

# Route 118 to be dedicated to fallen soldier

A ceremony dedicating a portion of Route 118 in memory of Major Clayton Carpenter, a Lakeland High School graduate who was killed in a January 2014 training mission, will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, near the intersection of Route 118 and Route 202.

The portion of road, named the “Army Major Clayton Carpenter Memorial Highway,” will begin at the intersection of Route 118 and Underhill Avenue and end at the intersection of Route 118 and Route 202. The bill, sponsored by Sen. Terrence Murphy and former Assemblyman Steve Katz, was signed Thursday, Sept. 29, 2016, by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

Carpenter, born Aug. 12, 1983, graduated fifth in his class from

Lakeland High School in 2001. Carpenter graduated from West Point in June 2005 with a degree in engineering psychology. After he was commissioned as a second lieutenant, Carpenter was assigned to Fort Rucker, Ala. for training. After completing the aviation officer basic course, he was assigned to the Second Battalion, 25th Aviation Regiment at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii, and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom between 2006 and 2008.

Carpenter racked up numerous awards and decorations during his military career, including the Meritorious Service Award, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Citation, National Defense Service

Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and NATO Medal.

Carpenter was killed Jan. 15, 2014, in a training-related incident at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga. Carpenter was a special operations helicopter platoon leader assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (SOAR).

At the time of his death, Clayton Carpenter was a captain. He was posthumously promoted by the Army to major and awarded another Meritorious Service Medal. Earlier this year, he was inducted into the New York State Veterans’ Hall of Fame.



Major Clayton Carpenter

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## HOMES OF HISTORIC DISTINCTION

# Sears Kit House

In the early days of the 20th century, and much as Amazon does today, the Sears Roebuck catalogue (minus the internet) provided a mail order source of everything for everyone—from groceries, shoes and clothing to hardware, building materials and eventually even to houses. (From 1908 to 1912, the company even produced its own line of automobiles.) In 1906, a glut of inventory in the company’s building materials department prompted Frank Kushel, a Sears manager, to suggest that the company sell entire houses in kit form through mail order. The first order for a Sears house was filled in 1908, and by 1940, some 70,000 homes were constructed from kits supplied by mail through the company.

One of those Sears home kits was delivered to the Croton Heights station of the Putnam Railroad in 1929, hauled up the hill to Croton Heights Road and assembled, where it stands today, much as it did almost 90 years ago.

Larry Klein and Terry Dugan are the current owners of this property, recently named a Home of Historic Distinction by the Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission. The couple purchased their home in 1989, and, in researching the property, discovered that theirs was a Sears kit home dubbed “The Maywood”.

First offered in the 1920s, the home is described poetically in a Sears Modern Home Catalogue: “The Maywood two-story home bespeaks simplicity and worth.

Designed after the finest in modern architecture, it makes an ideal home. Viewed from any angle, its lovely proportion and balance is outstanding. Every line is expressive of quality, durability and good taste.”The kit, in its entirety, retailed for \$2,805.

Kit homes supplied the purchaser with everything necessary to finish a home—from exterior lumber, roofing, siding, flooring, windows, interior doors and trim to kitchen cabinets, hardware, paint, stain, and even wallpaper. (Plumbing, heating, wiring, electric and shades were extra.) The Klein/Dugan house today features its original wallpaper in the dining room. Over the years, the couple has renovated the kitchen and bathroom, and at some point before their purchase of the home, the side porch was enclosed. Otherwise, the house is remarkably the same as it was in 1929.

After 28 years in their home, Terry Dugan sees little to change. She admits that a bathroom renovation might be on the horizon, but agrees that, just as the Sears catalogue described, the Maywood “makes an ideal home...”

The Yorktown Landmarks Preservation Commission is always seeking applicants for the Homes of Historic Distinction Program. To qualify, homes must have historical significance based on age, architectural style, past ownership or association with a person or event important to Yorktown’s history. Through the program, plaques designating the basic facts about each

house’s history are fabricated and installed on or near the home. The commission will work with each homeowner on appropriate wording for the plaque and will assist in research. The cost for the application and the plaque is \$100. Applications are available online at [yorktownny.org/planning](http://yorktownny.org/planning) or by emailing [nmilanese@yorktownny.org](mailto:nmilanese@yorktownny.org).

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