

# Putnam Veterans SITREP

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

Valentines Day is coming fast. Cannot believe that the first Month is almost gone. Please remember our Veterans and Service members for this special day. If you want drop a card off at this office.;we will get them to a Veteran or Service member!

Put a smile on someone's face!!!!

A Valentine for Veterans  
thank you for your service



# PUTNAM COUNTY 2026 VETERANS' BENEFITS TOWN HALL

You've Earned it - Don't Leave It on the Table

Thursday, February 5, 2026 from 4:00 PM – 6:45 PM at the Mahopac Public Library

**OPEN TO ALL VETERANS, ACTIVE DUTY, GUARD, RESERVE & FAMILIES – NO COST**

Make sure you're accessing all the benefits you've earned and strengthening your financial well-being. We've gathered trusted experts ready to help you save money, secure your benefits, and take the next step toward greater peace of mind.

## TODD DORRIS

*Dwyer Vet2Vet of Putnam Program Coordinator*

Meet Todd Dorris, our new Dwyer Vet2Vet of Putnam Program Coordinator — and a Navy & Army veteran, Department of Homeland Security professional, and community advocate. Todd is here to expand programs, build new connections, and make it easier for every Putnam County service member, veteran, and family to access the support you've earned. Say hello any time: [dwyerputnam@guardianrevival.org](mailto:dwyerputnam@guardianrevival.org)



## EXPERT SPEAKERS & TOPICS TO HELP YOU!

### Welcome & Opening Remarks

Todd Dorris – Program Coordinator, Dwyer Vet2Vet of Putnam County

Kevin Byrne – Putnam County Executive

### VA Home Loans & Homeownership Tools

Michael Aharoni – NYS Appointed VA Home Loan Counselor

- Avoid predatory lending and make smart home buying decisions
- Maximize benefits like fee waivers and property tax reductions

### Property Tax Savings & Exemptions

Chris Paleo – Carmel Assessor's Office

- Updates on state and local exemption laws and policies
- Learn the steps to apply and the documents you'll need

### Putnam County Real Estate Market

Angela Briante – Owner, Briante Realty

- Market insights for buyers and sellers
- Understanding the Buyer Broker Agreement

### Veterans' Benefits, Claims, and Compensation

Tanya Pennella – Deputy Director, Putnam Veterans Service Agency

- Eligibility and enrollment
- Education benefits for veterans, dependents, & survivors
- County benefits in addition to VA benefits

### NYS Legislation Affecting Veterans & Families

Aaron Leonard – Chief Executive Officer, Guardian Revival



### GET INFORMED & EMPOWERED TO MAXIMIZE YOUR BENEFITS

RSVP Required: [qco.de/vettownhall](http://qco.de/vettownhall)

Limited seats available; additional RSVPs will be placed on a waitlist.

All who RSVP will receive a recap of the meeting to the email provided.

Questions? Reach out any time: [dwyerputnam@guardianrevival.org](mailto:dwyerputnam@guardianrevival.org)



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# COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE Pledge Form

Saturday, February 28, 2026

9 AM to 12 PM

CHS Gym, 30 Fair St., Carmel, NY

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## Dwyer Vet2Vet of Putnam

Organization to benefit from collected pledges

Organization's Address



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