

Below: Volunteers from the local VFW take a break from helping spruce up the Post.



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF POST 672 - VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES

Home Depot Gives Back to Brewster VFW

Seven or eight volunteers from the local Home Depot visited the Brewster VFW on Wednesday, October 21st to volunteer their time and resources to spruce up the local Post. They replaced a broken mailbox, replaced torn screens on the front porch, and added gravel to a drainage area in the rear of the facility.

Home Depot store assistant manager Gary Rich commented, "Home Depot is grateful for the sacrifice made by the members of the VFW, and they are happy to help with the this project and future projects benefiting the Post as time and budget permits."

Debbie DiCarlo, a local resident who volunteers her time to help out on a number of projects at the Brewster Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 672, was on-hand to supply cakes and cookies and other special treats, which were much appreciated by the workers.

The Junior Vice Commander of Post 672, Rob Rottkamp, was on-hand to represent the Post. Summing up the day, he said, "Thank you Home Depot, and the great staff you sent. And thanks to the DiCarlo Family for their many hours of volunteer time."



The Brewster Bugle



NOVEMBER 2015

CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE
BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER 9-11AM	8 TH
MARINE CORPS BALL 4-8PM	11 TH
ROW OF HONOR CEREMONY 1AM	9 TH
HH WELLS VETERANS DAY PROGRAM 8AM	10 TH
BHS SALUTE TO VETERANS 7PM	10 TH
VETERANS DAY CEREMONY 10:30AM	11 TH
JOINT VETERANS COUNCIL VETERANS DAY EVENT 1:30PM	11 TH
MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING 8PM	13 TH
LEGISLATIVE FORUM	14 TH
411 TH CIVIL AFFAIRS BTN DINING OUT	14 TH
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30PM	18 TH

COMMANDER Art Hanley
 SR VICE COMMANDER Mike Wetzel
 JR VICE COMMANDER Rob Rottkamp
 QUARTERMASTER Lou Gasparini
 CHAPLAIN Andrew Destefano
 OFFICER OF THE DAY Thomas Silvestro
 ADJUTANT Ed Todd
 SURGEON Steven Mattson
 JUDGE ADVOCATE Roderick Cassidy
 TRUSTEES: Angelo Mule - Joseph F. Buser - Roger Gross

262 Peaceable Hill Road, Brewster NY 10509
 Post Phone Number 845/279-6969
 E-mail HQ@vfwpost672.org

Website: www.vfwpost672.org

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 8pm.

From the Commander

By Art Hanley

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. A Federal holiday in the United States that fewer and fewer people and businesses observe. It is to most, just another day. Just another day to go on about our lives, taking our freedoms for granted, forgetting that these freedoms and protecting them, come at a cost. A cost covered by those who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Those who went to war and those who served during time of peace but were at the ready to do what was required should the need arise.

Luckily we live in an area of the Country where there is no doubt that the citizenry understand and appreciate the sacrifices our Veterans made during their time in service. Gratitude is shown in so many ways throughout the year but especially this month.

On Saturday November 1 the **Veterans' Chow Down**, a free dinner with USO entertainment takes place at Putnam County Golf Course. This event is sponsored the Putnam County Veterans Service Agency PFC Joseph Dwyer Vet2Vet Program and is hosted by NYS Senator Terrence Murphy, NYS Senator Sue Serrino and Putnam County Executive MaryEllen Odell. There are two seating's (noon & 3 PM) and though it is free, reservations are required, call 914-962-2624. Attendance is limited to Veterans and guest.

Monday November 9 at 11 AM on the shore of Lake Gleneida in our County Seat, County Executive MaryEllen Odell will officially open the **Row of Honor**, a display of over 200 American Flags lining the shoreline. The Flags are sponsored by individuals, businesses and organizations in honor or memory of those who have served in the Armed Forces. The proceeds from the sponsorship support local Veteran projects. County Executive Odell will be honoring one of our own at the opening ceremony, VFW Post 672 Life member Bob Palmer, and invites all Veterans to join her at the event.

Tuesday November 10 we are invited to H.H. Wells Middle School for their annual Veterans Day program. We meet in the school lobby for coffee and donuts at 8 AM.

That evening at 7 PM the Brewster High School music department invites everyone to attend their annual Salute to Veterans Concert. This annual concert is something special and I promise you that you will be in awe of the talent and moved by the sincerity shown to the Veterans by the students and staff. This event is open to the public.

Post 672's Annual Veterans Day program will begin at 10:30 AM on Wednesday November 11. The Keynote Speaker is Raul Lopez, Program Manager of Survivor Outreach Services USMA, West Point. As always there will be a light lunch served back at the Post after the program.

At 1:30 PM that afternoon in Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park in Kent, the Putnam County Joint Veterans Council will host their annual Veterans Day program.

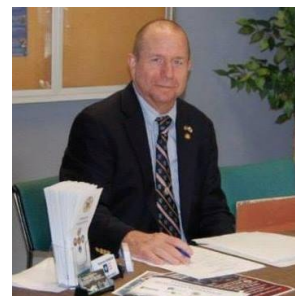
On Saturday November 14, the Putnam County Veterans Task Force is hosting their third annual Legislative Conference. This is your chance as Veterans to speak to elected officials (or their representatives) from the Federal, State and County Governments about the issues facing Veterans. More information about this event will be found further along in this issue of the **Brewster Bugle**.

To all of you who served, I salute you! I thank you for your service and I am proud to call you Comrade.

Happy Veterans Day!

As always, should you have any suggestions, ideas, questions, constructive criticisms, etc. please feel free to call or text me at 914-261-4721 or email me at ahanley@vfwpost672.org.

Yours in comradeship,



Post Commander Art Hanley

Building Upgrades at 672

By Jr. Vice Commander Rob Rottkamp

Angelo Mule and I trimmed all the trees and bushes on the side of the parking lot, dug up and removed all the old rotten railroad ties and carted them to the back. Home Depot provided 10 volunteers to do general outdoor clean-up, replace the broken Porch Screens, replace the broken Mail Box and add some stones where they are missing against the back wall of the Post. So things are looking Good!



November County Council Meeting to be Held in Mahopac

The November VFW County Council Meeting will be held November 18th at Mahopac Post 5491. County Council meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at rotating locations - the next one in Brewster isn't until March of 2016. The meeting will start at 7:30pm. Food will be served afterward. Wear your Post caps!

BHS Salute to Veterans - Tues 11/10 at 7pm

Rob Gallacher of Brewster High School has informed us that this years' Veterans Day Concert will be on November 10th, from 7pm to 9pm. Every year, the students at the high school put on a fantastic concert in honor of local Veterans. It's fun, it's free, so mark your calendars now so you don't miss it!!

Veterans Day Events

Tuesday 11/10 at 8am: HH Wells Veterans Day Program. Meet in lobby for coffee and donuts.

Tuesday 11/10 at 7pm: Brewster High School Salute to Veterans Concert.

Wednesday 11/11 at 10:30am: Post 672 Ceremony at Electrazone Field.

Our bartender Julie has been hard at work arranging a buffet-style lunch at the Post after the ceremony!

Veterans Crisis Line

"It takes the courage and strength of a warrior to ask for help."

The Veterans Crisis Line connects Veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Birthdays This Month

2	FRANK FORTE
16	JOHN SMITH
20	JEAN OAKES
20	KEVIN FITZGIBBONS
22	EDWARD McQUADE
23	JOSEPH CIOCCOLANTI
24	JOHN BROGGY
25	WILLIAM BERGEN
29	MICHAEL CURTIN

Bereavement Notices

Galileo "Leo" Maragni 10/16/2015

Sick Call

Maurice "Kid Sharkey" Sposato
Bay Ridge at Nashua
9 Casco Dr., Apt. B
Nashua, NH 03062
603/891-1970

IF YOU ARE ILL OR NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE REMEMBER THAT WE ARE HERE TO HELP. PLEASE CALL OUR POST SERVICE OFFICER PETE PENNELL AT 845-721-2808.

Post 672 Members on Active Military Duty

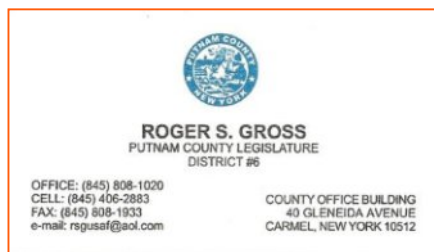
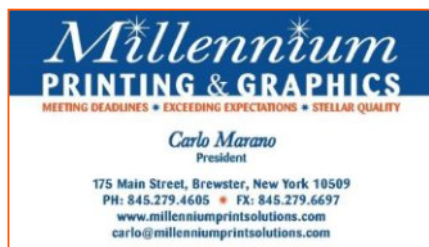
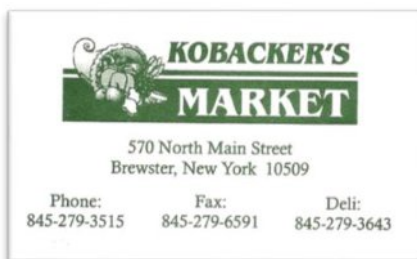
SFC Samuel Bethea, US Army
LTC Michael Burkott, USAF
SSG Christopher Castelli, US Army
LCLP Carl "Alex" Eckner, USMC
LTC Decker Haines, US Army
MAJ Brian Hanley, US Army
MAJ Matthew Jordan, US Army
MAJ Andrew Pesature, US Army
MAJ Daniel Pesature, US Army
CPT Daniel Stephens, US Army
LCDR Troy Tartaglia, US Navy
MAJ Michael Volpe, US Army

50/50 Raffle

Want a chance to win? Then support the Post by buying 50/50 raffle tickets. Tear off the tickets on the right side of this page and mail the to the Post, to the attention of Post Quartermaster Lou Gasparini.

Our Sponsors

Please support the businesses that support Post 672. To advertise, contact Steven Mattson at 845/629-6925. A business card ad is \$50 for 6 months (6 newsletters).



BREWSTER POST 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

Complete & return the tickets below. Drawing is held during the Post's Monthly business meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month. Tickets are \$2/each or \$10 for six. **YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!**

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Post 672 Christmas Parties Set - Save the Date!

The Adult Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 5th and the kid' Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 6th. More info to follow, but mark your calendars now!

Monthly Breakfast Update

The October Breakfast went well. We had a great turnout from the NJROTC cadets and their families. A special thanks to the following people that volunteered at the breakfast: From the NJROTC Boosters Club - Gail Bailie, Pam Hansen, Alisa Ferrara, Josef Rosenfeld, and Christine Zirkelbach. From the Boy Scouts - Steven Mattson, Michael Seaman, and Andrew DiFabbio. From the Girl Scouts - Maddy Mattson and Becca Seaman. And from Post 672 - Art Hanley, Angelo Mule, and Harry Sherblom. If I forgot anybody, it is not intentional. It is much appreciated all those who help out. And we have a pretty good time, too!

The November Breakfast will be on Sunday, November 8th. Come on down to get a great meal and socialize. If you'd like to help out, call Steven Mattson at 45-629-6925.

Veteran Arts Showcase Nov 20-22 @ FDR Library in Hyde Park

The Veteran Arts Showcase, now in its third year, is a celebration of veterans and the arts and how arts heal, communicate emotions, and compel people to interact with each other. The Showcase was founded on the understanding that the arts are vital to veteran reintegration - for self-expression, recovery from the aftereffects of war and to reconnect with the civilian-veteran community. The Showcase features visual artists, crafters, writers, poets, musicians and performers who are veterans, family members of veterans, or military connected. The Showcase will be held at the FDR Presidential Library/Wallace Center on Route 9, Hyde Park, New York, November 20, 21 and 22. The entire weekend event is free and open to the public.

The Opening Reception and Ceremony is on Friday from 5:30-8:30pm; refreshments will be served. A Presentation of Colors and opening remarks will be followed by **The Veterans' Theater Project: Leaving Theater**, a civilian and veteran theatrical troop performing an interactive play with the audience that focuses on veteran reintegration.

Saturday there will be a free **Writers Workshop** (11am-1pm) for veterans and military families, with preregistration required due to limited seating. All community members are encouraged to attend **Warriors' Voices and The Long Road Home** from 2:30-4pm: veterans, including Everett Cox and Jennifer Pacanowski of *Warrior Writers*, as well as members of military families, will read original poetry and essays, and perform original songs. This segment includes opportunities for open discussion with the presenters about their work and the importance of the arts for individual and community healing. Civilian community members are invited to an **"Open Jam" with Veteran musicians** from 4-5pm.

Preregistration is encouraged for Sunday November 22nd's (2-4pm) **CORE STORIES** - a civilian-veteran dialogue on the aftereffects of war, which includes poetry and a community drum circle. The 2015 Veteran Arts Showcase closes with a special performance (4-4:30pm) by the **Nimham Mountain Singers**, with Native American veteran Gil Tarbox.

All weekend, visitors will experience a unique and powerful co-mingling of multiple arts that touch our deepest connections to war and community. There will be a hospitality room for anyone with questions or wishing to just speak about their experience during The Showcase. Information on effective therapies for PTSD will be on display.

A very special thanks to the **Outpatient Art Therapy Program at the VA Hudson Valley Montrose Campus** for their recruiting nearly half of participating Showcase artists. This local VA program has a long-standing reputation for providing a safe space for veterans to engage in the creative process of art making as a means for relaxation and/or to help them to understand and heal from difficult military experiences where words are hard to find.

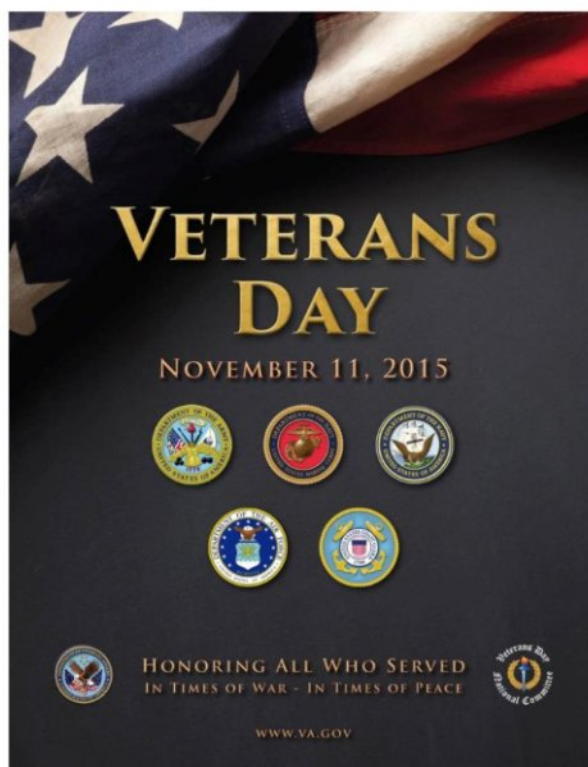
The combined works featured at The Showcase affirm that the creative arts offer a non-threatening modality that benefits artists and audiences alike. The Showcase is the result of a unique collaboration between our host, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, and three local organizations: the Veteran Family Support Alliance (VETFAMSA), the Orange County Arts Council, and H.G. Fairfield Arts Center for the Environment, with a grant from The Seriti Foundation. We especially encourage the civilian community to join us in this vital conversation with veterans and their families.

For artist bios, program details, ads or donations, or pre-registration for workshop or CORE STORIES, contact: Dr. Lori Arella (845) 226-4218 drloria@gmail.com www.VETFAMSA.org

Celebrate Veterans Day

Wednesday November 11, 2015 - 10:30 AM

Veterans Park - Railroad Ave, Brewster



Keynote Speaker - Raul Lopez, Program Manager

Survivor Outreach Services USMA, West Point

Vocal Performance

Brewster High School Chamber Singers



You and your guest are cordially invited to the:



411th Civil Affairs Battalion Dining Out & Danbury Veterans Appreciation Dinner

Saturday, November 14th, 2015, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM

The Portuguese Cultural Center
65 Sand Pit Road Danbury, CT 06810

Guest of Honor & Speaker:
Commissioner Sean M. Connolly, Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs

Tickets: \$40pp
(Cash or checks made payable to: 411th CA BN)

Ticket includes:
Hors d'oeuvres hour, champagne toast, 3-course dinner, dancing,
& military ceremonies and traditions.
Entertainment provided by the 94th Army Band.

Dinner (Select one from the following):

- ❖ Grilled Ribeye Steak
- ❖ Roasted Salmon
- ❖ Pasta Primavera

All dinners served with the following:

Mixed green salad
Roasted Potatoes & Seasonal vegetables
Dessert: Apple Pie à la Mode; coffee and tea

* Please advise food allergies/sensitivities at the time of ticket purchase.

Cash Bar

RSVP No Later Than November 06th

Tickets sold by your company representative:

A CO: SSG Hilton; B CO: SGT Visliser; C CO: SPC Spyke/SPC Mohan;
D CO: CPT McDaniel; HHC: SGT Contreras/CDT Siciliano

411th Alumni/Veterans/Distinguished Community Guests Please Contact:

LTC Bongioanni at marco.a.bongioanni.mil@mail.mil or 646-373-4898

Dress: Army Service Uniform or Service Equivalent (Military); Semi-Formal (Civilian)

Lion



Pride!

The Putnam County Veterans Task Force

Invites you to Attend the 3rd Annual

Veterans Legislative Forum

Speak to your elected officials about issues facing veterans!

The following Federal, State and Local representatives have been invited:

U.S. Senator *Charles Schumer*

U.S. Senator *Kirsten Gillibrand*

U.S. Congressman *Sean P. Maloney*

NYS Governor *Andrew M. Cuomo*

NYS Senator *Terrence Murphy*

NYS Senator *Susan Serino*

NYS Assemblywoman *Sandra Galef*

NYS Assemblyman *Steven Katz*

PC Executive *MaryEllen Odell*

PC Sheriff *Donald Smith*

PC Commissioner of Health *Dr. Allen Beals*

Chairperson PC Legislature *Carl Albano*

PC Commissioner Mental Health/Social Services *Michael Piazza, Jr.*

Putnam County Legislator, Roger Gross – Moderator

SATURDAY ~ November 14, 2015

9:00 am - Registration and Refreshments

9:30 am - 11:00 am – Audience Speakers

11:00 - Noon: Elected Officials Comments

****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.