

VETERANS TASK FORCE MEETING 11/08/2017 AGENDA



- Pledge of Allegiance / WELCOME / MISSION STATEMENT / Minute Taker: Millie Rivera-Velez
- **GUEST SPEAKER(S)/PRESENTERS:**
 - Paula Miritello: My Brother Vinny (914) 299-2106
 - Raul Lopez: Survivor Outreach Counselor, West Point
 - Shara Abramaham: Legal Svcs of the Hudson Valley: Housing & Eviction
- **Veteran Services/County Updates**
 - Dutchess County,
 - VSO: Nelson 'Eddy' Rivera Director, Dutchess County Veterans' Services
 - Vet2Vet: Adam Roche, Program Manager, Vet2Vet Veterans' Peer Services
 - Orange County
 - VSO: Christian Farrell, Director, Orange County Veterans' Services
 - Vet2Vet: Larry Neumann, Program Coordinator
 - Putnam County
 - VSO: Karl Rohde, Director, Putnam County Veterans Service Agency
 - Rockland County
 - Vet To Vet: Ismael (Izzy) Quintana Jr., Veteran Outreach Coordinator
 - Sullivan County
 - VSO: Howie Goldsmith, Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency
 - Office of US Representative Sean Patrick Maloney
 - Cullen Lyons, Veteran and Military Advocate
 - Khristian Silvis, Veteran and Military Advocate
- **Task Force Homeless Case Status:**
 - WestCOP: Open/New Case Report
- **Upcoming Events / Round Table**
- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, December 13th, 2017 Location: 30 Scotts Corner Drive, Montgomery, NY

Veterans Day is an official [United States public holiday](#), observed annually on November 11, that honors [military veterans](#); that is, persons who served in the [United States Armed Forces](#). It coincides with other holidays, including [Armistice Day](#) and [Remembrance Day](#), celebrated in other countries that mark the anniversary of the end of [World War I](#); major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, when the [Armistice with Germany](#) went into effect. The United States previously observed Armistice Day. The U.S. holiday was renamed Veterans Day in 1954.

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

Bios

Paula Miritello: My Brother Vinny

My Brother Vinny is a NYS 501c3 non-profit charitable organization. We organize: distribute food, clothing and furniture and housewares to U.S. Veterans, outreach groups, shelters and families in Westchester County/vicinity. We run an annual My Brother Vinny Walk and help local animal shelters and rescue groups in the aid and support of animal welfare. We establish and implement community based events geared towards improving the enjoyment of life, happiness and health of the emotionally, physically and intellectually disabled. Every event we do has a benefit towards helping others and getting people involved. Whether we are delivering gifts to over 140 residents at an adult home or providing gifts to children in low income community centers we strive to spread joy and add a personal touch to everything we do.

Raul Lopez Survivor Outreach Services Program Manger, West Point, NY US Army: Retired

Demonstrate the Army's commitment to Families of the Fallen by providing support and standardized services to all Army components. Additionally, provide access to Benefits Coordinators, Financial Counselors and Long Term Family Case Management.

Shara Abraham Legal Services of the Hudson Valley

Staff Attorney, Veterans Unit, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, May 2015 to Present

Represent veterans and military families in summary proceedings and administrative hearings and at trial in a wide range of civil legal matters, including VA benefits and discharge upgrades; custody, visitation and support; eviction and foreclosure prevention; consumer debt and bankruptcy, and Social Security Disability.

Conduct legal education and outreach programming for veteran advocacy groups, social service agencies, and government entities.

Publications & PRESENTATIONS

"Serving Veteran Clients," New York State Bar Association Partnership Conference, September 2016

Member, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney's Service Academy Selection Board

Member, Hudson Valley Veterans Task Force