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— MEDIA ALERT —

Chester County Recorder of Deeds Hosts Free Veterans Breakfast

WHAT: Immediately following Veterans Day, the Chester County Recorder of Deeds will offer a free breakfast to County Veterans. The department will be joined by regional organizations offering countless resources and valuable assistance to servicemembers as well as both U.S. and State Representatives and Chester County officials to address current initiatives in veterans' affairs. The buffet meal, speaker sessions and organization vending will all occur simultaneously.

The Recorder of Deeds office organizes and facilitates the event annually and will be recording military discharge documents and issuing County Veteran Discount ID Cards on-site. The event is sponsored by First Resource Bank, Lamb McErlane PC, and the Laborers' District Council Education & Training Fund. The event will also feature multiple building and trades organizations and their "Helmets to Hardhats" job program(s) offering employment opportunities for veterans.

WHO:

- Chester County Recorder of Deeds Chris Pielli
- Chester County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell & Michelle Kichline
- Chester County Veteran Affairs Director Susan Price
- Elected officials to address attendees include U.S. Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, State Senators Carolyn Comitta & Katie Muth, and State Rep. Kristine Howard
- Other State Senators, State Representatives and West Whiteland Township officials in attendance
- Coatesville Area Senior High School AFJROTC PA-771 Cadets

WHEN: Friday, November 12, 2021 – 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM.

8:30 AM: Breakfast is served until 11:00 AM

9:00 AM: Opening Ceremonies

Filming/Photo Opportunities – Presentation of colors, national anthem performance

9:15 AM: Speaker Remarks (officials & dignitaries)

10:00 AM: Q&A

10:15 – 11:30 AM: Mix-and-mingle

Note: Times are estimated. See photo and filming opportunities below to coincide with these times.

WHERE: Laborers' District Council Education & Training Center – 500 E. Lincoln Hwy, Exton, PA 19341

Members of the press may park in the Attendee Parking Lot at the front of the building (map attached).

WHY: The Chester County Recorder of Deeds is the custodian of military discharge, by statute, with records dating back to 1901. This process safeguards a Veterans' document(s) in case of loss, misplacement or natural disaster so as to prevent the interruption or discontinuation of benefits for themselves and/or their families. After recordation, any hard copies containing sensitive information are destroyed and the digital images of these important documents are kept in a secure database on our

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server. This ensures that only the serviceperson, his or her immediate family, or authorized military personnel or Veterans' agencies will have access to these recorded documents at a later date as needed. This service is offered free of charge to Veterans during this event and at any time during our regular business hours in the West Chester office. Military discharges are the only documents we maintain that are not made a part of the public record. To incentivize Veterans to safeguard their documents in this way, we offer them a county-issued photo ID card and membership to our Veteran Discount Program with over 100 participating local businesses in return. The Veterans Breakfast is an extension of these programs to further thank and recognize those who served our country. The Recorder of Deeds aims to establish the Veterans Breakfast as an annual event but was unable to hold it last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES: Nat sound to include Presentation of Colors by the Coatesville Area Senior High School AFJROTC, a cappella singing of the national anthem by professional vocalist & Chester County Recorder of Deeds' Special Projects Coordinator Kim Bydlon. Elected officials and dignitaries addressing a gymnasium full of local veterans. Veterans exploring resources and information provided by regional service organizations and entities. Groups of veterans networking over hot and cold breakfast.

INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE WITH:

- Christopher Pielli, Chester County Recorder of Deeds
- Marian Moskowitz, Chair of the Chester County Board of Commissioners
- Chester County Commissioners Michelle Kichline and Joshua Maxwell
- Other officials on an individually permitted basis

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Due to limited space, we ask that members of the Press not partake in the dining portion of the event.

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Attendee Public Parking Map

