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County of Berks Press Release

Berks County Commissioners and Veterans Affairs recognize end of 30-Year Persian Gulf War

Reading, PA— 9/7/2021 — The Berks County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with the Etchberger Veterans Service Center of Berks County, would like to formally recognize and thank all Persian Gulf, Afghanistan veterans, their family members and their caregivers for their military service and sacrifice during the Persian Gulf War. After 30 years, the Persian Gulf War has finally come to an end with all military troops withdrawn from the country last month. The War, which began on August 2, 1990 officially ended on August 30, 2021 under President Joseph Biden. This Saturday, September 11, 2021, will mark 20 years since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

The Berks County Commissioners would like to remind everyone that advocacy services and support linked to Veterans Affairs benefits are available at the Etchberger Veterans Service Center of Berks County. A weekly benefits presentation is held each Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at 726 Cherry Street in Reading, no registration required.

Veterans experiencing emotional distress or trauma due to this recent news are encouraged to call Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Caregivers may also be eligible for support services and benefits by calling VA Caregiver Support at 1-855-260-3274.

Veterans may also inquire with the Department of Veterans Affairs regarding benefits at 1-800-MYVA-411 or online at WWW.VA.GOV

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