

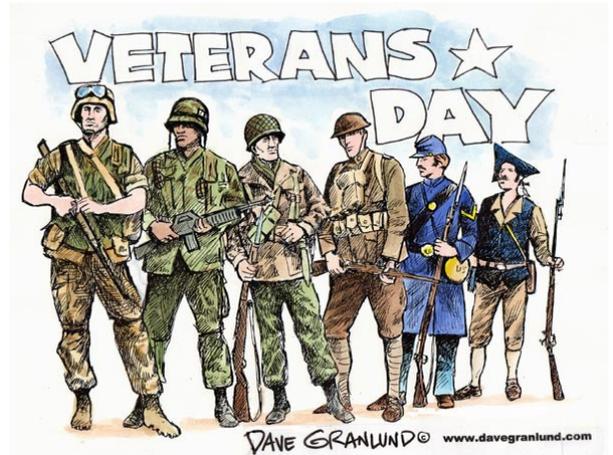
PUTNAM VETERAN'S REGISTER

An e-mail newsletter of the Putnam County Office of Veterans Services

This will be the first of what is planned to be a monthly publication.

Veterans Day 11/11/11

Friday November 11th will be Veterans Day. It is a time to honor those who have served our nation since its founding. It is the wish of the Office of Veterans Services that each of you attend a Veterans Day Ceremony in the community where you live. The following is a list of the ceremonies being held in Putnam County, the list is by no means comprehensive but it will serve as a guide to some of the events taking place in the county.



9:30 AM Kent Veterans Memorial, Terry Hill Road, Kent
11AM-11th Hour Ceremony Putnam County Memorial Hall, 32 Gleneida Ave, Carmel (Both held by VFW 1374)
10:30 AM Brewster Post 672 at Electriczone Field
Light Lunch at Post Home 262 Peaceable Hill Rd (No wreaths)
10:15 AM Mahopac Post 5491 line up at VFW Post East Lake Blvd. And proceed to monument. Service at 11 AM. After the ceremony refreshments at post home.
11AM Town of Putnam Valley at Memorial Park at Town Hall.
11 AM VFW Putnam Lake at Monument in center of town. (no wreaths)
11 AM Cold Spring at corner of 9D & 301 at monument.
2PM Putnam County Joint Veterans Council Ceremony at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park.

In Flanders Fields by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on 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 failing 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.



*It is thought that doctor **John McCrae** (30th November 1872 — 28th January 1918) began the draft for his famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' on the evening of the 2nd May, 1915 in the second week of fighting during the Second Battle of Ypres. It is believed that the death of his friend, Alexis Helmer, was the inspiration for McCrae's poem 'In Flanders Fields'.*

Election Day –November 8, 2011

*“No matter what you think about the Iraq war, there is one thing we can all agree on for the next days - we have to salute the courage and bravery of those who are risking their lives to vote and those brave Iraqi and American soldiers fighting to protect their right to vote.”
Hillary Clinton*

We live in a country where armed soldiers do not have to guard the ballot boxes or protect the voters. Please do not forget that our brave women and men in uniform are protecting the right of others to vote and for you to vote. You don't need an armed guard to vote all you need is a ride to the voting place. As they say in the sporting ads "Just do it".



PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS

Please take the time to view two sites that are still in the creative stages. Putnam County Veterans Services now has both a website and a Facebook Page. The Web site can be accessed by going to WWW.PUTNAMCOUNTYNY.COM and going to the “County Directory”. When there scroll down to the “Veterans Affairs” line.

It is still being developed but there is some information available.

For the FACEBOOK site search for “Putnam County NY Office of Veterans Services”

Again this site is still under development but there is available infor-

mation on it. We are looking forward to expanding the information that may be gained from these sites.

While on the Putnam County website please visit the “Return the F.A.V.O.R.” site offered in joint cooperation between the County Clerk and the Veterans Service office.

*The Staff of the
Putnam County Office
of
Veterans Services
Wish each of you
A Happy Thanksgiving!*



EAGLE SCOUTS & VETERANS

Attention friends of scouting. For any Life Scouts and/or potential Eagle Scout Applicants you may have in your troop, I would like to pass a long some information that you or neighboring troops may be interested in for helping scouts on the trail to Eagle.

Congresswoman Nan Hayworth's district office will be participating in a nationwide program called the Veterans History Project. The Veterans History Project is a program of the American Folk life Center that in conjunction with The Library of Congress, collects, preserves, and makes accessible the personal accounts of American war veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

The Project collects first-hand accounts of U.S. Veterans from the following wars:

- World War I (1914-1920)
- World War II (1939-1946)
- Korean War (1950-1955)
- Vietnam War (1961-1975)
- Persian Gulf War (1990-1995)
- Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts (2001-present)



In addition, those U.S. citizen civilians who were actively involved in supporting war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, flight instructors, medical volunteers, etc.) are also invited to share their valuable stories.

Many scouts across the nation have found this project as a way to contribute and fulfill the requirement of their Eagle Scout Project, helping to obtain the highest rank among scouting. Below is some helpful information about the program and how it works well with scouting. More information can be found at: <http://www.loc.gov/vets/EagleScout.html>



Eagle Scout Participation

The Veterans History Project provides an ideal opportunity for a Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Service Project. Through their participation in the Veterans History Project, Eagle Scout candidates:

- Submit first-hand stories of American veterans to be preserved at the Library of Congress for scholars, researchers and posterity; *(Typically Scouts submit 8 to 15 interviews)*
- Foster intergenerational bonds,
- Learn organizational skills:
 - Identify, contact, research, interview and facilitate others' interviews of American vets,
 - Use technical equipment,
 - Manage administrative and legal forms;
- Learn leadership skills:
 - Initiate projects,
 - Write and execute a plan,
 - Adhere to instructions.

To be successful, aspiring Eagle Scouts must:

- Carefully, thoroughly review and abide by the VHP Field Kit and "Frequently Asked Questions," which outline participation requirements; these include interview content and technical requirements as well as satisfactory completion of required forms.

- Contact Ariel De, arde@loc.gov, via email prior to submitting the interviews to the Library of Congress; Allocate six weeks upon date of receipt for VHP staff to review the collection(s) submissions, and allow for any necessary corrections to be made. Library of Congress staff will not be able to sign Boy Scouts of America forms regarding completion of Eagle Scout Leadership Service projects until this review is conducted and it is determined that submissions meet the minimum requirements. Aspiring Eagle Scouts should incorporate this review time into their planning process.

Best Regards,

Kevin M. Byrne

Eagle Scout, 2003

District Representative

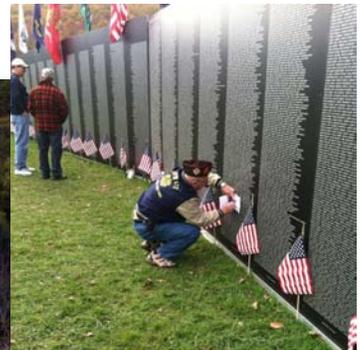
Office of Congresswoman Nan Hayworth, M.D.

New York's Nineteenth Congressional District



Although the event is over some people in the county may not have had the chance to visit this wonderful and inspiring veterans tribute. It was sponsored by the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council, the Putnam County Government and the Office of the Director of Veterans Services. Several thousand people came to view the tribute that had at its heart an 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall that stands in Washington DC. Over 500 people attended the Opening Ceremony. Over the next few months a page of this newsletter will be devoted to the images of this event so those of you who could not make the trek to Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park to view this tribute in person may get a slight feeling of what you missed. While the display was a tribute to the countless Americans who have served this nation in the armed services, as well as firefighters and law enforcement personnel it was also a tribute to the people who staged the event from the assembling of the tribute, to those who worked around the clock each day to insure that all were welcomed in some way to the event, those who thought enough to donate food to the volunteers at the site, to those who dismantled the tribute to send it on its way to the next venue and most importantly those who planned the event over the last few months. Each of you are a tribute unto yourselves.

On behalf of County Executive Paul Eldridge, Peter Pennelle, Chairman of the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council and myself we thank you. **Karl Rohde**, Event Chairman & Director Putnam County Veterans Services



Center Picture by Denis Castelli

Top two by Jen Buckley

Lower right by Jim DiBella