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Carmel, NY –. On the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, as a way to pay tribute to, and remember the victims and others we wish to honor, we put aside whatever differences we may have at the moment, and work together to help others in need. September 11th was designated a national day of service by the 2009 Kennedy Serve America Act. Hundreds of nonprofit groups, faith-based organizations, and schools and businesses nationwide will be implementing community service projects nationwide

**Putnam County residents will step up in service to mark the 13th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks for the September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance as well!**

The VetCorps Project, Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition, and Putnam County Office of Veterans Services will be **sponsoring a “Letter Writing “ campaign which is an opportunity for our residents to write “Thank You” letters to responders, veterans abroad, veterans at home, police officers, EMS first responders, and firefighters in order to show appreciation to them for their dedicated service. The letter writing session will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Cornerstone Park building, located at 1 Fair Street, Carmel, NY, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

“September 11th is a day of history, emotion, and reflection,” said Chauntel Wright the Prevention Coordinator of the Vetcorps Program. “For many Americans it is also a day of service that provides an opportunity to join neighbors and local leaders to rekindle the compassion and unity shown on that day.”

Residents are asked to come to the Cornerstone location on 9/11/14 and write their “thank you’s. The cards will then be separated and mailed accordingly. Putnam County residents will be joining hundreds of thousands of Americans across the country in this community service. Your kind words of thanks and encouragement will reach service members who may be abroad and/or away from their families. **If you would like to send to a specific person, we will mail for you!**

Do not miss out on a wonderful opportunity to say thank you for those who put their lives on the line to ensure our community's and country's safety. If you would like to attend or volunteer a helping hand please contact VetCorps Prevention Coordinator, Chauntel Wright, at [putnamvetcorp@gmail.com](mailto:putnamvetcorp@gmail.com) or 845-225-4646 or VetCorps Project Supervisor, Elaine Santos at [putnamdfcgrantee@gmail.com](mailto:putnamdfcgrantee@gmail.com) or 845-225-4646. Thank you cards and mailing are provided at no-cost courtesy of the Putnam County Communities That Care Coalition.

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