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— MEDIA ALERT —

Chester County Recorder of Deeds Safeguards Veterans of Hershey's Mill

WHAT: The Chester County Recorder of Deeds will visit the 55+ Active Adult Community of Hershey's Mill in East Goshen Township to record residents' military discharge documents and issue County Veteran Discount ID Cards on-site. The department will be joined by a few regional organizations offering valuable services and resources to servicemembers. This event is exclusive to resident veterans of Hershey's Mill and held in partnership with the Hershey's Mill Veterans Social Club. A light, continental breakfast will be provided with coffee & tea service, which is sponsored by Lamb McErlane, PC, and provided by Feeding Frenzy Catering of Exton.

WHO:

- Chester County Recorder of Deeds Chris Pielli
- Chester County Veterans' Affairs Director Susan Price
- Representatives from the Office of Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan
- Representatives from Coatesville VA Medical Center
- Representatives from the Veterans Multi-Service Center of Downingtown
- Hershey's Mill Veterans Social Club

WHEN: Friday, April 8, 2022 – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

WHERE: Hershey's Mill – 1500 Greenhill Road, West Chester, PA. "The Cove," near the Community Pool.

WHY: The Chester County Recorder of Deeds is the custodian of military discharges, 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 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. 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 aforementioned services are offered free of charge to Veterans during these occasional off-site events and at any time during our regular business hours in the West Chester office.

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES: Nat sound to include resident veterans meeting elected officials, networking with one another, and exploring resources and information provided by the Recorder of Deeds and other regional veteran-related service organizations and entities.

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INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE WITH:

- Christopher Pielli, Chester County Recorder of Deeds
- Susan Price, Director of Chester County Veterans' Affairs

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Press must identify themselves and their organization or publication to the security guard at the entry gate upon arrival in order to access the property and the event. Please inform them you are present to cover the Recorder of Deeds' veteran off-site event. You may contact the below representative with any issues.

DIRECTIONS: Enter 1500 Greenhill Road, West Chester into your GPS. If you are coming from Rte. 202, head east on Boot Road and make a left at the light at Goshen Fire Co. (Station 56). Go past the first security gate (residents only) to the second entrance roughly 1.5 miles down Greenhill Road on your righthand side. Stay to the left, closest to the guard stand and pull up to the door or window marked "Guests." Once through the gate, proceed up the hill on Hersheys Drive to the stop sign after passing the Community Center on your right side. Make a right at the stop sign onto Chandler Drive, proceed downhill to the flagpole and turn right into the parking lot at the Sports Complex sign. You should be in a lot surrounded by tennis courts, an outdoor pool, and a small building with steps leading up to the aforementioned Community Center. Walk towards the outdoor pool and go through the door with the sidewalk leading up to it between the pool and parking lot. "The Cove" is the room with windows that face the pool. There will likely be Chester County ROD Event directional signs guiding attendees and guests to the proper entrance.

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