

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM
MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION #167-2020

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A HOMETOWN HEROES' BANNER PROGRAM
TO HONOR U.S MILITARY VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Mendham, in recognition of the great sacrifice made by members of the U.S. military, wish to pay special tribute to active duty members and veterans who currently reside in the Borough or whose family members reside here; and

WHEREAS, the Borough proposes a Hometown Heroes' Banner Program, under which banners printed with each service member's photo in uniform, name, rank, conflict, years of service and major awards would be displayed along East and West Main Street for two weeks, in conjunction with the Veteran's Day and Memorial Day holidays; and

WHEREAS, under the Program, the production of banners would be sponsored by private donors, at no cost to taxpayers, with assistance by the Borough's Department of Public Works in placing the banners on poles; and

WHEREAS, the Program would be administered by a Hometown Heroes' Banner Program Committee appointed by the Mayor, with preference given to U.S. military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council find that the Hometown Heroes' Banner Program is an appropriate and necessary way to honor servicemen and servicewoman with ties to the Borough of Mendham.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mendham, in the County of Morris and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. A Hometown Hero's Banner Program is hereby established in the Borough of Mendham. The Program is open to any active or reserve member of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard currently residing in the Borough and any U.S. military veteran, living or deceased, so long as honorably discharged, who resides in the Borough or has family members living in the Borough.
2. The program shall be administered by a Hometown Heroes' Banner Program Committee to be appointed by the Mayor. The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and five (5) members. At least one member shall be an elected official. Membership preference shall be given to U.S. military veterans.
3. Banners will be printed with a service member's photo in uniform, name, rank, conflict, years of service and major awards, such as the Medal of Honor, Navy Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.
4. Banners will be displayed along East and West Main Street but may be expanded later to Hilltop and Mountain Avenue, at the discretion of the Governing Body. Banners will be displayed twice each year for a two-week period over the Memorial Day and Veterans' Day holidays.
5. The cost of banner product shall be paid for by private donors, at no cost to taxpayers. The Borough Department of Public Works shall be responsible for placing banners on Borough poles.
6. All banners shall be 30" wide by 60" high of a uniform design as designated by the Committee. The number of banners produced each year will be determined by the Committee.
7. Banner applications shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk with an 8" x 11" or 5" x 7" photo of the service member in uniform, along with the member's DD214. Applications must be submitted no later than April 1 for that year's Program. The Committee cannot honor requests to place banners in a specific location. Initial preference will be given to older living veterans of WWI, WWII, and the Korean and Vietnam Wars.
8. The Borough of Mendham reserves the right to amend these policies and procedures when deemed necessary.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: November 12, 2020

Attest:

BOROUGH OF MENDHAM

Robin R. Kline, Borough Clerk

Christine Serrano-Glassner, Mayor