



May 10, 2026

Dear Friend:

The Kingston Veterans Association is continuing our “Hometown Hero Banner Program” for 2026. There will be no more after this. First Come – First served.

Each individual Banner will be unique and honor a specific service member, past or present, including their picture, name, branch and era of service, and the sponsor’s name will be prominently displayed at the bottom of the banner.

This project is non-political and non-partisan. It is purely a living memorial to recognize those that have served or are currently serving our country in the military, past and present. The Banners will be on display until at least August 2028. At that time, they become the Sponsor’s property and may be claimed at the Kingston American Legion. We cannot be responsible for damaged, vandalized, or missing banners. Pictures will be cropped to show from the waist up.

Please join us in celebrating the Veterans of our area. Sponsorships are \$50.00 each for the first 100 applicants, and entitle the sponsoring individual or business to have their name on the banner purchased.

Contributions towards the Project are also accepted and appreciated. Placement of the Banners will be at our discretion. Specific poles cannot be selected due to the limited number.

For further information contact BILL FORTE AT (845) 399-0414 UNTIL 11PM.

WILLIAM J.J. FORTE
Chairman
Kingston Veterans Association

HOMETOWN HERO BANNER REQUEST

*****PRINT ALL ENTRIES CLEARLY*****

NAME/RANK OF VETERAN: _____

ERA OF SERVICE (**See Below): _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

WAS THE VETERAN: KILLED IN ACTION: _____ POW/MIA: _____

SPONSORS NAME AS IT SHOULD APPEAR ON BANNER (22 Letter/Space Max):

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: _____

YOUR ADDRESS: _____

YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

*PICTURES ARE TO BE ENLARGED ON THE BANNER TO APPROXIMATELY 15" x 15" AND SHOULD BE OF THE BEST QUALITY AVAILABLE. PICTURES CAN BE RETURNED AFTER SCANNING OR THEY CAN BE SENT SEPERATELY IN 'J-PEG' FORMAT TO: woogman2001@yahoo.com.

****ERA'S OF SERVICE:**

(FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS, STATE EITHER IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN)

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM	SEPT 11, 2001	to	PRESENT
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM (AFGHANISTAN)	SEPT 11, 2001	to	PRESENT
PERSIAN GULF:	AUGUST 2, 1990	to	AUGUST 31, 1991
COLD WAR:	SEPTEMBER 1945	to	DECEMBER 26, 1991
OPERATION URGENT FURY (GRENADA):	OCTOBER 23 1983	to	NOVEMBER 21, 1983
VIETNAM ERA:	FEBRUARY 28, 1960	to	MAY 7, 1975
KOREAN WAR ERA:	JUNE 27, 1950	to	JANUARY 31, 1955
WORLD WAR II:	DECEMBER 7, 1941	to	DECEMBER 31, 1946
WORLD WAR I:	APRIL 6, 1917	to	NOVEMBER 11, 1918

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS & PAYMENT OF \$50.00 PER BANNER, can be mailed to: Bill Forte, 249 Linderman Ave, Kingston, NY 12401, up until July 31st, or until 100 have been received. **ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "KVA".

ALL PICTURES, APPLICATIONS AND PAYMENT,
MUST BE "RECEIVED" NLT JULY 31ST 2026 !!!

PHOTO RELEASE FORM

I hereby grant the City of Kingston and the Kingston Veterans Association, permission to use the attached photo (which includes a likeness of me or of my relative, in the 2026 Hometown Hero Banner Project, and for promotional use also. In addition, I take full responsibility for ensuring that information about the veteran being honored is accurate and correct.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PRINTED NAME: _____