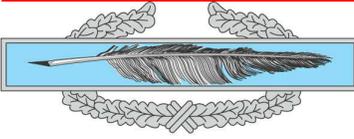


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# PUTNAM VETERANS NEWSLETTER

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



## Memorial Day Events in Putnam

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday May 23, 24, 25,

### **Putnam County Joint Veterans Council-**

John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil, each night  
6 PM-6 AM May 23, 24, 25 Opening Ceremony Friday 7:00 PM  
Flag retirement all night

### Sunday May 25, 2014:

#### **VFW Post 1374 & Ladies Auxiliary, Carmel & American Legion Post 270-**

9:00 AM Ceremony at monument on Terryhill Road, Kent  
11:30 AM Ceremony at Post Home 32 Gleneida Ave, Carmel  
Refreshments to follow 11:30 Ceremony

#### **VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275-**

11:00 AM memorial presentation at Parrott Gun Memorial by Cold Spring water front.

### Monday May 26, 2014:

#### **VFW Post 391, Putnam Valley-**

11:00 AM Ceremony Putnam Valley Town Hall  
11:45 Ceremony Lake Peekskill Monument (Chester Place)  
12:30 PM Ceremony Post Home 153 Oscawanna Lake Road  
Refreshments to follow 1:00 PM ceremony at Post Home  
2:00 PM Start of "Round of Honor". Visiting grave sites, cemeteries, and monuments in vicinity, including Lakeland High School, Bill Mangero Park

#### **VFW Post 672, Brewster-**

Parade from Brewster Fire House to Electrozone Field  
(step off 11:00 AM)  
Ceremony at Electrozone Field following parade.  
Refreshments to follow at post home

#### **VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 Cold Spring-**

Parade Main Street to Cold Spring Cemetery (step off 9:00 AM)  
Ceremony at Cold Spring Cemetery at conclusion of parade  
Refreshments to follow (location to be announced)

#### **VFW Post & Ladies Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac & American Legion Post 1080-**

Parade from Clarke Place to Veterans Memorial Park on East Lake Blvd. (step off 10:30 AM)  
Ceremony to follow at Monument  
American Legion Post 1080 Ceremony at noon following VFW  
Ceremony at 333 Buckshollow Road  
Ceremony and Refreshments to follow at VFW Post home  
154 East Lake Blvd

#### **VFW Post 9257 & Ladies Auxiliary & AMVET Post 1111 Putnam Lake-**

Parade from Castle Restaurant to Veterans Monument on Haviland Road (step off 10:00 AM)  
Ceremony to follow parade at monument  
Refreshments to follow at Post Home at 4 Fairfield Drive

#### **VFW Post 8013, Somers-**

Annual Memorial Day Parade and Remembrance Ceremony.  
Step off 10:00 AM from Somers Middle School to Ivandell Cemetery. Refreshments at Somers Town House following the ceremony.

*(Somers has been added to the list of Memorial Day events because the Somers VFW has recently joined Putnam County Council VFW)*

### Thursday May 30, 2013:

#### **Putnam County Joint Veterans Council-**

7:00 PM Traditional Memorial Day at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park



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## The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery stands atop a hill overlooking Washington, D.C. On March 4, 1921, Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American soldier from World War I in the plaza of the new Memorial Amphitheater.

The white marble sarcophagus has a flat-faced form and is relieved at the corners and along the sides by neo-classic pilasters, or columns, set into the surface. Sculpted into the east panel which faces Washington, D.C., are three Greek figures representing Peace, Victory, and Valor. The six wreaths, three sculpted on each side, represent the six major campaigns of World War I. Inscribed on the back of the Tomb are the words: Here rests in honored glory: **“An American soldier known but to God”**.

### The Unknown of World War I

On Memorial Day, 1921, four unknowns were exhumed from four World War I American cemeteries in France. U.S. Army Sgt. Edward F. Younger, who was wounded in combat, highly decorated for valor and received the Distinguished Service Medal in "The Great War, the war to end all wars," selected the Unknown Soldier of World War I from four identical caskets at the city hall in Chalons-sur-Marne, France, Oct. 24, 1921. Sgt. Younger selected the unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. He chose the third casket from the left. The chosen unknown soldier was transported to the United States aboard the USS Olympia. Those remaining were interred in the Meuse Argonne Cemetery, France. The Unknown Soldier lay in state in the Capitol Rotunda from his arrival in the United States until Armistice Day, 1921. On Nov. 11, 1921, President Warren G. Harding officiated at the interment ceremonies at the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery.



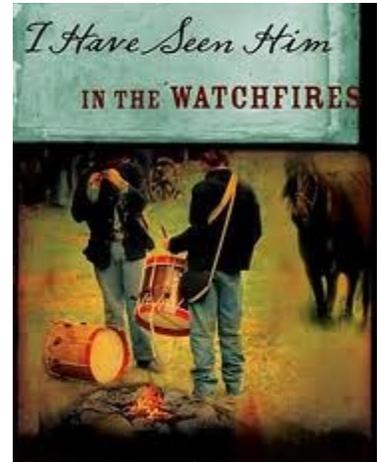
### The Unknown of World War II and Korea

On Aug. 3, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a bill to select and pay tribute to the unknowns of World War II and Korea. The selection ceremonies and the interment of these unknowns took place in 1958. The World War II Unknown was selected from remains exhumed from cemeteries in Europe, Africa, Hawaii and the Philippines. Two unknowns from World War II, one from the European Theater and one from the Pacific Theater, were placed in identical caskets and taken aboard the USS Canberra, a guided-missile cruiser resting off the Virginia capes. Navy Hospitalman 1st Class William R. Charette, then the Navy's only active-duty Medal of Honor recipient, selected the Unknown Soldier of World War II. The remaining casket received a solemn burial at sea. Four unknown Americans who died in the Korean War were disinterred from the National Cemetery of the Pacific in Hawaii. Army Master Sgt. Ned Lyle made the final selection. Both caskets arrived in Washington May 28, 1958, where they lay in the Capitol Rotunda until May 30. That morning, they were carried on caissons to Arlington National Cemetery. President Eisenhower awarded each the



### The Unknown of Vietnam

The Unknown service member from the Vietnam War was designated by Medal of Honor recipient U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj. Allan Jay Kellogg Jr. during a ceremony at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, May 17, 1984. The Vietnam Unknown was transported aboard the USS Brewton to Alameda Naval Base, Calif. The remains were sent to Travis Air Force Base, Calif., May 24. The Vietnam Unknown arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., the next day. Many Vietnam veterans and President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan visited the Vietnam Unknown in the U.S. Capitol. An Army caisson carried the Vietnam Unknown from the Capitol to the Memorial Amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Memorial Day, May 28, 1984. President Reagan presided over the funeral, and presented the Medal of Honor to the Vietnam Unknown. The president also acted as next of kin by accepting the interment flag at the end of the ceremony. The interment flags of all Unknowns at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier are on view in the Memorial Display Room. The Memorial Bridge leading from Washington, D.C., to Virginia is lined with a joint-service cordon as the remains of the Vietnam War Unknown are taken by motor escort to Arlington National Cemetery for interment in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. (The remains of the Vietnam Unknown were exhumed May 14, 1998. Based on mitochondrial DNA testing, DoD scientists identified the remains as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie, who was shot down near An Loc, Vietnam, in 1972. It has been decided that the crypt that contained the remains of the Vietnam



**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE  
9TH ANNUAL JOHN MORRIS  
MEMORIAL WATCHFIRES**

**MAY 23,24,25 2014  
6:00 PM TO 6:00 AM (EACH DAY)**

**JOIN VETERANS OF PUTNAM COUNTY STANDING VIGIL OVER  
PUTNAM COUNTY'S HALLOWED MONUMENTS  
AT  
PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

**OPENING CEREMONY  
MAY 23, 2013 AT 7:00 PM**

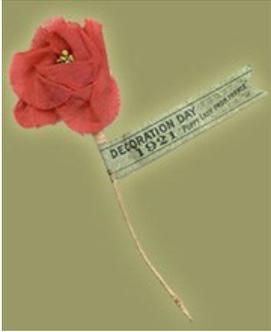
**CONTINUOUS FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONIES  
THROUGH OUT NIGHT  
(EACH DAY)**





## The man with the can!

One of the most difficult things that I have had to do as a VFW member is standing outside a store trying to get people to donate money for Buddy Poppies. It is a humbling experience. Many come out with a smile and place money in the can. Many more try to avoid eye contact as they steer



their shopping cart laden with groceries away from you in a dash to get way. It is as if they are trying to escape some unwanted obligation. Very often those who make the most concerted effort to avoid me are wearing a patriotic shirt or hat. It as if they are saying my waving the flag should be enough of a sacrifice.

Its OK you do not have to donate any money you do not have to avoid eye contact none of us holding Poppy can's for the various Veterans organizations are lepers or pickpockets.

We are just trying to raise money to help needy Veterans and their families. What many of us are seeking is not actually the money but the recognition. Wear a Poppy and wear it proudly. The simple fact that you are wearing it fills us with pride and advertises that Veterans and their sacrifices are not forgotten. Don't put money in the can and say keep the Poppy for someone else. Wear it with Pride.

Why the Poppy as a Memorial flower? Well the main reason is because of the poem "In Flanders Fields". However that is only part of the story. The basic field poppy blooms between May and August. The wind disseminates the seeds and they lay dormant until the ground is

## Memorial Day Thoughts

As Veterans many of us have suffered the loss of a friend/buddy/comrade in a combat. We never forget them. We do not need a holiday to remember them. They are with us with every breath we take and every beat of our heart. It is however incumbent upon us to make sure that the community around us remembers that the freedoms we enjoy come with a price.

Unlike wars of the past, the wars of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century have not had as direct an impact on the general population. Most people do not personally know someone who has given their life while serving in the Armed Forces. Life around us goes on with no food or fuel shortages requiring rationing as during World War II. Since there is no Draft,

many neighborhoods haven't even had to say goodbye to someone going off to serve. That is why we, the Veterans, need to get out in force, to parade through the towns and villages, to make speeches, to place Flags on graves, to place wreaths in front of monuments and memorials, to fire the guns in salute and to render a hand salute as we listen to the mournful playing of "Taps". We, the Veterans, must set the example to our friends and neighbors. We must show them that before they have their picnic, open the pool for the season, go to the beach or go shopping to get the special Memorial

disturbed. Against all odds the devastated countryside that was blasted to pieces by opposing artillery shells and the raw gravesites that were dug to accept the bodies of the fallen



was more than enough disruption of the soil cause the seeds to bloom. So amid the destruction and burial of the war dead the harshly agitated soil yielded the bright red blooms of the poppy. Col. McCrae wrote his deathless poem as he marveled at beauty among devastation of World War

Day Weekend Deal, they must remember that Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen; both men and women have paid with their lives so that we may enjoy all that we have today. Once again we call you to active duty, this time to remind and educate your family, friends, neighbors and community that what we have come with a heavy cost. Lead by example and attend at least one Memorial Day event, for we must NEVER FORGET.

## Art



One. An ultimate paradox. It is always remarkable that out of evil and destruction good often emerges. Hence the Poppy.

Virtually every Veterans Service Organization (VSO) has a memorial flower that is used to raise money for needy veterans and their families. (See page 7 for the varied types of memorial flower you may see this Memorial Day.) This is an international event. VSO's world wide and their auxiliaries take part in the distribution of Memorial Flowers and many use the Poppy.

**Don't avoid us take Poppy, make a donation if you like, but wear it with PRIDE!**

Karl

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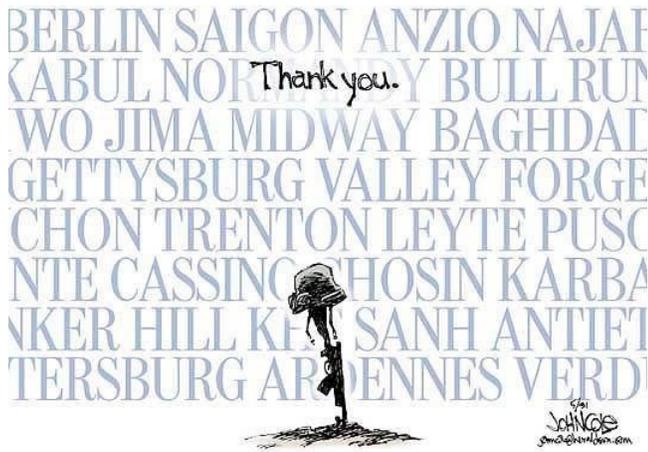
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## WANTED: Veterans to Serve as Information, Referral & Support Specialists for the PFC. Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer "Warmline"

Hours of Work: approximately 2-5 per week; scheduled according to program needs

Rate of Pay: \$10.00 per hour

Responsibilities are as follows:

The PFC. Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer to Peer Warmline is a new program that is being developed to assist callers from the community by offering information, referrals and support to Veterans and their family members. Program staff will be comprised exclusively of Veterans providing "peer support" based on their own lived experiences. Training will be offered for all staff in skills necessary to handle calls from the community including: active listening techniques; confidentiality; how to recognize and handle a crisis, in addition to suicide prevention training.

Minimum Qualifications: Applicants must have been deployed to a combat zone to be eligible to be considered for the Phone Specialist position. Applicants will also be required to bring a copy of their DD214. Preference will be given to Veterans from Putnam County. Knowledge of local resources for Veterans also a plus. Applicants should also possess good communication skills and be self-motivated.

Please submit a resume by fax to- (845) 278-0600 or email to [aherde@mhaputnam.org](mailto:aherde@mhaputnam.org) or obtain an application for employment by calling (845) 278-7600, ext 204.

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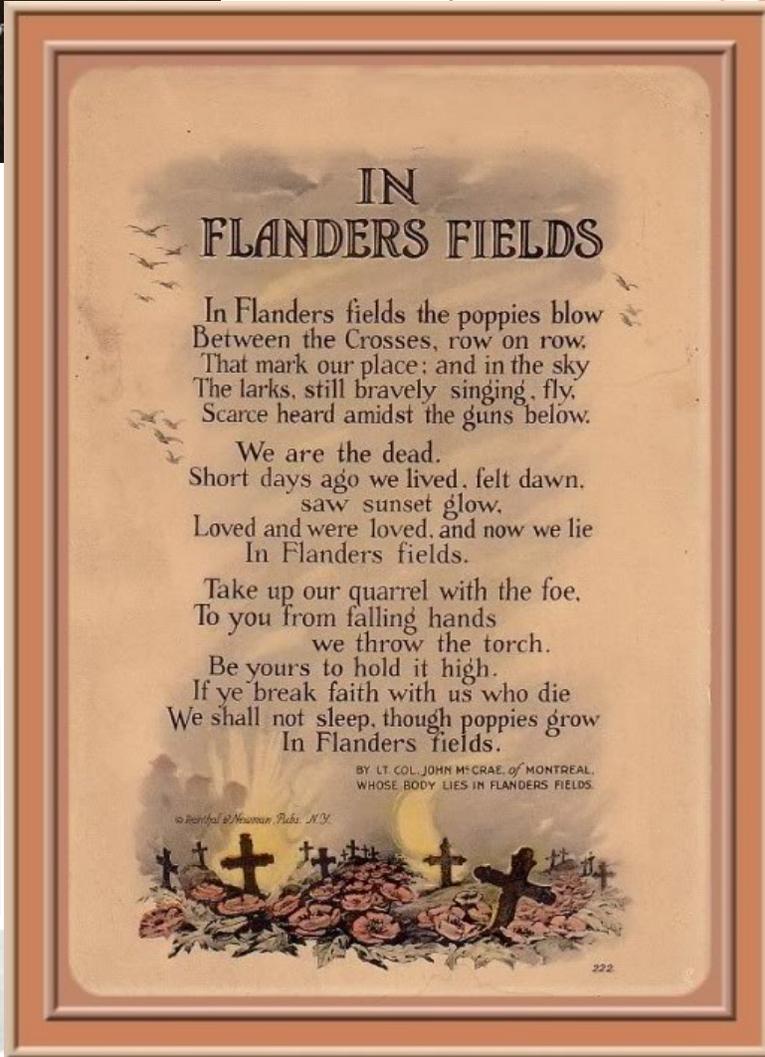
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Catholic War Veterans of the US



Korean War Veterans

# Veterans Job Readiness Workshop

This free event offers a unique opportunity for Veterans to hear from job and career development experts and learn how to match their experience with what today's employers are looking for. Breakfast and lunch included.



## When & Where

**Date:** May 21st, 2014

**Location:** Paladin Center  
39 Seminary Hill Rd  
Carmel, NY 10512

**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm



### Workshops topics to include:

- Effective interview skills
- Resume development
- Networking & Social Media
- Transitioning skills

### Please bring the following if available (not required to attend workshop)

- Resume & Cover Letter
- DD214
- Separation Papers

Shuttle service will be provided to and from the Metro North Southeast Train Station

Pick up times: 7:30 am & 8:30am - Departure time: 1:30pm

NOTE: THE NEXT TRAIN SOUTH VIA SOUTHEAST STATION IS 2:13

For more information call: 845-808-1021

To register please visit:

[www.PutnamCountyNY.gov/Veterans-Job-Readiness-Workshop/](http://www.PutnamCountyNY.gov/Veterans-Job-Readiness-Workshop/)