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## Putnam Civil Air Patrol fundraising for veterans remembrance

CARMEL, New York – National Wreaths Across America Day is an event dedicated to remembering the sacrifices veterans have made in wars since the American Revolution.

On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at noon, the Putnam County Composite Squadron will be helping Raymond Hill Cemetery to remember and honor our veterans by laying remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

A fundraiser is scheduled for October 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at ShopRite, 184 Route 52 in Carmel. The goal is to sponsor the wreaths needed to honor every veteran at the cemetery. Additional wreaths are needed to honor Revolutionary War veterans at Gilead Cemetery. Sponsorship starts at \$15 per wreath; checks should be made payable to "Wreaths Across America" and submitted to the squadron.

Wreaths may also be purchased online at <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/27878>.

Ceremonies are scheduled for the Raymond Hill Cemetery on Saturday, December 14 and Gilead Cemetery on Sunday, December 15. Both ceremonies take place at noon. Contact Major Elena MacDermant at (845) 216-5433 or email [elenamac@aol.com](mailto:elenamac@aol.com) for additional information.

Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at more than 1,200 veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

*Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force. In this role, CAP operates a fleet of 560 aircraft, 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 80 lives annually. CAP's 60,000 members also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. In addition, CAP plays a leading role in aerospace/STEM education, and its members serve as mentors to over 25,000 young people participating in CAP's Cadet Programs. Visit [www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com](http://www.GoCivilAirPatrol.com) or [www.CAP.news](http://www.CAP.news) for more information.*

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