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The
Silence
Of
The
Wall

NAME LOCATION

NAME READER

CHOW DOWN

**TWO SEATING TIMES
AVAILABLE:**

11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

WHO: VETERANS & A GUEST

**WHERE: PUTNAM COUNTY
GOLF COURSE**

**137 HILL STREET MAHOPAC,
NY 10541**

VETERANS

CHOW DOWN

28 OCTOBER 2018

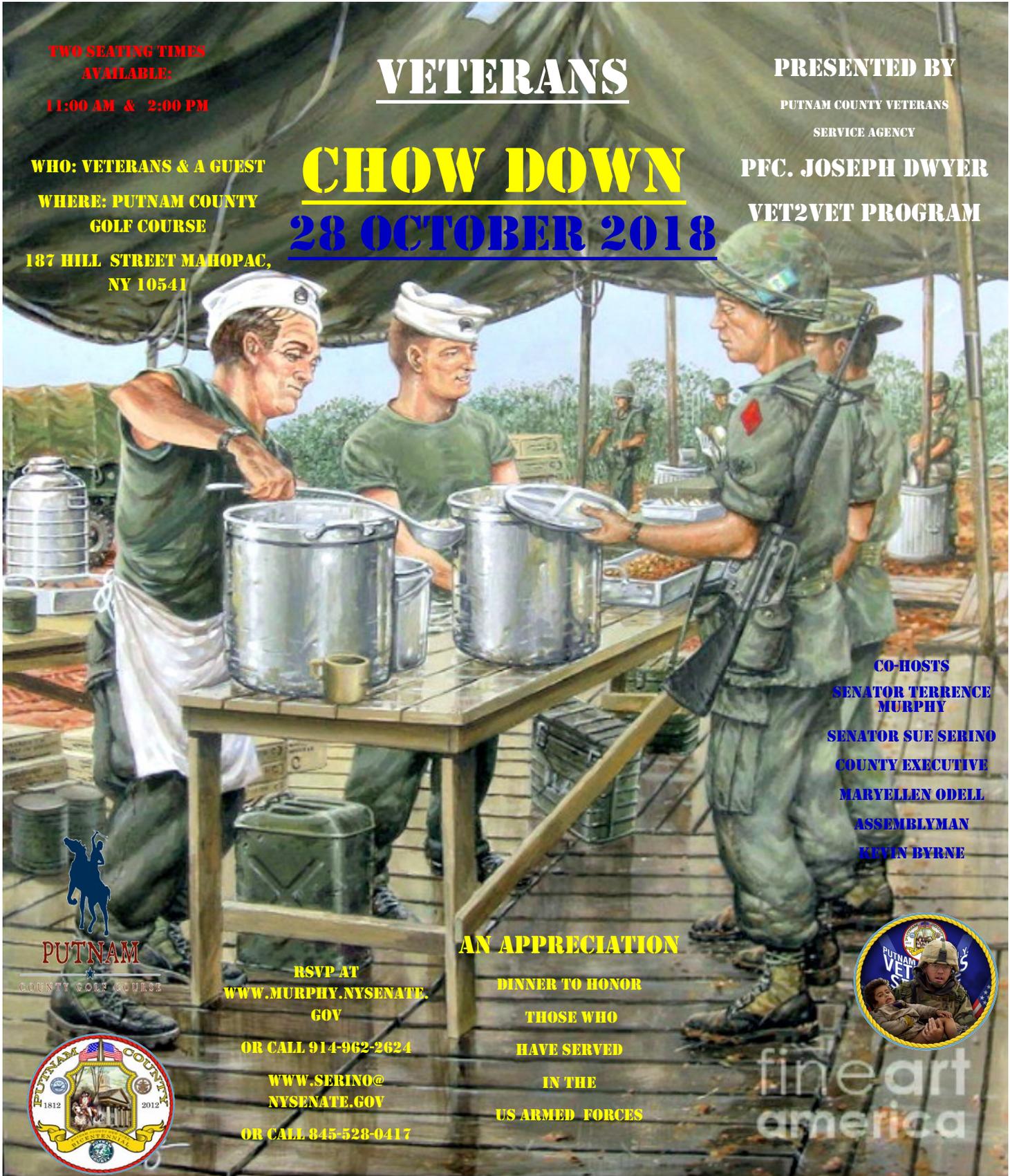
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The 11th Month, 11th Day, 11th Hour

At 5:00 on Monday morning, November 11, 1918, nine grim men agreed to sign the papers laid out on a table in a railroad carriage parked in a forest 37 miles north of Paris. At 5:12, two French generals, three British naval officers, two German politicians, a German general and a German naval officer, started signing the Armistice which would end the World War that had raged for more than four years. The last signature was in place by 5:20, making it official: at 11:00, all fighting would cease. By 5:40 AM, the news of the signing had reached the capital cities where impromptu celebrations broke out. Big Ben rang out in London for the first time since 1914.

Although it took longer for the soldiers in the trenches to get the news, the generals along the Western Front knew the Armistice would be signed at 5:00 and that fighting would stop six hours later. Until then, they were determined to gain favorable positions, should the cease fire fail, and, not incidentally, to continue to punish the Germans up until the very last minute. Generals under American General Pershing launched attacks as late as 10:30 AM. Some French units were ordered to attack at 9:00 AM and cease at 11:00. The British attacked, relishing the idea of recapturing Mons, Belgium on the last day of the war. Mons was the site of their first battle and first defeat in August 1914. Artillery batteries fired salvo after salvo into the German lines simply to avoid having to haul the unused shells away.

On that morning of November 11, while the world started to celebrate and word continued to filter down to the troops that the fighting would cease at 11:00, there were almost 11,000 casualties, including almost 2,700 killed.

British Empire losses that morning were around 2,400. Forty-year-old Private George Edwin Ellison was the last British soldier to die at 9:30 as he scouted the outskirts of Mons—the same place where the first British soldier died. George was one of the few “old soldiers” who had been shipped across the channel in 1914 and had fought at Mons in September of that year. Against all odds he had survived over four

years in the trenches to be killed 90 minutes before the end of the fighting. The last Canadian to die was 25-year-old Private George Lawrence Price. He was shot by a sniper at 10:58.

The French losses that morning were esti-



Taken on 11 November 1918 in the forest of Compiègne after reaching an agreement for the armistice that ended World War I.

mated at 1,170. Augustin Trebuchon was the last French soldier to die. He was shot at 10:50 as he carried the message to the front that hot soup would be served after 11:00. It was decided by the French leaders that no French soldiers were killed that day so the death records of all French soldiers killed on November 11 stated that they had died on November 10. American losses that morning were estimated as high as 3,500. Some of Pershing's generals saw a last chance at glory and, believing the Armistice was letting the Germans off the hook, Pershing did nothing to dissuade them. US Marines suffered more

than 1,100 casualties trying to cross the River Meuse. Had they been allowed to wait until 11:00, they could have safely crossed the river with no casualties. Henry Gunther was the last American and the last Allied soldier to be killed. He and others advanced through fog toward two German machine guns. The Germans fired a burst over their heads and the Americans dropped to the ground. The Germans,

knowing that it was almost 11:00, assumed that would be the end of it, but Gunther got back up and started running at them. The Germans shouted and waved at him to stop, but when he didn't, they fired a burst of five shots. One of them struck Gunther in the left temple, killing him instantly. It was 10:59, 60 seconds before the end of the war.

German losses that morning were about 4,100 as many of them were retreating and therefore more exposed. Surviving German records are not clear about the last German killed in the war, but the last German (and last soldier) killed may have been a Lieutenant Tomas. After 11:00, he approached some American soldiers to let them know that, since the war was over, he and his men were vacating a house and it would be available. Unfortunately, no one had informed the Americans of the Armistice and they shot him.

In a war of unprecedented carnage and destruction, where hundreds of thousands of soldiers were ordered out of the relative safety of their squalid trenches to walk unprotected across open land toward enemy machine guns, it may seem that the morning of the last day was just more of the same. It is only when taken out of the context of that war and compared to another, even larger war that its true horror emerges. For on that morning, with only a few hours to endure, when all the generals had to do was nothing, more men were killed, wounded or missing than both sides suffered on D-Day in June 1944 during the Normandy Invasion.






**Often before, during or even after an event
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**We need people or organizations or businesses to
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The Letters: Voices from the Great War

Brewster High School's Original WWI Drama • Veteran's Day Weekend, Nov. 8-10th
Free tickets for Veterans with a Special Reception following Saturday's Matinee

Veteran's Day Weekend 2018, Brewster, NY – Letters and diaries written 100 years ago from the trenches and hospitals in France during World War I are the unique sources of a new, original drama produced by Brewster High School (BHS) to be performed November 8-10, honoring the centennial anniversary of the end of the war. The performing arts students will depict real-life characters and culture based on local history in the inventive drama, *The Letters: Voices from The Great War*.

Approximately 699 men and women from the towns and villages across Putnam County volunteered, enlisted and were drafted in World War I, with many setting foot outside of New York for the first time in their lives. Their stories, a result of research in the archives of local newspapers, museums, and government repositories, are going to be told thanks to a partnership between BHS and the Southeast Museum.

Some featured stories of service include: BHS alumnus Sgt. Daniel Brandon, Putnam County's only WWI prisoner of war, Ruby Heartfield, a YWCA volunteer in the hospitals of Paris, H. R.



Above: Ruby Heartfield

Garside in his first aerial dogfight, poet Alan Seeger's promise to return home to Patterson, Sgt. Clinton Peterson of Kent - a mixed race soldier who served with the 369th Harlem Hellfighters, and Cold Spring's Sgt. George Casey and his courageous fight to the end.

The Letters is scheduled to take place at Brewster High School (40 Foggintown Road, Brewster, NY) starting **November 8th at 7 pm with repeat performances Friday, Nov. 9th at 7 pm and Saturday, Nov. 10th at 2 pm and 7 pm.**

Saturday's matinee will also pay tribute to our current local Veterans in honor of Veterans Day and the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. There will be a reception held in the lobby immediately following the matinee, all are encouraged to attend.

Free Veteran tickets are available in advance for all performances and may be acquired at the **Brewster Public Library**, 68 Main Street, Brewster, NY or at the **County Clerk's office**, 40 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY, with **proof of service**. All other tickets \$12 available online through www.brewsterschools.org/bhs/ or \$15 at the door. Please call 845-279-5051, ext. 1329 for more information.

Come celebrate this special centennial, our Putnam County veterans, and local history!



Sgt. Daniel Brandon, Towners, NY



Above: Alan Seeger (image courtesy of Houghton Library, Harvard University, MS Am 1578-1578.3)

Preventing suicide begins with a commitment to

#Be There

for Veterans and Servicemembers

I am still walking 22 minutes a day to bring awareness of Veterans Suicide Please stop by at noon to join me. Karl



Suicide Prevention...
Our Community Working Together
Wednesday, October 24, 2018
9:00am-12:30pm

Hosted by: The Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc. and Putnam Hospital Center
In the Michael T. Weber Auditorium
Putnam Hospital Center
670 Stoneleigh Avenue
Carmel, NY 10512

AGENDA

9:00 Registration & Breakfast

9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Megan Castellano, MPA-Executive Director, Mental Health Association in Putnam County, Inc.
Co-Chair, Putnam County Suicide Prevention Task Force

MaryEllen Odell-Putnam County Executive

Michael J. Piazza, Jr.-Putnam County Commissioner of Mental Health, Youth Bureau & Social Services

9:30 SafeTALK Training

SAFETALK

Is a half day training that can help you make a difference...learn to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

Why Come to SafeTALK?

Most people with thoughts of suicide invite help. Often these opportunities are missed, dismissed or avoided-leaving people more alone and at greater risk.

In SafeTALK you will learn how to respond in ways that provide practical help.

After training, participants should be able to:

- Challenge attitudes that inhibit open talk about suicide
- Recognize a person who might be having thoughts of suicide
- Engage them in direct and open talk about suicide
- Listen to the person's feelings about suicide to show that they are taken seriously
- Move quickly to connect them with someone trained in suicide intervention
- Acquire techniques for "self-care" and support for yourself when someone you care about is in crisis



Name

Agency:

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Mail, fax or email registration to MHA in Putnam-2505 Carmel Avenue, Suite 212-Brewster, NY 10509

fax-(845) 278-0600 email-mcastellano@mhaputnam.org

Registration deadline-Monday, October 15, 2018-space is limited, please register early

please call (845) 278-7600, ext. 202 or more information



Carmel Rotary Club

Presents

Fall Line Dancing

with Instructor **Jill Weiss** from **J. K. Shuffles**

Where: VFW Hall, Gleneida Ave, Carmel
When: Friday October 19th
 7pm - 10pm
What: All the Line Dancing fun your feet can take! Instructor Jill Weiss will lead attendees of all levels through some fun and boot-stompin' dances. Drinks and light fare are included with your ticket and we will have a 50/50 raffle!



TICKETS ARE ONLY \$20 IN ADVANCE OR \$25 AT THE DOOR! Get your tickets at:
carmelrotaryclubny.eventbrite.com

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 11/8 ~ 11/15 ~ 11/29 ~ 12/6 ~ 12/13**

Program is free of charge

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Transportation is available if needed.

To apply contact:

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Have you experienced a head injury? Some people feel confused after hitting their head, feel they have "had their bell rung" or get knocked out. Some common causes of head injury are: blast or other combat-related injuries, falls, car accidents, and contact sports.

Are you concerned about your memory, attention, impulse control, and think these problems might be because of your head injury? The Military Family Clinic can help diagnose and treat TBI by providing individualized skills and strategies to improve day to day functioning.

We offer free and confidential treatment for veterans, with no waitlist for services. Eligible patients include current members of the military and veterans of any era (regardless of discharge status).

Services include:

- Comprehensive neuropsychological evaluation
- You receive a report which helps providers and you learn about brain functioning
- Shows patterns of a person's cognitive strengths and weaknesses
- Suggests follow up services that could be helpful to improve cognitive functioning
- Individual and group cognitive training therapy
- Provides strategies to improve attention, concentration, memory
- Trains on use of organizational systems (e.g., electronic calendars) to help achieve goals

Contact Us:

To schedule an appointment, refer a patient, or for questions about our services, call our general intake line toll-free at (855) 698-4677

We are conveniently located at One Park Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10016

<https://nyulangone.org/locations/steven-a-cohen-military-family-clinic>



Cohen Veterans Network