

## KIWANIS CLUBS REACH OUT TO VETERANS TO SHOW APPRECIATION

MONTICELLO, November 2020 - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency gratefully accepted more than 100 handmade greeting cards on November 5<sup>th</sup> from the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and the Aktion Club of Sullivan.

The cards are being distributed to veterans at Castle Point and Stratton VA Medical Centers, along with veterans at local Nursing and Rehab Centers.

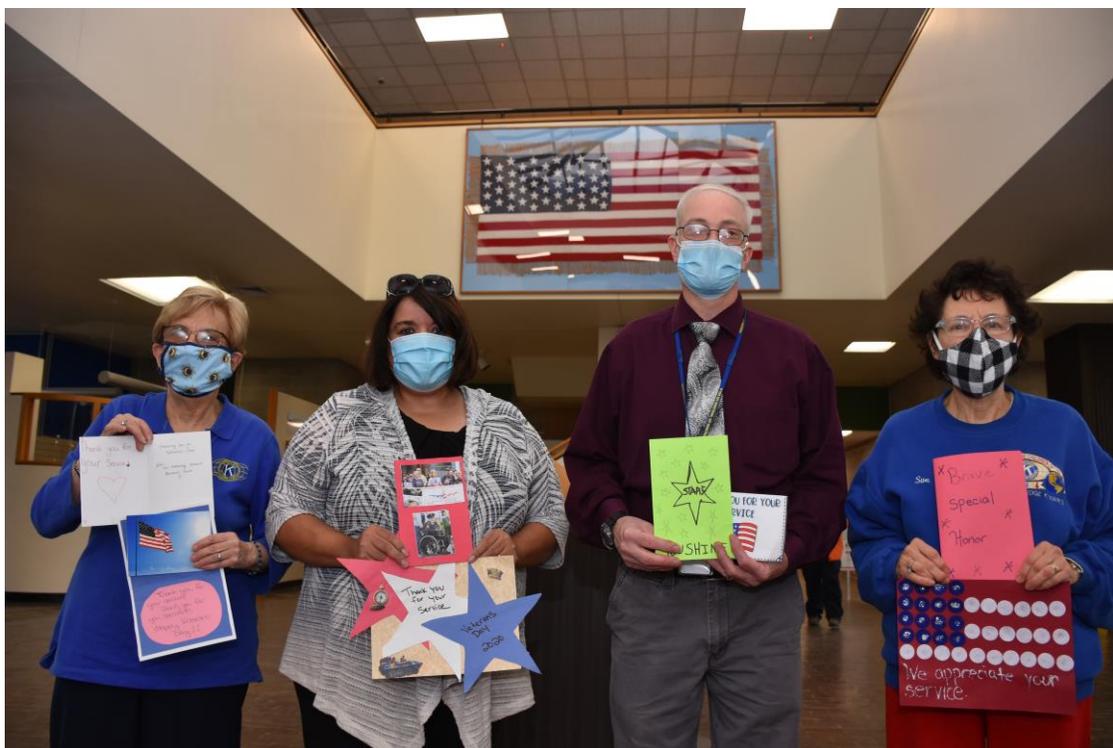
“A lot of veterans have no surviving family and this may be the only outreach contact for them for the year,” says Veterans Service Officer Stephen Walsh, who accepted the cards on behalf of Director John Crotty. “When COVID-19 ends, we look forward to resuming the all-important in-person visits, but for now, these cards from our area Kiwanians are deeply, deeply appreciated. “

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County is sponsored by the Monticello and Woodridge Kiwanis Clubs and is comprised of individuals from the Arc Sullivan/Orange Counties, The Center for Discovery and New Hope Community.

Since most of the members are currently homebound due to the Pandemic, this project was a perfect opportunity for them to remain safe and at the same time reach out to the veterans to express their appreciation for their service to our country.

The Kiwanis Family will continue delivering greeting cards to patients and residents in the local health facilities as a way to let them know that they are not alone and that people care for them.

For more info about local Kiwanis Clubs, contact Marvin at 845-701-1655 or Sue at 845-434-8052.



Pictured from left to right: Monticello Kiwanians and Aktion Club Advisors Sheila Lashinsky and Kathy Garlick, Sullivan County Veterans Service Officer Stephen Walsh and Woodridge Kiwanian/Aktion Club Advisor Sue Kasofsky display some of the cards of appreciation that are being distributed to veterans locally and in regional VA medical centers.

