Chester County Recorder of Deeds Hosts Free Veterans Breakfast

WHAT: Free breakfast for Veterans of Chester County hosted by the Chester County Recorder of Deeds. U.S. and State Representatives and county elected officials to address current initiatives in Veterans’ Affairs. Joined by veterans’ service organizations offering countless resources and valuable information such as: Chester County Veterans Affairs department, Coatesville VA Medical Center, Veterans’ Multi-Service Center, PA Dept. of Military & Veterans’ Affairs, Legal Aid of SEPA, Military Officers Association of America, Habitat for Humanity, and more. Career opportunities through various, on-site labor unions and laborers’ “Helmets to Hardhats” job program. Honoring an individual member of the community with an inaugural Veterans’ Advocate of the Year award.

The buffet meal, speaker sessions and organization vending will all occur simultaneously; however, awards will be announced and distributed during Closing Remarks. The Recorder of Deeds organizes and facilitates the Veterans Breakfast annually, will be recording military discharge documents and issuing County Veteran ID Cards on-site. This event is sponsored by First Resource Bank, Lamb McErlane, PC, Citadel Credit Union and the Laborers’ District Council of Philadelphia.

WHO:
- Chester County Recorder of Deeds Chris Pielli
- Chester County Commissioners Marian Moskowitz, Josh Maxwell & Michelle Kichline
- Chester County Veterans Affairs Director Susan Price
- Elected officials to address attendees include U.S. Congresswoman Chrissy Houlahan, State Senator Carolyn Comitta and State Rep. Kristine Howard
- Other state, county and township officials in attendance
- Coatesville Area Senior High School AFJROTC

WHEN: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – 8:30 - 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)
   9:55 AM: Closing Remarks & Awards
   10:00 – 11:30 AM: Q&A, Mix-and-mingle
   Note: Times are estimated. See Photo & Video Opportunities below to coincide with these times.

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

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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 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. All veteran-related services at the Recorder of Deeds are offered free of charge to servicemembers both during this event and at any time during regular business hours at the West Chester office. Military discharges are not public record. To incentivize Veterans to safeguard their documents in this way, they are offered a county-issued photo ID card and membership to our Veteran Discount Program with over 100 participating local businesses. The Veterans Breakfast is an extension of these programs to further thank and recognize those who served our country.

PHOTO & VIDEO OPPORTUNITIES: Nat. sound to include a Presentation of Colors by the Coatesville Area Senior High School AFJROTC PA-771 Cadets; 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 local veterans; County Veterans exploring resources provided by regional service organizations, employers and entities. Groups of Veterans socializing 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: Attendees must RSVP by email or phone. Registration is currently near full capacity at this time. Due to limited space, we ask that members of the Press refrain from the dining portion of the event. Please park in the lot at the front of the building (map attached).

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