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**SARATOGA COUNTY TO RESUME MONTHLY HONOR DECEASED VETERANS CEREMONY PROGRAM**

**November Ceremony to Honor Former Veterans Services Agency Director & Program Founder**

**BALLSTON SPA, NY** -- The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors and the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency will resume its monthly Honor Deceased Veterans Program on November 16, 2021 at the County Building in Ballston Spa with a ceremony honoring Robert G. Mitchell. Mitchell was the former Veterans Services Agency Director and founder of the County's Honor Deceased Veterans Program.

The Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, November 16 at 2PM in the Board of Supervisors Room at 40 McMaster Street in Ballston Spa.

Established in 1999 by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors, the Honor Deceased Veterans Program provides a way for county leadership and residents to show gratitude for the service of veterans past and present. The program honors a range of veterans with have tremendous stories of service, sacrifice, and historical significance. Honorees include those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the name of defending our great country and veterans whose stories continued past their military service.

The ceremony is dedicated to a different Saratoga County veteran each month. Board members rotate throughout the year in selecting a veteran to memorialize, providing for veterans from all over the county to be honored. To date, more than 300 Saratoga County Veterans have been honored.

**About November's Honoree:**

Robert G. Mitchell was a Saratoga Springs native who served in the U.S. Navy from 1953-1973. Mitchell enlisted in the US Navy during the Korean War and entered active duty on May 6, 1953, beginning a distinguished 20-year career in the Navy. Bob dedicated his life to service and held many positions, following his military service including positions in public safety at the local, county and state levels and as the Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency Director, which was referred to as "his favorite job" in his published obituary.

The public is encouraged to show their support of our veterans at the Honor Deceased Veterans Ceremony each month.

The program was paused in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and will resume its regular schedule in January 2022 meeting at 2PM prior to the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting.

For more information about the Honor Deceased Veterans Ceremony, please contact Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency at (518) 884-4115.

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