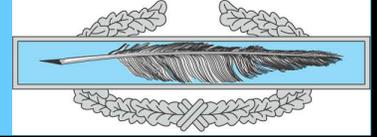




PUTNAM VETERAN'S BULLETIN



An E-mail Newsletter of the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency

In one of the prayers in the Veterans of Foreign Wars ritual the chaplain intones near the end "...our ranks are thinning". Our comrade is no longer with us..."our ranks are thinning". This has always touched me beyond all the other parts of the beautiful and moving ritual. Four words "...our ranks are thinning".

We are saddened by the loss of Ignazio George Gisondi a Navy World War II Veteran. We all called him George. George was one of the first Veterans to move into our Veterans Residence on Drew Lane. He was the recipient of the World War II Victory Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal and the American Theater Medal. He was a fireman First Class aboard the USS Cacapon an Cimarron Class Fleet Oiler. George was Honorably discharged August 20, 1946 . George also lost a brother during World War II in Italy. We believe he is buried at an American Cemetery in Italy.

George returned to civilian life working as a carpenter. Originally from Mt. Vernon he eventually ended up in Putnam County. Sadly George hit some bad times but was fortunate to find our Veterans Residence and become a valued and beloved resident. George always smiled and greeted all who arrived

with a smile and a round of good cheer with his infectious laugh and some sage advise. Recently George met the McCardle Family and they became his family. They cared for him and looked over him like a member of their family. We mourn their loss and our loss.



World War II Victory Medal
"All who served in the United States
Armed Forces During WWII"



George on left
With resident Lou C.

He will be waked at Cargain Funeral Home at 10 Fowler Ave in Carmel on Wednesday 8/28/2013 (845-225-3672) Funeral will be on Thursday 8/29 at St. James RC Church in Carmel with interment to follow at Rose Hills Memorial Park.

"...our ranks are thinning"

Karl Rohde

Photo # NH 85783 USS Cacapon underway, circa the later 1940s

