
10 AM in Manitou Point Reserve

## WEEK 4

**SUN 5/19 Balsam Lake Fire Tower**  
9 AM in Catskill Park

**SUN 5/19 Puppies & Pounds +**  
10 AM at Aero Health and Fitness

**MON 5/20 Reducing Stigma +**  
8:30 AM in Beacon

**MON 5/20 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Mahopac

**MON 5/20 First Line In-Person Gathering ^**  
7 PM in Carmel

**TUES 5/21 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Beacon

**TUES 5/21 Writers Workshop ^**  
6:15 PM via Zoom & in Mahopac

**TUES 5/21 Campfire Men's Circle ^**  
7:30 PM in Beacon

**WED 5/22 Wellness Gathering ^**  
5 PM via Zoom

**THU 5/23 Beyond the Soundboard: Episode 3 ^**  
7 PM via Zoom

**FRI 5/24 Sunrise Scramble ^**  
6 AM at Mount Beacon

**FRI 5/24 Sunset Scramble ^**  
6 PM at Breakneck Ridge

## WEEK 5

**MON 5/27 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Mahopac

**TUES 5/28 Talk Saves Lives +**  
12 PM via Zoom

**TUES 5/28 Jam Session ^**  
6 PM in Beacon

**TUES 5/28 Woman Guardian Gathering ^**  
8 PM via Zoom

**WED 5/29 Wellness Gathering ^**  
5 PM via Zoom

**FRI 5/31 Sunrise Scramble ^**  
6 AM at Mount Beacon

**FRI 5/31 Sunset Scramble ^**  
6 PM at Breakneck Ridge

**FRI 5/31 Vet2Vet Gathering ^**  
6 PM via Zoom

## LEGEND:

^ Guardians Only (Veterans & First Responders)  
- Bring a Buddy (Adults)  
\* Family friendly (Kids welcome)  
+ Open to the Public



RSVP

[guardianrevival.org/calendar](https://guardianrevival.org/calendar)  
[hello@guardianrevival.org](mailto:hello@guardianrevival.org)



Our Guardian Revival Talk Line is operational 24/7, including on weekends & holidays. We are always ready to take your call: 845.745.0088



# “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**



The  
**Bulletin Board**



2024

Putnam Lake

Memorial Day Observance

&

Memorial Unveiling



**May 27th at 10am**

Please join us in our 2024 Memorial Day Observance. We will be unveiling Putnam Counties first post 9-11-2001 monument.

Honoring the service and sacrifice of those armed forces members who served in the last 23 years. Two new monuments will be added at the intersection of Fairfield Drive and Haviland Drive. All are welcome to participate in the ceremony.

All veterans are welcome and encouraged to participate with the VFW to honor our fallen comrades. Please reach out if you would like to participate.

To participate as a veteran or organization please contact the VFW POST Commander - 845-612-1867