

Wappinger to receive World Trade Center steel

WAPPINGER – The Town of Wappinger will receive a section of steel that was recovered from the World Trade Center after the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey has authorized the transfer of a section of the steel to the town and it will be incorporated into a memorial being built to honor Army Sgt. Mark Palmateer, a former Wappinger resident killed in action in Afghanistan on June 26, 2008.

He was the first soldier from Dutchess County to lose his life in the war on terror.

“Sgt. Palmateer’s service and ultimate sacrifice for our country should never be forgotten,” said Deputy Town Supervisor William Beale. The monument will be an eternal memorial to the victims of September 11 and those who have served to protect the country and its citizens from terrorism, he said.