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MTA Metro-North Railroad To Honor Its Veterans and All Veterans With Solemn Ceremony

A wreath will be hung and taps will be played at a solemn ceremony on Thursday November 11 at 11 a.m. as MTA Metro-North Railroad honors its veterans and all veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

The MTA Police Pipe and Drum Band will open and close the ceremony and the Commodore Vanderbilt American Legion Post #1158 will provide the color guard for Metro-North's annual Veterans' Day Ceremony on the Main Concourse of Grand Central Terminal.

Metro-North employs 669 veterans, about one in five of all employees, including a dozen who are currently on active duty.

In both World Wars I and II, millions of service men and women arrived in Grand Central from all corners of this country. They marched through the Main Concourse—onto troop ships—and into the heart of the battle in Europe.

"Metro-North Railroad can boast, with reverence and pride, that many of our fellow employees, both retired and working, span the breath of military service from World War II, the Korean Conflict, the Vietnam War, to the wars and conflicts of today in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Howard Permut, president of Metro-North Railroad. "Today, and every day, we thank you, we honor you and we respect you."