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### *Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Dedicates Honor Guard Bus*

**Cumberland County, Pennsylvania-** On Tuesday, May 13th at 3:30 pm the Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Department and the Cumberland County Honor Guard will be holding a ceremony to receive and dedicate a new bus for use by the Honor Guard. This public event will be held at VFW, Post 477 located at 2104 West Trindle Road, Carlisle.

The new bus was made possible by a donation from the G. B. Stuart Charitable Foundation. It will transport members of the Honor Guard to veteran funerals throughout the region to render military funeral honors. Each year, this all volunteer organization provides military burial honors for approximately 170 veterans. Honors include greeting the remains, rendering a rifle salute, flag folding and presentation and final salute. This service is provided free of charge to the families and at no cost to the County beyond insuring the newly donated bus. The Honor Guard also participates in various patriotic ceremonies throughout the County including several Memorial Day and Veterans Day programs.

The Cumberland County Veterans Affairs Department, which oversees the Honor Guard provides high quality advice, assistance, counseling, education, outreach and advocacy to eligible veterans and their families for obtaining Federal, State and County veterans' benefits and services in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and policies. Approximately 22,000 veterans reside in Cumberland County.

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