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Civil Air Patrol invites public to wreath-laying ceremony to honor veterans

CARMEL, New York – December 2, 2016 – Civil Air Patrol's Putnam County Composite Squadron invites the public to attend their annual Wreaths Across America ceremony on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Raymond Hill Cemetery, in Carmel, New York.

Civil Air Patrol members nationwide show their appreciation to our nation's veterans by adorning memorials and veterans' graves with evergreen wreaths each December. As a key partner in Wreaths Across America, Civil Air Patrol ensures the sacrifices of our nation's soldiers are not forgotten.

Continuing to honor this tradition in Carmel, the Putnam County Composite Squadron will conduct a ceremony at Raymond Hill Cemetery, 165 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, New York at 12 p.m. For information about the local Wreaths Across America ceremony or the Putnam County Composite Squadron contact Captain Elena MacDermant at (845) 216-5433 or Elenamac@aol.com.

Members of the Putnam County Composite Squadron meet on Friday's from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Paladin Center, located at 39 Seminary Hill Road, Carmel, NY.

Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP, in its Total Force role, operates a fleet of 550 aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. Its members additionally play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 24,000 young people currently participating in the CAP cadet program. Performing missions for America for the past 75 years, CAP received the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014 in honor of the heroic efforts of its World War II veterans. CAP also participates in Wreaths Across America, an initiative to remember, honor and teach about the sacrifices of U.S. military veterans.

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