

Putnam Veterans SITREP



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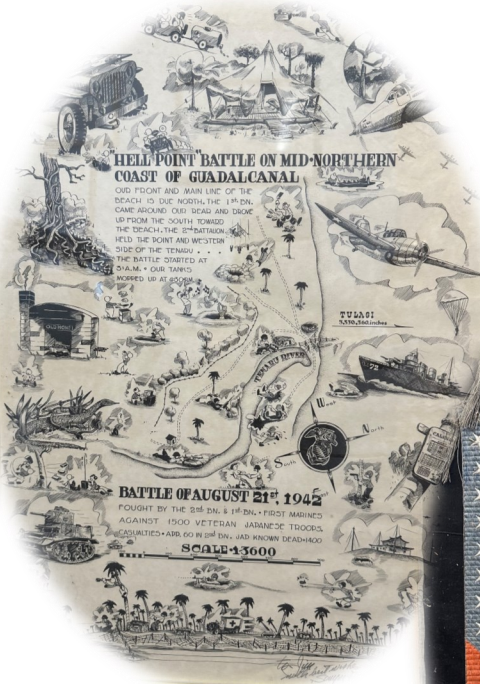
This is a real short issue of the Sitrep!

The Putnam County Veterans Museum is being renovated and displays are being reorganized and catalogued and we would like to credit the donor.

If you have donated any items to this museum please let us know so we can achieve this. Please email Steve.seid @putnamcountyny.gov

Last months issue had an article about PVT Beer who was killed in action during World War 2. We are currently researching this American Hero. Please contact Tanya.Pennella@putnamcountyny.gov
If you have information about Pvt. Beer.

Thanks.





DON'T FEED THE SHARKS



What we think a "Claim Shark" is:

- A Claim Shark is an individual or company that charges hefty fees to "assist" or "consult" veterans with filing their VA benefit claims – this practice is illegal!
- Claim Sharks are not VA accredited, meaning they aren't required to adhere to the well-established professional and ethical standards of VA accreditation, so their advice can often be misleading or even fraudulent.
- Like a "Loan Shark," once you're in, you can't get out, and may be subject to new and hidden fees whenever you get a new rating, no matter who does the work.

Some of their predatory practices are:

- Promising or guaranteeing an increased disability rating or percentage increase.
- Advertising expedited VA claims decisions.
- Requesting login credentials to access a veteran's personal information through secure VA websites like eBenefits or VA.gov.
- Using confusing tactics or ambiguous language to mislead claimants or coerce them into signing a contract.
- Telling veterans to forego VA exams and offering health consultations within their own network of doctors.


Who we think the Claim Sharks are:

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| ➤ Trajector Medical | ➤ Veteran Care Services |
| ➤ Veteran Benefits Guide | ➤ VetComm |
| ➤ Veterans Guardian | ➤ VA Claims Academy |
| ➤ VA Claims Insider | ➤ Vet Assist |
| ➤ Telemedica | ➤ Just4Veterans |
| ➤ Patriot Angels | ➤ Veterans Disability Help |

Veterans can protect themselves by:

- Always working with VA accredited representatives.
- Attending all exams ordered by VA.
- Not signing contracts.
- Not agreeing to fees or payments from future benefits.
- Not agreeing to pay for medical consultations or opinions.
- Not providing access to Protected Health Information or Personal Identifiable Information.

Who is NOT a Claim Shark?



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The Bulletin Board



GUARDIAN HOMEFRONT

support & resources for military & first responder families

YOU ARE NEVER ALONE

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Guardian Homefront focuses on the family and provides experiences, education, and support for spouses, partners, and children of military and first responders.

We are here to foster resilience, support health & wellness, and promote community to ensure that no family member feels alone in their journey.



EMPATHIZE
We understand the unique experience of the family environment around a guardian



EDUCATE
Support & training about health & wellness — for yourself, your guardian, and your family



ENGAGE
Fun experiences for quality time & building connection as couples, families, and a community

OUR EVENTS

Join us for **quality time & building connection** as couples, families, and a community. We cover the logistics & the costs, so everything is **free to attend**. You just need to show up & enjoy!

FAMILY

Designed for adults and kids of all ages. Bring your guardian if they're available!

COUPLES

These events are specifically for spouses / partners and their guardians.

PARTNERS & SPOUSES

These events are for spouses / partners ONLY (no guardians, no kids).

JOIN US



guardianrevival.org/homefront

Guardian Revival is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that improves the mental health & well-being of military & first responders — our guardians — and their families, at no cost to them.

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A Day of Golf for Our Veterans Campaign
Wednesday July 31st, 2024
Centennial Golf Course 185 Johnson Simpson Carmel NY 10512

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Shot Gun 9am
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