

PUTNAM VETERAN'S NEWSLETTER

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



Enjoy this Veterans Day issue. This is a special day for all Veterans. Included in this issue are copies of ads and articles found in the "Putnam County Courier" from 1917-1918 the years of World War One or the Great War. The armistice of the hostilities 11/11 at 11:00 AM

became Armistice Day that eventually became Veterans Day. The feature "Over The Top" may very well be the first time the citizens of Putnam County read John McCrae's Poem.

Karl Rohde,
Director Veterans
Service Agency

Over the Top

IN FLANDERS FIELDS.

(Written during the Second Battle of Ypres, April, 1915, by the late Lieut. Col. Dr. John McCrae of Montreal, Canada.)

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row by row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe.

To you from falling hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



SCHEDULE VETERANS DAY EVENTS

PUTNAM VALLEY- VFW POST 391

CEREMONY PV TOWN HALL AT 11:00 AM
CEREMONY LAKE PEEKSKILL AT 11:45 AM
CEREMONY AT POST HOME AT 12:30 PM
(154 OSCAWANA LAKE RD.)

BREWSTER- VFW POST 672

CEREMONY AT MONUMENT AT ELECTROZONE FIELD 11 AM
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING AT POST HOME-
RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN
(262 PEACEABLE HILL RD.)

CARMEL- VFW POST 1374 & AMERICAN LEGION POST 270

CEREMONY TERRY HILL ROAD MONUMENT KENT 9:30AM
CEREMONY POST HOME 11:00 AM
(32 GLENEIDA AVE.)

REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING 11 AM CEREMONY

COLD SPRINGS- VFW POST 2362 & LEGION POST # 275

CEREMONY AT 301 & MAIN STREET AT 11:00 AM
REFRESHMENTS AT LEGION HALL)

MAHOPAC- VFW POST 5491 LINE UP FOR SMALL PARADE

AT 10:30 POST HOME VFW 5491
(154 EAST LAKE BLVD.)

CEREMONY AT MONUMENT AT 11:00 AM

REFRESHMENTS TO FOLLOW POST HOME VFW

PUTNAM LAKE- VFW POST 9257 & AM VETS POST 1111

CEREMONY AT MONUMENT CENTER OF TOWN AT
11:00 AM REFRESHMENTS AT POST HOME

SOMERS- VFW POST 8213

LINE UP PARADE AT SOMERS TOWN HOUSE 10:30 AM
CEREMONY AT IVANDALE CEMETERY 11:00 AM
(RT 201 & 100)

REFRESHMENTS AT SOMERS TOWN HOUSE

(NOTE SOMERS VFW JUST BECAME PART OF PUTNAM COUNTY
COUNCIL VFW AFTER THE WESTCHESTER COUNCIL DISBANDED.)



ROW OF HONOR NOVEMBER 11



**CELEBRATE OUR
VETERANS
ON THE SHORELINE OF
LAKE GLENEIDA**

**VETERAN'S DAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2013**

Order Your Flag Today!

\$100 each. Please make checks payable to
Joint Veterans Council c/o PC Veterans Affairs
Donald B. Smith Government Campus
110 Old Route 6, Bldg. 3 Camel, NY 10512
Contact Mimi at (845) 808-1620

Email: rowofhonor@putnamcountyny.gov

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Veteran; a seven letter word that under Federal law is defined as any person, who served honorably on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Some Veterans were heroic, having gone into battle, placing their lives in imminent danger when presented with a critical situation. Other Veterans sat in an office in the rear, sleeping in a bed every night instead of a fox hole.

While other Veterans, served during peace time and never left the United States.

One thing however defines all Veterans no matter your branch of service, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard or

Air Force. The Veterans served wherever they were ordered to go and did the jobs that need to be done once they got there. All Veterans signed a blank check payable to the United States of America for an amount of "up to and including his or her life". All were ready to go and fight if needed to defend and protect our great Nation.

To all who served, Thank You! I am honored to be counted among you. Happy Veterans Day!



Art Hanley, Deputy Director Putnam County Veterans Service Agency

The Putnam County Veterans Task Force

Invites you to Attend the 1st Annual

Veterans Legislative Forum

Speak to your elected officials about issues facing veterans!

The following Federal, State and Local representatives have been invited:

U.S. Senator *Charles Schumer*
U.S. Senator *Kirsten Gillibrand*
U.S. Congressman *Sean P. Maloney*
NYS Governor *Andrew M. Cuomo*
NYS Senator *Greg Ball*
NYS Senator *Terry W. Gipson*
NYS Assemblywoman *Sandra Galef*
NYS Assemblyman *Steven Katz*
PC Executive *MaryEllen Odell*
PC Commissioner of Health *Dr. Allen Beals*
Chairperson PC Legislature *Richard Othmer*
PC Commissioner Mental Health/Social Services *Michael Piazza, Jr.*
Putnam County Legislator, Roger Gross – Moderator

The Public is
Welcomed
to Attend!

SATURDAY ~ November 16, 2013

9:00 am - Registration and Refreshments

9:30 am - 11:00 am – Audience Speakers

11:00 - Noon: Elected Officials Comments

****DONALD B. SMITH CAMPUS****

Bureau of Emergency Services Auditorium

112 Old Route 6, Carmel, NY 10512

Refreshments will be provided - Resource Information will be available!

To REGISTER TO SPEAK or for MORE INFORMATION, please CALL Karl Rohde
Putnam County Department of Veterans Affairs

845-808-1620, ext. 46019 or email karl.rohde@putnamcountyny.gov

The Putnam County Veterans Task Force is committed to providing information, referrals, and access assistance to related systems of care for veterans and their families within their home community. We are here to listen, learn, and serve.



Got FREEDOM??????

**Vote
November 6th,
2013**



At the Ballot Box

Ballot Proposal 2

Additional Civil Service Credit for Veterans with Disabilities Certified Post-Appointment

NYS Board of Elections Abstract:

The purpose of the proposed amendment to section 6 of article 5 of the Constitution is to grant additional civil service credit to veterans who are certified as disabled after they have been appointed or promoted to a civil service position.

The State Constitution currently grants veterans additional credit on civil service exams (5 points for an original appointment and 2½

points for a promotion). Disabled veterans are entitled to additional credit (10 points for an original appointment and 5 points for a promotion). Veterans are eligible for only one grant of additional credit, and so a veteran who is appointed or promoted before being certified as disabled currently is not eligible for the higher amount of credit he or she would have received if he or she had been certified as disabled before his or her appointment or promotion.

This amendment would create an exception to the one-time-only additional credit rule. It would permit veterans who are certified disabled after having already received credit at one appointment or promotion, because of their status as veterans, to receive additional credit one more time after certification of their disability. After being certified disabled, a veteran would be entitled to an additional

grant of credit equal to the difference between 10 and the number of points received at the initial appointment or promotion. This would bring the total additional points of civil service credit such a veteran can receive to 10 for either an appointment or a promotion.

We would never consider proposing to you how to vote. We do ask you to consider this proposal that will appear on ballots across New York State

It is good for veterans

STATE SHOULD ISSUE NO FEE VETERANS STATUS ON PHOTO DOCUMENTS

For Immediate Release

Contact: **Dennis J. Sant, Putnam County Clerk at 845-808-1142 – Ext. 49302 (or)**

Michael C. Bartolotti, 1st Deputy County Clerk at 845 808-1142 Ext. 49303

Putnam County Clerk Dennis J. Sant is pleased to announce that effective October 3, 2013 any person who was a member of the armed forces and received an honorable discharge may opt to have their veteran status displayed on their official photo documents. This policy follows Putnam County's Veterans F.A.V.O.R. program where honorably discharged veterans are issued photo ID cards displaying their veteran status to be presented to participating stores and service companies for discounted

prices. Unlike New York State, Putnam's County's F.A.V.O.R. ID cards are issued free of charge to veterans; a practice that Mr. Sant believes the state should adopt. County Clerk Sant is calling on the NYS DMV and Governor Cuomo to immediately suspend the \$12.50 fee associated with displaying a veteran status on NYS DMV issued photo documents; and, to issue "veteran" status amendments free of charge in recognition to the sacrifices veterans have made for their nation.

"I am amazed that New York State would have the great idea of finally allowing our veterans to have their status printed on their license and non-driver ID card, and then charge them extra \$12.50 for the privilege." Mr. Sant queried, "Is NYS that cash poor that we must ask those who served our nation honorably to pony up a little more for some extra printing on a document? This is

totally ridiculous! Any veteran who wants to display their status on their license or ID card should be allowed to do so for "FREE."

Over 35 counties in New York State are now participating in the F.A.V.O.R. discount program. County Clerk Sant calls on Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Fiala to "follow these counties' example and not charge veterans to display their status on their photo documents.

Let's honor our veterans by allowing them to proudly display their status without charging them for the privilege." A big THANK YOU for their service is in order!



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The 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the guns fell silent and the hostilities of

what was called the "Great War" or the "War to end all War" came to an end. Eventually it became World War I. 11-11-11 was handed down to us as almost sacred time. The exact moment the war ended. Private Henry Gunther

an American soldier was the last man to die in World War 1. He was killed at 10:59 AM. In a folly of war the Armistice was signed at 5:10 AM on November 11th but the ceasefire was not to be in effect until 11:00 AM. The war raged on during those final hours. General Pershing believing that the Germans had not been made

to suffer enough under the terms of the Armistice waged on with particular vehemence to punish the Germans to the last tick on the clock. There were over 10,000 deaths, casualties and missing personnel during those last hours.

Out of this carnage came Armistice Day. To be celebrated on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Armistice Day was proclaimed by President Wilson one year later. The sentiment established through Wilson proclamation made almost a second Memorial Day: "To us in America, the reflections of armistice Day will be

filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory..." By

1954 with the addition of millions of veterans into virtually every community in the nation President Eisenhower declares the day to be designated as Veterans Day. The President stated: "...in order to expand the significance of that commemoration and in order that a grateful Nation might pay appropriate homage to the veterans of all its wars who have



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contributed so much to the preservation of this Nation, the Congress, by an act approved June 1, 1954 (68 Stat. 168), changed the name of the holiday (Armistice Day) to Veterans Day.

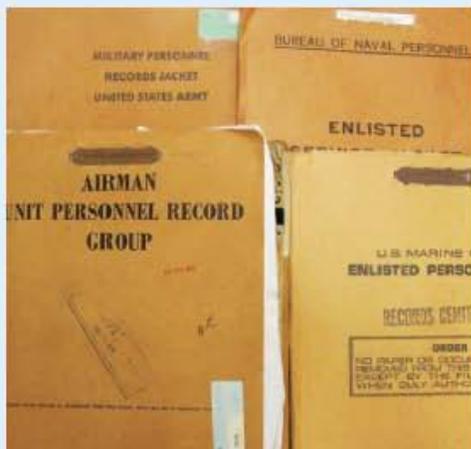
Thus from the carnage and folly of Word War One a day was born to thank the Veterans who

PROTECT ALL THAT WE HOLD DEAR.

Karl Rohde, Director

Obtaining Military Personnel Records

Get your military service records and awards from the National Personnel Records Center.



Military Records

The documents in your military service record can help you successfully compete for a job, get a loan, or prove your eligibility for other benefits. The separation document (DD-214 or equivalent) is the most commonly requested item. It provides proof of military service and grants you access to important benefits and entitlements. Whether you need just one key document from your file or a copy of your entire service record, you can start your request with us right online.

Medals and Other Awards

The medals and other awards you earned while serving your country are an important part of your military service record. If your medals are missing or damaged, you can apply for replacement of these medals online. In addition, our staff can help you determine whether you qualify for medals and other awards that were conferred after you were discharged from military service.



Start the process by visiting www.archives.gov/veterans

Learn more, read helpful FAQs, and enter your request online.

If you don't have computer access, you can also order your records by mail using Standard Form 180. This form is available at most Veterans Services Offices, or you can order it from us by mail.

We have moved!
Please note our new address.

National Archives and Records Administration
National Personnel Records Center (Military)
1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63138-1002

To safeguard the privacy of veterans' records, we require those who submit requests for records to certify their identity with an original signature. Because of this, we regret that we cannot accept requests for military service records by telephone.

Team RWB CT and Putnam County | WOD for Warriors - Veterans Day 2013

WOD for Warriors

Sunday, November 10, 2013 at 3:00 PM
Carmel, NY



WOD for Warriors welcomes you to
"Armistice" - A tribute to Veterans Day 2013

<https://teamrwbct.eventbrite.com>

Our Goals:

1. Help people remember and observe Veterans Day in a respectful, reflecting, meaningful way.
2. Create a window of opportunity to improve communication between Communities and their Veterans to foster understanding.
3. Use this shared experience to build bonds that are restorative to Veterans and their communities.

Please check out the website for more details!

<http://www.wodforwarriors.com/>

The WOD:

9 minute AMRAP

100-meter sprint | 11 sit-ups | 11 air squats

100-meter sprint | 22 sit-ups | 22 air squats

100-meter sprint | 33 sit-ups | 33 air squats

*add 11 to the sit-ups and air squats for each additional round

2-minute rest and reflection, then:

9 minute AMRAP

100-meter sprint | 11 pushups | 11 box jumps (RX 24"/20")

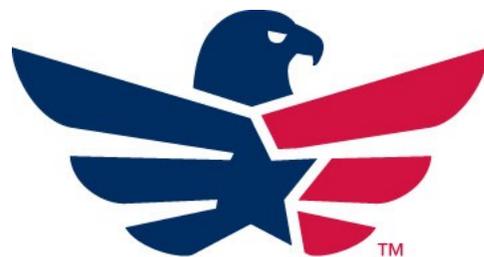
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*add 11 to the pushups and box jumps for each round

Notes:

- The last day to purchase tickets for the WOD plus t-shirt option is **October 29th** - after that, through the day of the event, the only ticket option will be "WOD Only". Shirts can always be purchased at the following location: <http://teamrwb.org/get-involved/wear-the-eagle>
- You are purchasing a ticket to participate in this event, not scheduling a specific time. If your gym requires you to make an appointment for this event, please do so via their normal scheduling system.
- Event will be held at Veterans Memorial Park.



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