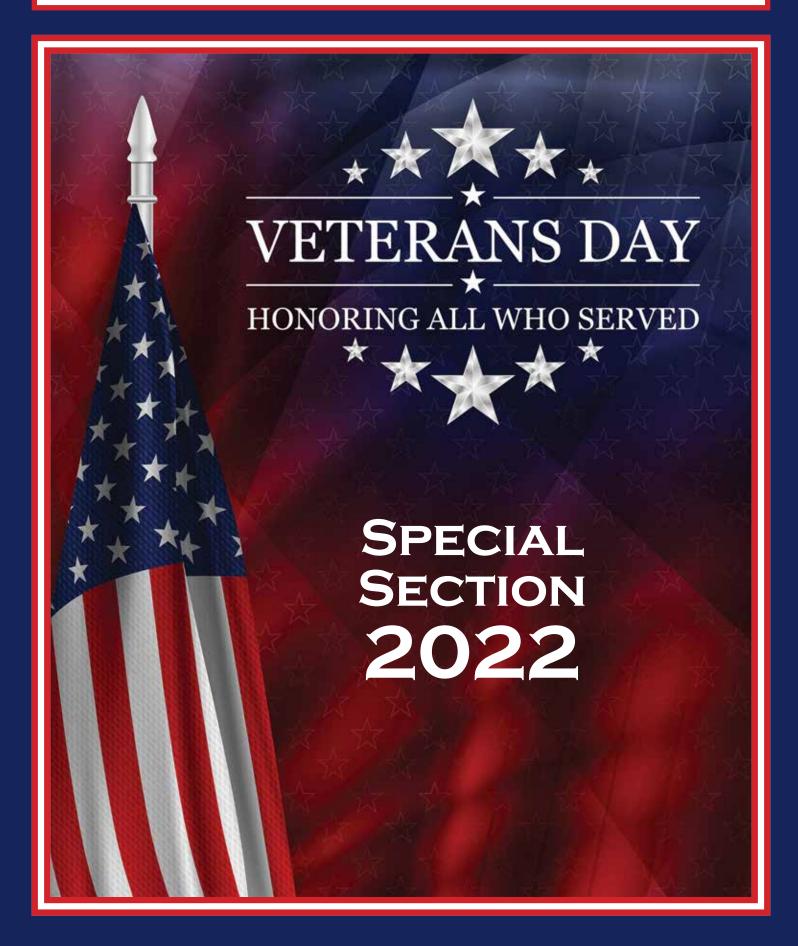
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## VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES IN THE AREA THIS WEEK

#### Cortlandt

The Veterans Day Ceremony will be held on Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. at the Muriel H. Morabito Community Center. Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 914-528-1572 kareng@townofcortlandt.com to attend.

#### **Putnam County**

There will be ceremonies throughout Putnam County on Friday. Below are three events that have been confirmed.

Kent Veterans Memorial, Terry Hill Road, Kent, 9:30 a.m. Carmel VFW and Auxiliary #1374, Legion Post #270, Cootie PupTent & #9.75

Ceremony at VFW Memorial Hall, 32 Gleneida Ave., 11 a.m. Carmel VFW and Auxiliary Post #1374, Legion Post #270, Cootie Pup Tent & Aux. #9.75

Ceremony at Putnam County Veterans Memorial Park, Putnam County Joint Veterans Council, 1 p.m.

#### Somers

The town will hold its annual Veterans Day Parade starting at 10:15 a.m. at the bus loop between Somers Intermediate School and Somers Middle School and proceeding to Ivandell Cemetery. It will be followed by a ceremony at the Town House at 11 a.m. After the ceremony, refreshments will be served.

#### **Valhalla**



The Valhalla American Legion Post 1038 will host a Veterans Day ceremony and observance this Friday.

From 8 to 11 a.m., an honor guard will be at the veterans' monuments by the gazebo on the village green. At 11 a.m., there will be a Veterans Day ceremony at the monuments followed at noon by an open house at the American Legion Post 1038, located at 27 Legion Drive. Valhalla Boy Scout Troop 1 will lead a flag retirement on the post's lawn, weather permitting. The entire community is welcome.

#### Westchester County

The county's Veterans Day ceremony will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Lasdon Park Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, located at 2610 Route 35 in Katonah.

#### **White Plains**

The City of White Plains will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, Nov. 11 on the steps of City Hall, located at 255 Main St., at 10:30 a.m.

For over 20 years, the city has hosted this

ceremony, in conjunction with the Mayor's Veterans Committee, to thank and honor all who have served, living or deceased. The event will feature recollections and insights about Veterans Day, in addition to participation from community patrons, such as the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There will be patriotic musical selections performed by the White Plains Middle School Band.

A White Plains Color Guard, comprised of members of the City of White Plains police and fire departments, will also participate. The City of White Plains will once again fly a large American Flag across Main Street in honor of veterans.

Light refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

#### Yorktown

A Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at Patriot Park behind Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Town officials will unveil the War on Terror Memorial at the ceremony.

Yorktown's annual Veterans Day Parade will be held in Shrub Oak on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. The parade proceed down East Main Street from Lakeland High School to the World War II Memorial just past the Hart Library.

Groups wishing to march in the parade should contact Paul Martin of the American Legion at 914-980-5267 and meet at the high school at 1:40 p.m.



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## Plan a Trip to the NYS Military Museum and Veterans Research Center

The mission of the New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center is to preserve, interpret and disseminate the story, history and records of New York State's military forces and veterans. The collection is divided into the museum and the library/archives holdings.

Established in 1863, the collection did not have a secure, permanent home until the governor announced in 2001 that the historic armory in Saratoga Springs would be renovated to house the collection. The building, designed by Isaac Perry and constructed in 1889, is an example of armory architecture that was popular in upstate New York in the late 1800s.

The museum houses more than 10,000 artifacts dating from the Revolutionary War to Desert Storm that relate to New York State's military forces, the state's military history and the contributions of New York veterans. The artifacts include uniforms, weapons, artillery pieces and art.

A significant portion of the museum's collection is from the Civil War. Notable artifacts from this conflict include Col. Elmer Ellsworth's (the Union's first martyr) uniform, the medical kit of Jubal Early's surgeon and the uniform and bugle of Gustav Schurmann (Gen. Philip Kearny's boy bugler). Included in the museum are significant holdings relating to New York's 27th Division in World War I and World War II and notable state military regiments such as the 7th (Silk Stocking Regiment), 69th (Fighting Irish), 71st and 369th (Harlem Hell



The New York State Military Museum and Veterans Research Center.

fighters) New York Infantry.

The museum also owns the largest collection of state battle flags in the country and the largest collection of Civil War flags in the world. Of the 1,700-plus flags in the collection, more than 60 percent are from the Civil War. The flags date from the War of 1812 through the 1991 Gulf War. The museum maintains an exhibit of its flag collection in the state capitol building in Albany where the museum collection was originally housed.

The library and archive holdings in the Veterans Research Center include a 12,000-volume library of military and New York State history, over 9,000 photographs, unit history files, broadsides, scrapbooks, letters and maps. Highlights of the library and archives material include over 2,300 Civil War photographs, a collection of Civil War era newspaper clippings arranged by New York units, and New York National Guard service cards and service records dating from the 1880s to 1965.

The Veteran Research Center operates the New York State Veteran Oral History Program and the Veteran Questionnaire Program. The Oral History Program actively collects interviews of New York State veterans from all eras. The largest part of this collection is of World War II veteran interviews.

The Veteran Questionnaire Program, similar to the Oral History Program, solicits and preserves the written and photographic record of the state's veterans.

The museum is closed for the winter for renovations and will reopen in the spring. It is located at 1 Lake Ave. in Saratoga Springs, N Y

### Putnam County Courthouse Lit in Green to Honor Nation's Veterans

The Putnam County Historic Courthouse will be lit in green all this week to honor those who served in the armed forces for Veterans Day, County Executive MaryEllen Odell recently announced.

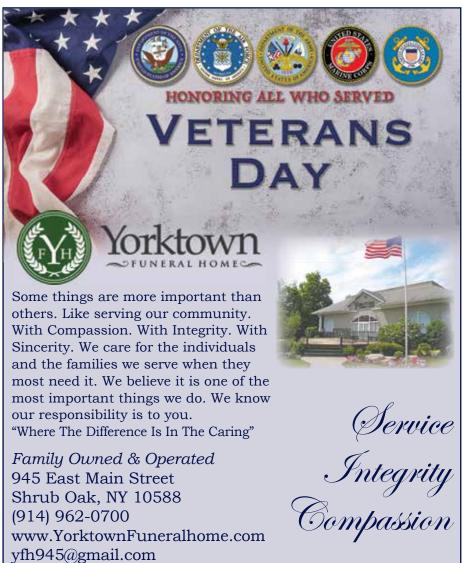
"Veterans put their lives on the line to protect us," Odell said. "We want to shine a light on their service. We want them to see that we don't take their sacrifice for granted. We appreciate their service and their excellent example."

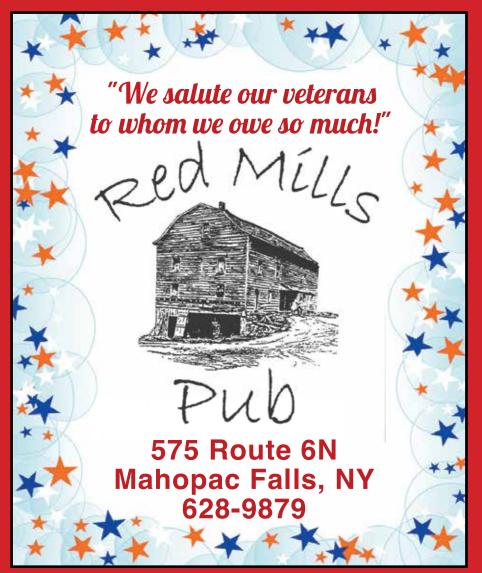
Guardian Revival, a nonprofit that

helps support the mental health and wellbeing of veterans and first responders, donated the green lightbulbs to the county to light the courthouse.

Operation Green Light is a nationwide initiative that aims to raise awareness of the challenges faced by veterans and the resources available to them. Government buildings, businesses and private homes throughout the United States will shine a green light for veterans from Nov. 6-12.











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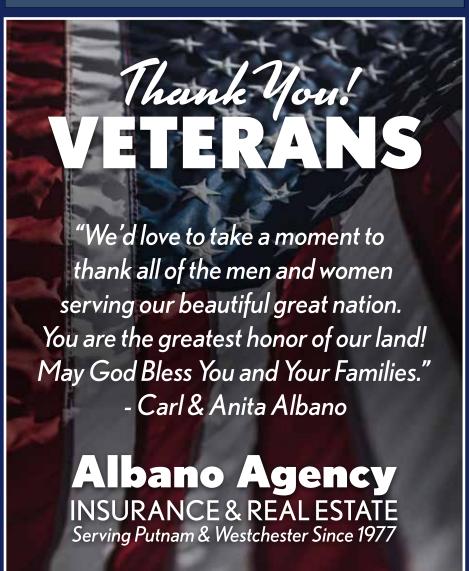
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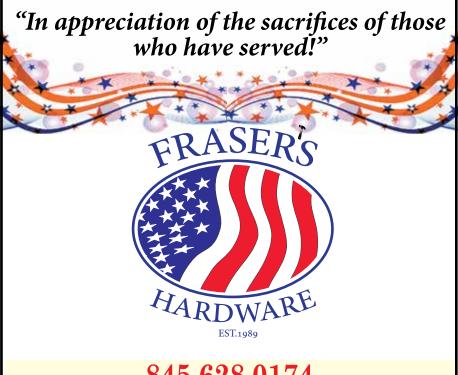
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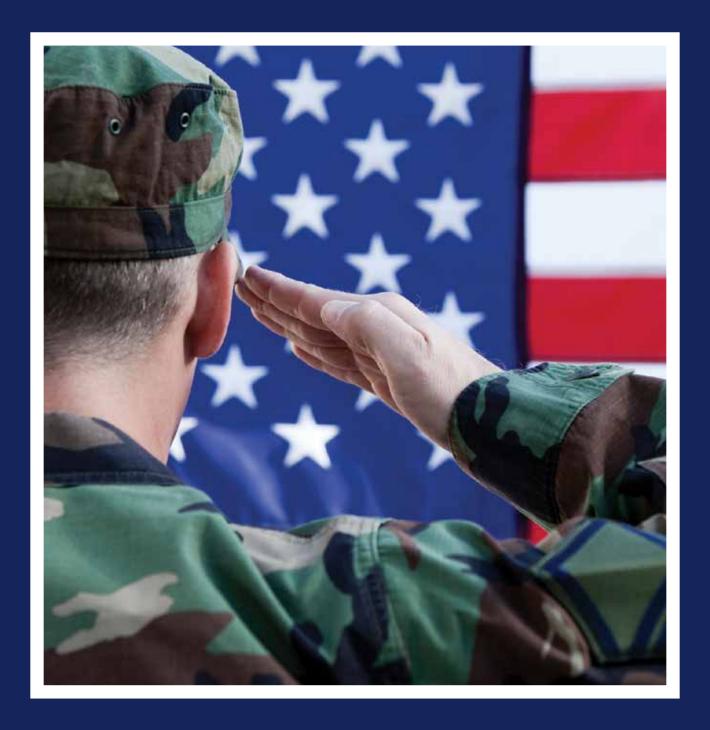
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