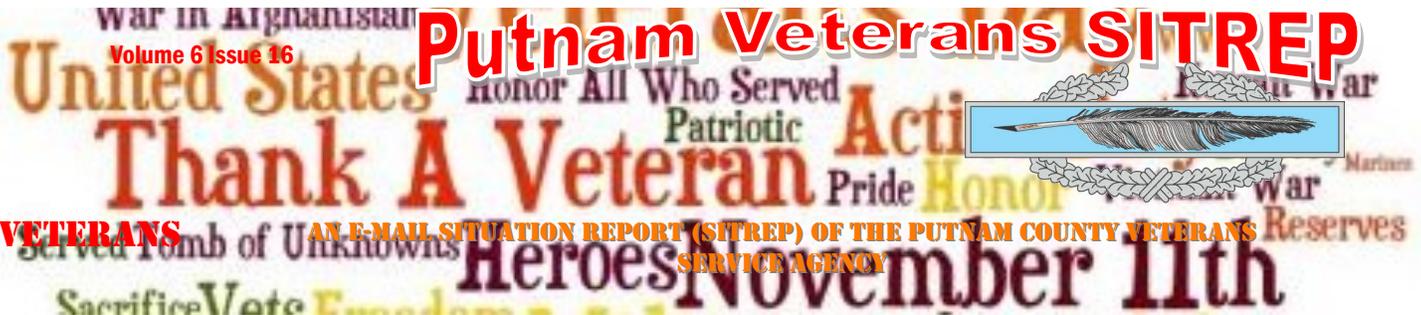
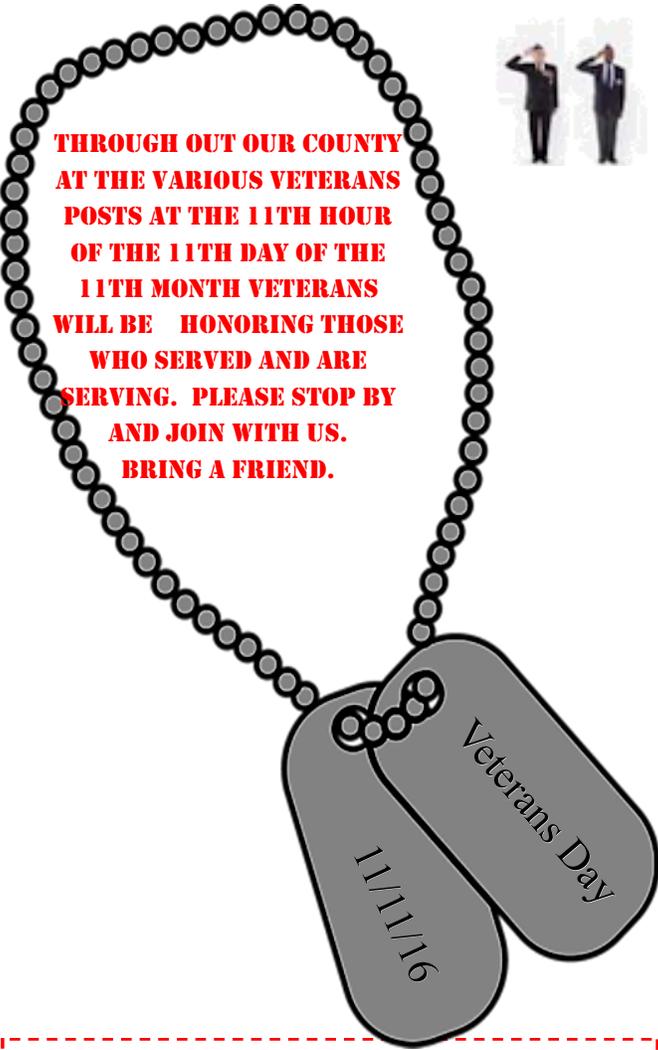


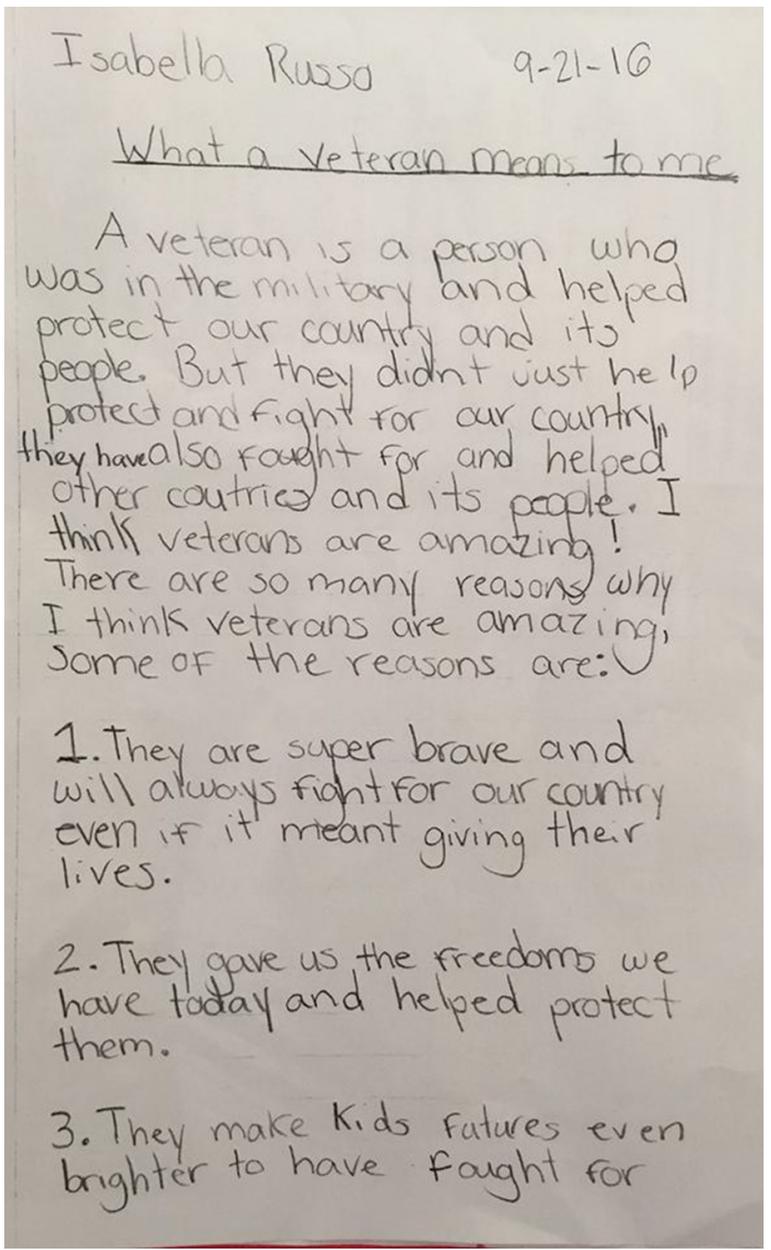
Putnam Veterans SITREP



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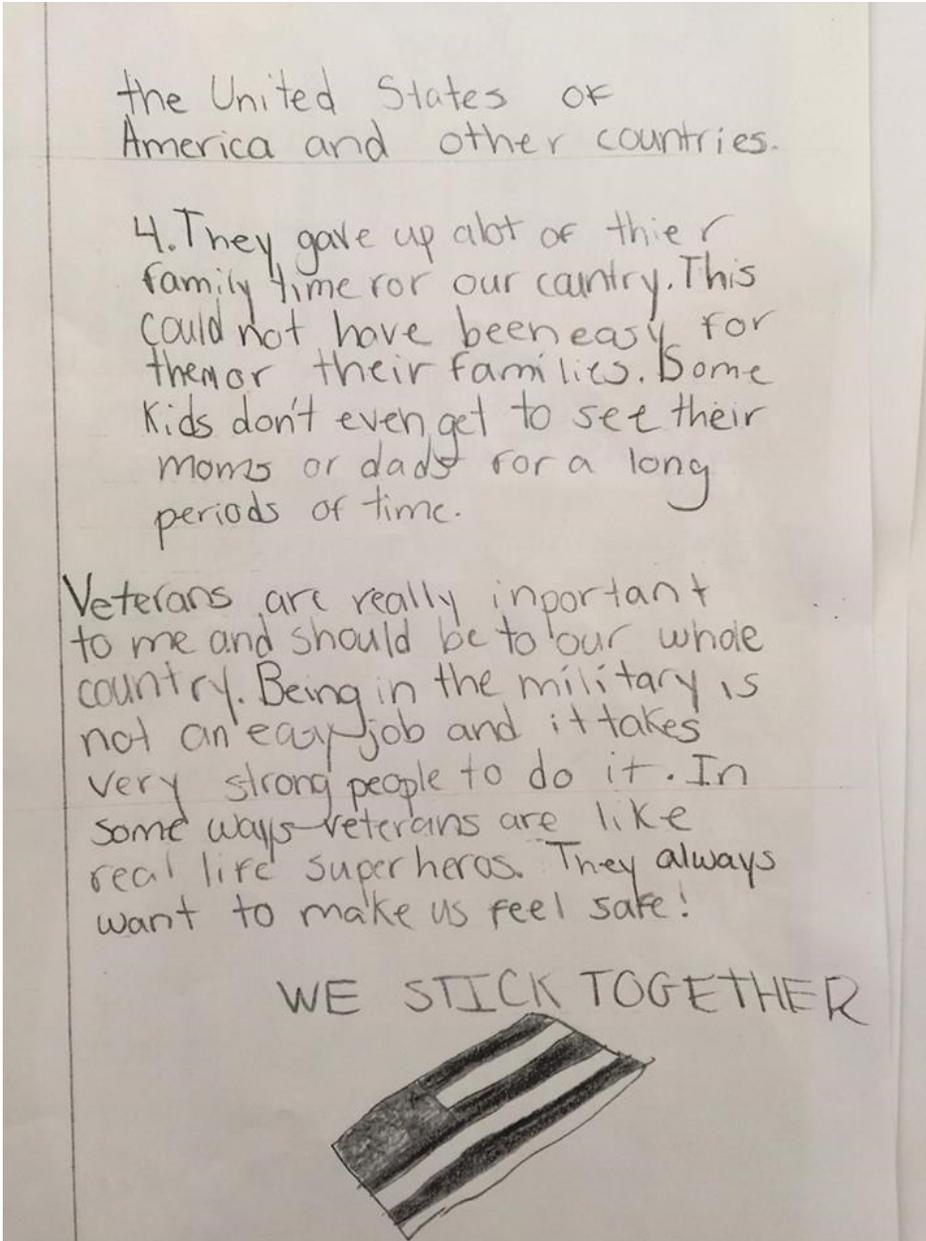


**THROUGH OUT OUR COUNTY
AT THE VARIOUS VETERANS
POSTS AT THE 11TH HOUR
OF THE 11TH DAY OF THE
11TH MONTH VETERANS
WILL BE HONORING THOSE
WHO SERVED AND ARE
SERVING. PLEASE STOP BY
AND JOIN WITH US.
BRING A FRIEND.**



- 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, refreshments following 11 AM Ceremony)
- 10:30 AM Brewster Post 672 at Electrazone Field
- Light Lunch at Post Home 262 Peaceable Hill Rd
- 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.
- 11 AM Cold Spring at corner of 9D & 301 at monument.
- 1PM Putnam County Joint Veterans Council Ceremony at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park.





WALK OF HONOR
 To honor the Veterans of All American Wars
 Both Past and Present
 For They Have Blessed Us
 With Freedom by Their Service

ESSAY CONTEST
 "What does a Veteran mean to me?"

King Street Intermediate School is excited to announce that
Isabella (4th Grade)
Will (5th Grade)
 will read their winning essay at the
WALK OF HONOR ceremony
 Sunday, October 16, 2016 12:00PM
 Danbury War Memorial
 1 Memorial Drive Danbury, CT

All KSI families are encouraged to join us for the ceremony and walk (rain or shine) to show pride in our country and our servicemen and women. KSI will walk the one-mile loop together as a school – we hope you will join us for this event!

The essay that appears of page one and two was written by Isabella Russo. She is the daughter of a friend of my family Kara valente Russo who grew up in Carmel. Kara and my Daughter are life long friends. Kara Has long been a patriot and it is clear she has passed along that passion to her daughter. I can think of no better tribute to my fellow Veterans than this wonderful essay.

Karl




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SOLDIER ON THE SHELF

TAKE ONE PUT IT ON A SHELF AT HOME OR WORK. THE SOLDIER SHOULD REMIND YOU OF VETERANS DAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH GO TO A CEREMONY AND GIVE IT TO A VETERAN AND SAY THANKS!



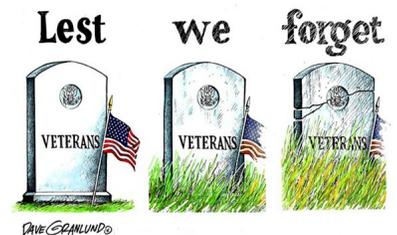
THE CONTEST!!!!

The only contest for November will be for the most creative display of a "Soldier on the Shelf" Send your picture to pcveteans@putnamcountyny.gov There will be an adult & Youth award.

Prize to be announced !

GOOD LUCK!

SOLDIERS AVAILABLE AT COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING AND THE VETERAN SERVICE AGENCY



Troops and Veterans Must Do Their Duty: Vote

Voting is a civic responsibility for all Americans, and I believe every member of the armed forces and every veteran should consider voting to be a personal duty.

The oath we took when entering the military said, in part, "I ... will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same."

Voting is an act of supporting the Constitution, and it is a means for service members and veterans to perform their duty. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and military families have a personal stake in the competence, judgment and character of the commander in chief, and voting is the proper vehicle to voice their opinion and choice for civilian leadership.

What's at Stake

Selecting a commander in chief has far-reaching implications for troops, including rules of engagement, funding for military benefits, disposition of captured terrorists, characterization of terrorist attacks against military personnel, treatment of deserters, and personnel policies. It also includes roles for women in combat, homosexual and transgender policies, and more. It is the commander in chief who nominates the secretary of defense, the secretaries of the military services, and other political appointees. It is through these appointees that the commander in chief's policies are implemented across the Department of Defense.

Just as important are the commander in chief's selections for other key government agencies, including the State Department, CIA, FBI,

NSA, Supreme Court and Department of Veterans Affairs. Each of these organizations deeply and directly impacts the lives of troops and military families.

Federal, State, Local Elections

In addition to voting for a presidential candidate this November, 33 senators, 435 congressmen, plus state and local officials will be on the ballot. Each of these officials will have an impact on troops and their families.

Congress will approve the defense budget and VA funding. State and local officials govern schools, first responders and tax issues that directly impact military families. Military personnel have a responsibility to make informed decisions when selecting men and women for public office.

Be an Informed Voter

John F. Kennedy said, "The ignorance of one voter in a democracy impairs the security of all."

The Army defines duty as, "Accept responsibility for your own actions and those entrusted to your care."

Prior to voting, troops should educate themselves on the issues and the candidates. One valuable resource is [GovTrack](#), a web-based tool that allows one to quickly see how incumbent congressmen and senators vote on issues such as VA funding, defense funding, funding for foreign aid, removal of sanctions against hostile governments, etc.

Register to Vote. It's Easy

In order to vote, service members must register. It's a very easy process. Simply complete the [Federal Post Card Application](#) using the FPCA online assistant, or pick up a hard-copy version from your Voting Assistance Officer



or nearest U.S. Embassy or consular office.

Double-check that your contact information is accurate in case your election office needs to reach you.

A Vote Is Like a Rifle

Theodore Roosevelt said, "A vote is like a rifle: Its usefulness depends upon the character of the user."

Members of the armed forces have exceptional character, and they adhere to time-honored codes of conduct and values, including duty, honor, integrity, loyalty, personal courage, respect and selfless service.

As we approach Election Day, it is essential for troops, veterans and their families to register to vote; become informed about their local, state and federal candidates; and educate their friends and family.

We all swore to support and defend the Constitution, and our oath has no expiration date. Do your duty and vote

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**PUTNAM COUNTY'S
ROW OF
HONOR**

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

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NOVEMBER 9TH TO NOVEMBER 23TH**

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*Breast Cancer, Nutrition/Cancer Prevention,
Domestic Violence, My Health Vet, LGBT,
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Lung Cancer Prevention/Smoking Cessation,
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Eligibility & Registration, Transition Care Management,
Cancer Prevention Pharmaceuticals, and Patient Advocate*



For more information, contact Lauren Incontrera, 845-831-200, x5658 or 914-737-4400, x2757

Where: Castle Point Campus
Multipurpose Room
When: Tuesday, Oct. 25
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Castle Point Campus
41 Castle Point Road
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590



Where: Montrose Campus
Building 15, Room 16
When: Thursday, Oct. 27
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Montrose (FDR) Campus
2094 Albany Post Road
Montrose, NY 10548

A Brief History of World War One-The Great War

At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, the Great War ends. At 5 a.m. that morning, Germany, bereft of manpower and supplies and faced with imminent invasion, signed an armistice agreement with the Allies in a railroad car outside Compiègne, France. The First World War left nine million soldiers dead and 21 million wounded, with Germany, Russia, Austria-Hungary, France, and Great Britain each losing nearly a million or more lives. In addition, at least five million civilians died from disease, starvation, or exposure.

On June 28, 1914, in an event that is widely regarded as sparking the outbreak of World War I, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian empire, was shot to death with his wife by Bosnian Serb Gavrilo Princip in Sarajevo, Bosnia. Ferdinand had been inspecting his uncle's imperial armed forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite the threat of Serbian nationalists who wanted these Austro-Hungarian possessions to join newly independent Serbia. Austria-Hungary blamed the Serbian government for the attack and hoped to use the incident as justification for settling the problem of Slavic nationalism once and for all. However, as Russia supported Serbia, an Austro-Hungarian declaration of war was delayed until its leaders received assurances from German leader Kaiser Wilhelm II that Germany would support their cause in the event of a Russian intervention.

On July 28, Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, and the tenuous peace between Europe's great

powers collapsed. On July 29, Austro-Hungarian forces began to shell the Serbian capital, Belgrade, and Russia, Serbia's ally, ordered a troop mobilization against Austria-Hungary. France, allied with Russia, began to mobilize on August 1. France and Germany declared war against each other on August 3. After crossing through neutral Luxembourg, the German army invaded Belgium on the night of August 3-4, prompting Great Britain, Belgium's ally, to declare war against Germany.

For the most part, the people of Europe greeted the outbreak of war with jubilation. Most patriotically assumed that their country would be victorious within months. Of the initial belligerents, Germany was most prepared for the outbreak of hostilities, and its military leaders had formatted a sophisticated military strategy known as the "Schlieffen Plan," which envisioned the conquest of France through a great arcing offensive through Belgium and into northern France. Russia, slow to mobilize, was to be kept occupied by Austro-Hungarian forces while Germany attacked France.



The Schlieffen Plan was nearly successful, but in early September the French rallied and halted the German advance at the bloody Battle of the Marne near Paris. By the end of 1914, well over a million soldiers of various nationalities had been killed on the battlefields of Europe, and neither for the Allies nor the Central Powers was a final victory in sight. On the western front—the battle line that stretched across northern France and Belgium—the combatants settled down in the trenches for a terrible war of attrition.

In 1915, the Allies attempted to break the stalemate with an amphibious invasion of Turkey, which had joined the Central Powers in October 1914, but after heavy bloodshed the Allies were forced to retreat in early 1916. The

year 1916 saw great offensives by Germany and Britain along the western front, but neither side accomplished a decisive victory. In the east, Germany was more successful, and the disorganized Russian army suffered terrible losses, spurring the outbreak of the Russian Revolution in 1917. By the end of 1917, the Bolsheviks had seized power in Russia and immediately set about negotiating peace with Germany. In 1918, the infusion of American troops and resources into the western front finally tipped the scale in the Allies' favor. Germany signed an armistice agreement with the Allies on November 11, 1918.

World War I was known as the "war to end all wars" because of the great slaughter and destruction it caused. Unfortunately, the peace treaty that officially ended the conflict—the Treaty of Versailles of 1919—forced punitive terms on Germany that destabilized Europe and laid the groundwork for World War II.



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NOW IT IS THEIR TURN TO LISTEN

PUTNAM COUNTY VETERANS TASK FORCE 4TH ANNUAL

LEGISLATIVE FORUM

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ON THE

NATIONAL, STATE & COUNTY LEVELS

COME TO THE TOPS CENTER

AND SUPPORT VETERANS LEGISLATION AND ISSUES

PRESENTED TO THOSE WHO MAKE THE LAWS

NOVEMBER 17, 2016 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

****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!

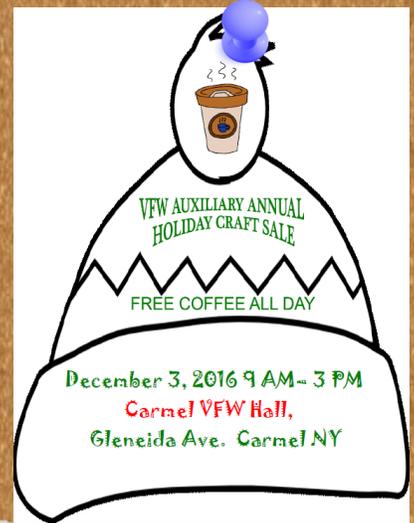
To REGISTER TO SPEAK or for MORE INFORMATION, please CALL Karl Rohde

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.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION BULLETIN BOARD-POST YOUR INFO HERE



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PFC. JOSEPH DWYER

VET2VET PROGRAM

VETERANS CHOW DOWN 2016

AN APPRECIATION DINNER TO HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED
IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES



WHO: VETERANS & A GUEST

WHERE: PUTNAM COUNTY GOLF COURSE
187 HILL STREET MAHOPAC, NY 10541

WHEN: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2016

TWO SEATING TIMES AVAILABLE:
11:30 AM & 2:00 PM
SEATING IS LIMITED.

RSVP AT WWW.MURPHY.NYSENATE.GOV
OR CALL 914-962-2624

CO-HOSTS: Senator Terrence Murphy,
Senator Sue Serino and
Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell

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A ROADMAP TO HOPE

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Invites you to a special one-time premiere of this documentary film

After the film there will be a short video about Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, a service provided by Topfield Equestrian Center, and how it can be helpful for Veterans. The screening will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

November 10th at
7:30 PM

Paramount Theater
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Purchase your tickets in advance at
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All tickets must be purchased in advance online only.



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PROCTOR-HOPSON POST #1896, Veterans of Foreign Wars
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AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR SOLDIERS IN SERVICE



HOLIDAY CHEER

On behalf of our military personnel serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Kuwait, we are again sending Christmas Trees, lights, ornaments and Menorahs to our military personnel in harm's way at the above mentioned locations. This is our thirteenth year of running our program sending trees to our deployed troops and we look forward to it being as successful as the previous years.

To support this program, you may fund a tree with the appropriate lights and decorations for a donation of \$25.00. You may fund as many trees as you would like. Working together, we as supporters of our military personnel can make the Christmas holiday a little more enjoyable for those fighting far away from home.

If you would like to support this program by funding a tree(s), make your check or money order payable to:

PROCTOR-HOPSON POST #1896
(MARK IN MEMO: TREES)

MAIL TO: BEN THOMPSON
119-26 204TH STREET
ST. ALBANS, NY 11412

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For additional information: (718) 527-6532 or phpm1896@verizon.net

"Thank You for Caring"

Great program. This is the only program, that I know of, where the trees are sent to the troops overseas!

Karl



6TH ANNUAL VETERANS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Hosted By:
Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 137 NY

Suzi McDonough
Councilwoman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016
Seating Times: 11:30am and 2:00pm

Putnam County Golf Course: 187 Hill St, Mahopac
Space is Limited: To RSVP, or if interested in volunteering or donating goods, please contact:
Suzi McDonough at suzi5mcdonough@gmail.com or (914)403-8463



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