



TOWN OF PUTNAM VETERAN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Putnam Municipal Complex
200 School Street, Putnam, CT 06260



Putnam's Hometown Hero Banners Rise Again

The Town of Putnam Veteran's Advisory Committee (VAC) consists of veterans from all our local service organizations, working collaboratively on projects and events to honor veterans.

The popular Hometown Heroes Banner Project, originated by the Putnam American Legion Post #13, is now under the guidance of the VAC, with the blessing from the A.L. Post.

These are the banners that you will see on Main Street, from the Post Office through Union Square, from Labor Day to Veterans Day, featuring individual "Hometown Heroes" and their service details.

The revitalization of this project will raise banners in honor of the service of these Hometown Heroes, which will be on display in 2024 and 2025 then returned to the veterans to keep. You can find these banners flying on Main Street and on Pomfret Street at these locations:

John Guillot, Marines, Vietnam Era, @ Centreville Bank
Albert Heath, Jr, Army, Vietnam, @ front of Hare & Hound
Peter Lombardo, Navy, Gulf War, @ Cargill Chevrolet
David A Martell, Navy, Afghanistan/Desert Storm, @ side of Crossings Restaurant
Loretta Meadows, Air Force, 1993-1997, @ entry to side of Congregational Church lot
Michael Meadows, Army, Desert Shield/Desert Storm, @ entry to side of Congregational Church lot
James Neeland, Army Vietnam Era, @ Arts & Framing
Roy Simmons, Navy Lt Commander, 1980-2008 (Desert Storm), @ back of Hare & Hound
Ronald A Stewart, Marines, Vietnam, @ across from Cargill Chevrolet
Kenneth Vasser, Army, 1964-1966, @ Chabot Realty / Bear Hands
Fred Veltheim, Marines, Vietnam, @ Courthouse Bar & Grille

You may wonder how the veterans appear on the "Hometown Heroes" banners.

Guidelines were set in place, with the goal of honoring our veterans so they can enjoy seeing their own banner displayed in the Town of Putnam. Guidelines for veterans include: the veteran has a significant tie to the town of Putnam, must still be living, must provide a copy of their DD214 or equivalent (discharge from service records), and a photo.

Be sure to take a stroll of appreciation for a look at these Hometown Heroes.

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VAC Members: Chairman Robert Challinor Jr., Jim Bradley, David Gilbert, Alan R. Joslin,
Hans W. Lowell, Michael Vassar, 1 vacancy

Willie Bousquet (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Parks and Recreation Department Head)

Mayor Barney Seney (Ex Officio – Town of Putnam Executive Head)

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