



Morris Honors Heroes Banner Program

Village of Morris, NY
PO Box 448
Morris, NY 13808

Hello Community Members:

For my Eagle Scout Project, I am eager to recognize and honor Morris Central School District's own military heroes. The goal is to hang banners on the poles opposite of the American flags in the village of Morris. It is because of the sacrifice of our military personnel that we are all able to enjoy the freedoms we have and the safe and beautiful place in which we live. Your support for this project will be greatly appreciated.

These banners will be made of commercial grade vinyl. Each banner will display a photo of our town's heroes as well as their years of service, branch of service, and any medals they may have earned. They will be on display from Memorial Day to Veterans Day. After each season, they will be taken down, cleaned, and stored.

I am proud to begin the process of celebrating and honoring the men and women who have sacrificed much in the service of our country and of ourselves. This simple recognition is the least we can do in return. If this program is successful, I will share this program information with other surrounding towns to make their programs easy to start.

If you would like to participate in the program by purchasing a banner to honor a family member, yourself, or a friend, please see the attached guidelines and honoree profile and application. If this purchase is a hardship, please send a note in with the application. Applications are available on-line (<https://www.morrisny.org/news>, and Facebook: Morris, NY -- Smalltown, USA and Morris NY Announcement Page) and in the Village of Morris Clerk's Office (hours: Tues. 3-5pm, Thurs. 9am-5pm), among other places.

If you would like to donate to this program to help those who can't afford a banner or for future maintenance reserves, please send donations to the following address:

The Village of Morris
Attn: Honoring Heroes Project
PO Box 448
Morris, NY 13808

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have questions, please contact Levi Waffle or Julene Waffle at leroywaff@gmail.com or julenejwaffle@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Levi Waffle
Troop 3, Eagle Scout Candidate

Official Honoree Guidelines

Application Requirements:

In order to be considered for a banner, the Honoree must meet the following requirements:

- Live or have lived in the Morris CS District at some time during his or her life.
- Currently serving or have served in one of the following branches: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, Space Force, Reserves, or National Guard.
- Be currently serving, be honorably discharged, be missing in action, or have died during their time of service.
- Show a copy of the honoree's Discharge form (DD 214), if available. It will be returned or shredded, as requested).

Banner Design, Time Frame, and Location:

Banners will be made of commercial-grade vinyl material, approximately 24 x 48 inches.

Printing will be visible on both sides. Their design will include the Honoree's name, photograph, branch of service, and years of service or the era in which he or she served. The banners will be displayed annually from before Memorial Day through Veterans Day then taken down, cleaned, and stored until the next season.

Photo Guidelines:

A copy of your favorite and best quality Honoree photograph, preferably in uniform, is to accompany the application. You may also e-mail a digital photo to Mrs. Julene Waffle, the Morris Central School Yearbook Advisor, at julenejwaffle@gmail.com. All digital images must be high-resolution (600 dpi or higher). If you need help scanning photos, you may contact Mrs. Waffle for that as well.

Cost:

The cost is \$200.00. This includes the cost of the banner, hardware to hang the banners, and a general maintenance charge. Checks or money orders (with "Honoring Heroes" and Honoree's name in the memo) can be mailed to Village of Morris, PO Box 448, Morris, NY 13808. If this cost is a hardship, please send a note in with the application. If you would like to donate to lessen the cost of a banner for someone else, please indicate that as well.

Deadlines:

The first deadline is October 1, 2024. The second deadline will be April 1, 2025. Banners will be hung in two waves and then as needed there after. There will be a dedication ceremony, location, date, and time to be announced.

If you have questions, please contact Levi Waffle or Julene Waffle at leroywaff@gmail.com or julenejwaffle@gmail.com. The Village Clerk also knows information.

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Honoree Profile and Application

Please fill out this form and mail it to the current local program coordinator:

Village of Morris, Attn: Honoring Heroes Project
PO Box 448
Morris, NY 13808

Include a copy of your high resolution picture (see guidelines), your contact information and your honoree's information (below), and your check or money order for the amount of \$200 made out to Village of Morris with "Honoring Heroes" and the Honoree's name in the memo.

Honoree Full Name (as you want it to appear on the banner): _____

Branch of Service: _____ **Rank:** _____

Medals Earned: _____

Era or Years of Service: _____

Eras: Global War on Terror (Sept. 22, 2001-Present)
Persian Gulf War (Aug. 22, 1990-Aug. 31, 1991)
Cold War (Sept. 2, 1945-Dec. 26, 1991)
Vietnam Conflict (Feb. 28, 1962-Nov. 7, 1975)
Korean War (June 27-1950-Jan. 31, 1955)
WWII (Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946)
WWI (April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918)
Spanish American War (April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918)
Civil War (1861-1865)

DD 214 Form: _____ copied included **Please** _____ **Shred** _____ **Return**

Check one: _____ Photo included _____ Photo e-mailed
leroywaff@gmail.com or julenejwaffle@gmail.com

The price of the hero banner and brackets: \$200.00 (future costs are subject to change).

Total Enclosed: _____

Circle all applicable: Payment included Funding Request included Donation included

Do you have a specific pole address on which you prefer the Honoree Banner to be hung?
(Poles will be assigned on a first come first serve basis):

Person submitting the information:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number: _____

Relationship to hero: _____