



<u>FRIDAY</u>, <u>SATURDAY</u>, <u>SUNDAY</u>, MAY 27,28,29, 2021:

Putnam County Joint Veterans Council-

John Morris Memorial Watchfire Vigil, Each day 6 PM-6AM Opening Ceremony Friday the 28th at 7:00 PM Flag Retirement through out the Vigil.



SUNDAY MAY 29, 2021

VFW Post 1374 & Auxiliary, Carmel & American Legion Post 270-

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

MONDAY MAY 31, 2021:

VFW Post 391, Putnam Valley-

The wiil be three short parades with ceremonies. Town Hall 11 AM, Lake Peekskill 11:45AM Post Home (154 Oscawana Lake Road, Put Valley. Open House at Post following last ceremony. (Bring a dish)

VFW Post 672, Brewster (American Legion Post 71 & Marine Corps League Detachment 242 will be participating)

The Parade Forms at the Brewster Fire Department at 10:00AM and, kicks off promptly at 10:45 AM, proceeding south via Main Street past the Brewster Railroad Station and then on to Brewster Memorial Field arriving at approximately 11:00 AM for our Memorial Day Ceremony, the presentation of wreaths and rifle salute to our hero's.

Following the Ceremony there will be food and refreshment available at Markel Park, a 5k run and other events with additional information to follow

VFW Post 2362 and American Legion Post 275 Cold Spring-

Small Local Ceremonies at Main Street Memorial at 10:00 AM and laying a wreath on the Hudson River

VFW Post & Auxiliary 5491 Mahopac & American Legion Post 1080-

Mahopac VFW and American Legion will have their annual Memorial Day Parade Step off will be at 10:00 a.m. at Clark Place in Mahopac. A ceremony will follow at our Veteran's monument by CVS. After that, Mahopac VFW will be doing a ceremony at their post on East Lake Blvd. followed by the American Legion doing their ceremony at their post on Buckshollow Road.

VFW Post 9257 & Auxiliary & AMVET Post 1111 Putnam Lake-

Parade and Ceremony at The Monument located at the intersection of Fairfield and Haviland Dr.

10:00AM parade step off from The Castle Building located on Haviland Dr.

Refreshments to be served at VFW 9257, located at 4 Fairfield Dr, Patterson NY 12563

American Legion Post 1542, Patterson-

10:00 AM walk from Post home to monument on Rt. 311 for ceremony. Refreshments to follow at Post Home. (2 years ago)

PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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May 12, 2022

Dear Veterans:

In the 11 years I have served as County Executive, I have sought to honor Putnam's veterans for their service in every way I can. Veterans have been a priority of mine, and I always tried to make that show.

One of the most visible displays of our thanks and appreciation has been the Row of Honor that has lined the shores of Lake Gleneida in Carmel from every Memorial Day to Veterans Day for more than a

This year, the number of flags has increased to 600! That's an amazing number, considering that each flag represents one veteran who served our country and was purchased by a family member, loved one or friend in honor of a veteran. Lest veterans think their service has been forgotten, they need only look at our Row of Honor and know that in Putnam County our gratitude lives on. The lines of flags and a "God Bless America" banner will grace the lakefront to remind passersby of the tremendous sacrifice our veterans have made.

"It is never easy to sacrifice in order to support a larger good, but each of you has taken steps to do just that, and our country is stronger because of you," Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell said. "As Memorial Day approaches, we want to once again say 'Thank you.'"

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Executive. While this is my last year in office, I trust that Putnam County will always provide a loving home for those who have defended our nation.

Sincerely,

MaryEllen Odell

Putnam County Executive



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"Row of Honor"

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Contact Name:		
Organization(if applicable):		
Address:		
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Sponsor:		
Dedication:		
 Check#:	Amount:	

Please make your check for \$100 payable to **PCJVC** and on the memo line write **Row of Honor**

Mail your check to:

Putnam County Veterans Service Agency Row of Honor 110 Old Route 6, Bldg#3 Carmel Ny 10512





DIARY OF A HORSE SKEPTIC

Dear Diary,

Hey! I have not made an entry in a long time. So sorry. I hope you have been well.

This is not going to be a usual entry about horses and Equus Effect and Pegasus Farm. However w do have a Veterans Cohort starting in June. I will have to catch you up real soon. This time I am going to write about The Putnam County Watchfires. This is important, really important.

The Watchfires were created a few years ago to guard our memorials at Veterans Memorial Park. They had been desecrated sometime between Sunday evening and Monday of Memorial Day. We held ceremonies in spite of the vicious attack by an unknown coward.

As an answer to that attack we decided to guard our monuments the 3 days leading up to Memorial day. From 6 PM until 6 pm the morning. Just prior to starting the guard duty we decided to make it a



Watchfire and retire damaged American Flags.

WELL DAIRY I AM GOING TO SHOUT NOW. WE NEED HELP, WE NEED PEOPLE TO VOULNTEER TO HELPRETIRE FLAGS! EXPECIALLY FROM 12 MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM.

THE VETERANS DOING THIS ARE NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER! PLEASE COME, STOP BY AND HELP!

HEY THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO SPEND PRAT OF YOU MEMORIAL DAY WEEK END. WE AR NOT ASKING YOU TO GIVE UP YOUR PRECIOUS BABBQUES OR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPING SPREES! JUST STOP BY AND GIVE US A HAND, SHOW

SOME RESPECT TO THOSE WHO SERVED AND NEVER RETURNED TO HAVE BARBQUES OR SHOPING SPREES.

OK Dairy that rant is over I hope the readers herd me.. On another note that was some

Kentucky Derby! Karl



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