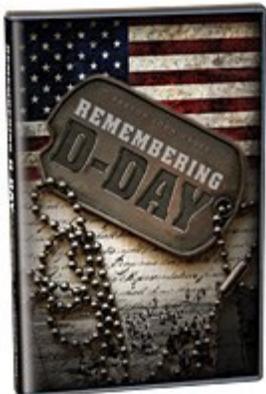


Putnam Veterans SITREP



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AN E-MAIL SITUATION REPORT (SITREP) OF THE PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY



Old James Ryan: [*addressing Capt. Miller's grave*] My family is with me today. They wanted to come with me. To be honest with you, I wasn't sure how I'd feel coming back here. Every day I think about what you said to me that day on the bridge. I tried to live my life the best that I could. I hope that was enough. I hope that, at least in your eyes, I've earned what all of

you have done for me.

Ryan's Wife: James?...

[*looking at headstone*]

Ryan's Wife: Captain John H Miller.

Old James Ryan: Tell me I have led a good life.

Ryan's Wife: What?

Old James Ryan: Tell me I'm a good man.

Ryan's Wife: You are.

[*walks away*]

Old James Ryan: [*stands back and salutes*]

That is a scene from the now classic movie "Saving Private Ryan". Yes it is a fictional movie but of a very real event and that scene is so poignant that it sets the tone for the movie and the generation of warriors who actually fought in World War II. They knew that not only were they fighting for the survival of the world they knew that once the guns were silenced they had to live up to the sacrifices of those who perished.

William Elrod Petty was a tough man-a good man-

a World War Two Veteran. He lived in Kent New York and was a member of my VFW Post. It was never my honor to meet him but I did attend his memorial service. I was blown away by the several 100 people who attended to pay homage to Mr. Petty. He was a true hero of World War 2. He was part of a team that has been called the "Boys of Pointe du Hoc" who scaled steep cliffs on D-Day to quash the German 15.5 cm Kanone 418(f) coastal guns that were devastating the troops on Omaha beach. Mr. Petty scaled those cliffs. He is mentioned in at the very least three books about D-Day. L-Rod as he was called was quite a character. Legend has it that he was almost not allowed into Ranger training because he had no teeth. He had lost them all playing football. He told Lt. Col. Rudder: "Hell, sir! I don't want to eat' em. I want to fight'em". He was permitted to become a Ranger. One story credits him with single handily killing 30 German soldiers with his BAR. His name could be inserted for Ryan's name in that excerpt from the movie. His nephew



captures Mr. Petty did with his life after WW II: "We visited my uncle in Kent, New York, about 60 miles north of NYC, fairly often. My uncle, William Petty was the director of the Clearpool Boys Camp that was financed by the Heinz Foundation. The camp is for boys in NYC that might need guidance." His son Bill summed up his Dad's legacy: "He pretty much never made a lot of money," he said. "He was just one of those kind of people that was really helping people out. He always gave back to others."

What does this have to do with D-Day? There are Veterans in your back yard-shopping with you in the store-sitting in the next pew in church. They gave to this country through their service and many are still giving now. Thank them.

William Elrod Petty led a good life and was a good man. That's all that we as Veterans hope to accomplish. Those who did not return demand nothing less.

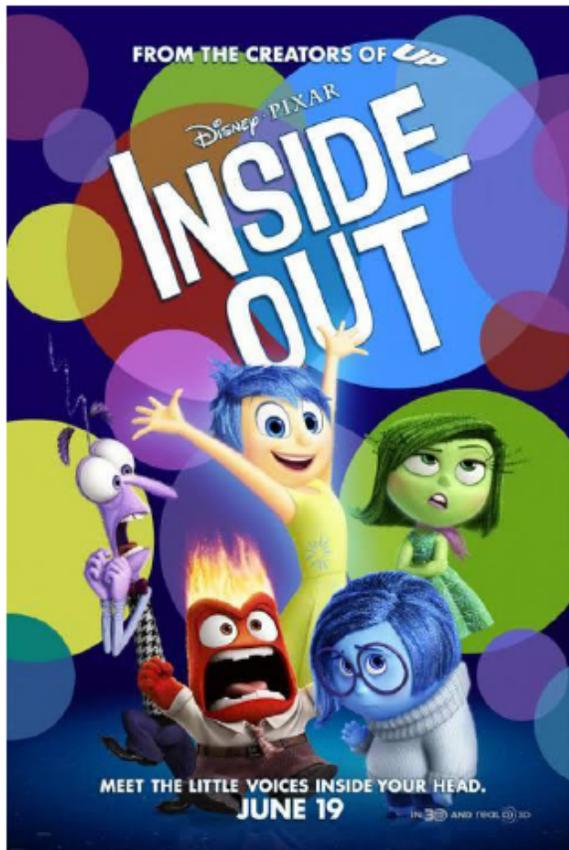
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**Saturday, June 27th 2015 at
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Coming to Putnam County

September 24-27, 2015

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Putnam County Joint Veterans Council (PCJVC) is honored to bring the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park on Gypsy Trail Road in Kent this September. This is a 80% scale model and is the largest of the variety of Walls that are available. This is the third time the PCJVC has brought a replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall to Putnam County. The Wall will be leaving the park on Gold Star Mothers Day and that makes this special event even more special. We encourage each of you to help us make this a rousing success. There will be several opportunities to donate.

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Payment for you ad should be made payable to PUTNAM COUNTY JOINT VETERANS COUNCIL (PCJVC) WITH "Traveling Wall" in memo area. E-Mail ad to Art Hanley at Arthur.hanley@putnamcountyny.gov. Mail payments to JVC POB 1513-Carmel, NY 10512

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The annual Vietnam Veterans' Get Together at the Boonville, NY, VFW is one of the largest one-day gatherings of Vietnam veterans in the Northeast. Veterans and their families and friends assemble for an afternoon of camaraderie and fellowship that is truly emotional. Memories are shared, new friendships are formed and the sacrifices made are remembered. The day brings many of us back to the time when we served our country with passion and honor and commitment—a time we do not want to forget and that will stay with us to our last breath. And it is the main reason we go to the effort we do to put on the Get Together.



On June 20, 2015 we are having a special Vietnam veterans Fathers Day event. We will be taking up to 14 Vietnam veterans to this outstanding event in up-state New York. Transportation will be via our Veterans Bus. We will be leaving early Saturday that evening. I have This event several times. experience. Contact this call 845-808-1620. first come first served. to this event the trip is co-sponsored by this office ad Putnam PFC Dwyer Peer to Peer Program. Join us in a great day of fun and comradeship. Karl



Each time was a rewarding office if you wish to attend. Reservations needed, Please try to come with us

TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE & DEDICATION OF THE PURPLE HEART MONUMENT

PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

May 30, 2015



Over 150 patriots gathered to pay tribute to the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice fighting to protect and defend the freedoms we so often take for granted. We also were able to finish the dream first presented by Denis Castelli, to erect a monument in the park honoring the recipients of the Purple Heart. Denis who chaired the monument committee for the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council died in 2014 before we could bring it to completion. As the current Chairman of the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council, it was my honor to be able to preside over the dedication ceremony. Athena Arvan, the wife of Denis Castelli, County Executive MaryEllen Odell, Sheriff Donald Smith and former Congresswoman Nan Hayworth unveiled the monument for all to see. Thanks to the work by Denis prior to his death we just had to follow his plan to bring it to fruition. **Art**



Department of Veterans Affairs
Town Hall

June 26, 1-2 p.m.

**TOPS Building
110 Old Route 6, Carmel NY 10512**

- ⇒ Open to Veterans, family members and the public
- ⇒ Provide feedback on VA operations
- ⇒ Make recommendations for VA programs.
- ⇒ Employees will be on hand to assist Veterans with filing and status of claims and other benefits services.
- ⇒ Media are also invited to attend.
- ⇒ Medical Center Leaders will also be on hand to answer questions along with other leaders from VA Hudson Valley.

For more information, call (914) 737-4400 ext. 2255
<http://www.HudsonValley.VA.gov>

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On-the-Job & Apprenticeship Training Programs

Both on-the-job (OJT) and apprenticeship training programs are available for Veterans using their VA education benefits, including the Post-9/11 GI Bill. These programs allow Veterans to learn a trade or skill through training on the job participation rather than attending formal classroom instruction. A Veteran generally enters into a training contract for a specific period with an employer or union, and at the end of the training period, the Veteran gains job certification or journeyman status.

Employers or unions generally pay a reduced OJT/apprenticeship wage (generally 40 - 50% of journeyman wages). Veterans in an approved program can use their GI Bill benefit and receive a tax-free stipend. The Post-9/11 GI Bill stipend is the equivalent of the Monthly Housing Allowance (MHA) of an E-5 with dependents, which is paid in addition to the entry-level wage.

Stipend =	First six months of training	100% of your applicable MHA
	Second six months of training	80% of your applicable MHA

The stipend is reduced 20% every six months thereafter as the Veteran's wages regularly increase until the Veteran has attained journeyman status and pay. Stipend payments for other GI Bill programs are found here: http://www.benefits.va.gov/GIBILL/resources/benefits_resources/rate_tables.asp

Approved employers can use this benefit as a recruiting tool by using wages + stipend to attract Veteran candidates.

State Approving Agencies (SAA)

The State Approving Agencies are responsible for approving OJT/apprenticeship programs in their respective states. Requirements generally entail submitting a training request form that specifically outlines the proposed program, wages, and standard workweek information, as well as the company contact name and phone number. Once all required documents are submitted, approval is generally completed in 1-2 months. For more information regarding OJT & apprenticeship programs, and how to apply see:

https://gibill.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/910

Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (VR&E) OJT/Apprenticeships

In addition to the services listed above, VR&E also provides employers with other benefits through the Special Employer Incentive Program (SEI). Employers hiring Veterans with a service-connected disability who are approved for VR&E services may be entitled reimbursements up to 50% of the Veterans' salary for six months to offset training costs. Additional information about the SEI program is located here:

<http://benefits.va.gov/vow/docs/seifverfinal.pdf>

For more information contact us: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/1-888-442-4551>



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs



The contest!
 Be the first to e-Mail the answer to pcveterans@putnamcountyny.gov to win your very own P-38!
 June 14th is Flag day. What other important event is also on June 14th?
 There will be 2 winners each time:
 County Employees and non-County
 GOOD LUCK!

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 JUNE 14, 2015 6:00 PM
 RT 22 AND MILLTOWN ROAD
 REFRESHMENTS
 RAIN OR SHINE**



BECOME SUICIDE-ALERT



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suicide alertness for everyone
THERE IS AN EPIDEMIC



PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY
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VET2VET PROGRAM

22 VETERANS DIE BY SUICIDE EACH DAY

MORE SERVICE MEMBERS DIE AT THEIR OWN HANDS THEN ARE KILLED IN COMBAT

WE CAN HELP TO STOP THIS EPIDEMIC

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

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ARE SPONSORING A SAFETALK TRAINING SEVERAL INSTRUCTORS WILL BE VETERANS

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 9:00 AM-12:20 PM

AT THE PUTNAM HOSPITAL CENTER-WEBER AUDITORIUM

670 STONELEIGH AVENUE, CARMEL NY 10512

safeTALK, about three hours in duration, is a training that prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help to stay safe. Alert helpers know how to use these opportunities to support that desire for safety. As a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, you will be better able to:

- ⇒ Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide.
- ⇒ Identify people who have thought of suicide.
- ⇒ Apply the TALKsteps(Tell, Ask, Listen & KeepSafe) to connect a person with suicide thoughts to suicide first aid and intervention caregivers.

This training is being offered at no charge but pre-registration is required as space is extremely limited-no walk-ins will be accepted

Continental Breakfast and materials will be provided

Name _____

Agency: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail, fax or email registration to MHA in Putnam-1620 Route 22-Brewster, NY 10509

fax-(845) 278-0600 email-mcastellano@mhaputnam.org

Registration deadline-Monday, June 1st, 2015-space is limited, please register early

please call (845) 278-7600, ext. 202 or more information