



Town of Porter Hometown Heroes Banner Program 2024

APPLICATION/QUALIFICATION VERIFICATION FORM

Please take the complete application, picture, and check (made payable to the Town of Porter) to the Town Hall - attn. Kim Boyer [include the Veterans name in the memo area of the check]

APPLICANT'S CONTACT INFORMATION, NAME(s), ADRESSE(s), PHONE#, & EMAIL:

(Please read all guidelines carefully before submitting this for -CLEARLY PRINT all information)

Date of Banner Form Submission: _____

Serviveman/Servicewoman:

<u>Name: (exactly as it will appear on the banner, please print clearly below)</u>		
<u>Military Rank</u>	<u>Years Served- when to when</u>	<u>Military branch</u>

Era of Service: (check list of official DOD dates) _____

Medals Awarded: Purple Heart _____ Gold Star _____ Silver Star _____

Check one:
Is your Veteran Alive ___ Deceased ___ KIA ___ POW/MIA ___

Sponsors Name(s)- SPACE IS LIMITED- May have to modify entries to fit (EXAMPLES: The Smith Family, Lions Club, Mary Beth and Robert Brown)

Applicants Name & relationship to the Veteran:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: can use 2 lines if necessary



Town of Porter Hometown Hero Banner Program 2024

Program Description

Communities throughout the state are taking the opportunity to thank our military service members by displaying patriotic street side banners with their photos. The Town of Porter is pleased to announce that we are offering our own Hometown Hero Banner Program as a way to recognize the sacrifice and commitment of those who served or presently serve in the military. The banners can be purchased by friends, families, community organizations or businesses. The banners are prominently displayed from Memorial Day through the fall along main roads in the community.

Banner Information

The full-color banners are 66" by 30", double-sided, made of durable vinyl, with a patriotic theme and include the Veteran's photo. They contain the Veteran's **name, branch of service and conflict or era of service**. They can include their rank and special honors (KIA, DIS, MIA, POW, Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Bronze or Silver Star), although less lettering allows us to more prominently show their name and photo so they are more clearly visible from a distance.

Military Requirements

All service member banners must meet these requirements:

1. The sponsoring family/business/organization should be a resident of the Town of Porter, New York (includes the Village of Youngstown/hamlet of Ransomville). The service member to be recognized can also be a town resident, but this is not a requirement.
2. Did serve or are serving our country in Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard or National Reserve.
3. Must be serving currently, or be an honorably discharged veteran, MIA, or died in the line of service.

Banner Pricing

Each banner will cost the family or sponsor a total of \$190. This includes the banner, hardware for hanging, installation plus end of season cleaning and storage at Town Hall over the winter months. Banners will be re-hung each year at locations throughout the town until they become worn or the individual sponsor requests their return. The manufacturer and other communities estimate the banners can be displayed for about 3 years depending on conditions.

Applications are available at Town Hall or online at townofporter.net. The town requests that all applications be completed and returned with related photos and payment to Town Bookkeeper Kimberli Boyer by April 30, 2024.

Sponsorship/Donations

For individuals or businesses who would like to be a sponsor without purchasing a banner, monetary donations will be used for expenses beyond the cost of the banners and hardware.

Questions/Additional Information

For additional information/questions please email Town Historian Terry Duffy at townhistorian@townofporter.net or Kimberli Boyer at bookkeeper@townofporter.net.



Town of Porter Hometown Hero **Banner Program 2024**

Eras of Service: Official Department of Defense dates: (Please choose the era of service you would like highlighted on the banner)

- Global War on Terror- September 11, 2001, to present
- Gulf War- August 2, 1990 – January 2, 1992
- Cold War- September 2, 1945 – December 26, 1991
- Vietnam –August 5, 1964 -May 7, 1975
- Korean War – June 27, 1950 – January 31, 1955
- WWII – December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
- WW I – April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918
- Civil War 1861 – 1865
- Peacetime (enter dates of service)_____

Veteran Approval

If the service member you are honoring is still living, please check with them to make sure they approve of the placement and information on the banner.

Photo for the Banner

Please supply the best quality photo you have of the veteran in uniform that you wish to appear on the banner. Electronic digital photos are requested to be 600 DPI for optimal reproduction use. Photos can be mailed, left at the Town Hall to be scanned, or you can digitally scan the photo and attach it as a jpg in an email. If you provide an original picture, it will be scanned and returned to you. Please attach a self-addressed envelope to return the photo to you.

Sponsorship

Any person, business or organization can help support the Hometown Hero program as a sponsor by making a donation. Contributions can be sent or dropped-off at the Town of Porter, 3265 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174, note the contribution is for the Hometown Heroes Program.

Payment

Please make check payable to the Town of Porter. Remit checks (paper only - no electronic payments accepted). Application, Photos, and Check should be submitted to the Town hall, 3265 Creek road, Youngstown, NY 14174 - attn: Kim Boyer.