

Greenwich Veterans Council

Representing: American Legion Post 29, Cos Cob VFW, Greenwich Military Covenant of Care, Byram Veterans Association, Greenwich Department of Social Services

Press Release

Description: COMMUNITY WALK TO HONOR VETERANS and VETERANS DAY CEREMONIES

Date: Friday, November 11, 2016

Time: Begins precisely at 10:30 AM

Elements:

- Community Walk 10:30 AM
- Veterans Day Ceremony 11:00 AM
- Byram Veterans Association Ceremony 7:00 PM

Location: Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut

Focus:

1. Honor, thank and celebrate all Americans who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.
2. Give respectful, admiring attention to the mostly “millennial” military servicemen & women who deployed to this current war and who returned with **combat-related wounds ... AMERICA’S WAR-INJURED and DISABLED.**

Event Purposes

1. Provide the citizens of Greenwich with an opportunity for an enthusiastic expression of patriotic spirit while showing their gratitude for all Americans who have served their country in military uniform.
2. Bring together veterans who seek opportunities to join informally with their community to respect those who have deployed to a battlefield and who have served, suffered, and fallen for their country.

Event Description

- **Community Walk To Honor Veterans:** Each year more than 500 citizens (children, adults of all ages and political philosophies) gather amid a flourish of flags and walk together down Greenwich Avenue.
- **11:00 AM Ceremony**
 - Traditional ceremonial rituals and formalities giving respect to all American military service.
 - **GUEST SPEAKER:** Mr. James Dudley, Captain, U.S. Army (retired); Bronze Star, Purple Heart; now Director of Veteran Outreach, Yellow Ribbon Fund, Bethesda MD, yellowribbonfund.org/
 - Trained and mentored local Afghan units, improved local governance and rule-of-law, and led coalition air assaults in the mountainous Wardak region southwest of Kabul.
 - Suffered severe gunshot injuries while leading a mission. Spent a year in Walter Reed Military Medical Center (where almost all U.S. battlefield-injured American troops go for surgical recovery and physiotherapeutic rehabilitation).
 - He will speak to our Town regarding: (1) the publically unseen and unheralded private journeys of physical pain, physiological damage, and yet unfalteringly spirited hope lived by all of the country’s war-injured servicemen and women in Walter Reed Medical Center; plus (2) their difficult paths to stabilized health and productive civilian life following discharge from Walter Reed and return to their home towns.
- **7:00 PM Ceremony:** Greenwich’s venerable and admired veterans club – The Byram Veterans Association – will conduct its annual and inspiring ceremony at 300 Delavan Avenue, Greenwich.

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COMMUNITY WALK To Honor Veterans



VETERANS DAY Friday - November 11

STARTS promptly at 10:30 AM
near the TOP OF GREENWICH AVENUE
(at Amogerone Crossway)

We will walk together, a grateful patriotic crowd!



At the WWII-Vietnam-Korea Memorial,
the **Greenwich Veterans Council**
will lead us in a brief ceremony
honoring military service, especially....

Combat Wounded, Young Veterans.

Join us and learn

How we can **Help Them.**

