

Operation Green Light honors veterans

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Aitkin County announced plans to illuminate county buildings green from Nov. 4-11 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide effort uniting counties to support military veterans. The initiative, led by the National Association of Counties (NACo), raises awareness around the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources available at the county, state and federal levels to assist veterans and their families.

Now in its fifth year, Operation Green Light is spearheaded by NACo and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers, building upon successful efforts by the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021. In 2023 and 2024, over 450 counties participated in Operation Green Light.

"Our veterans have made great sacrifices to protect our country and preserve the freedoms we enjoy every

day. They put their lives on the line, often enduring hardship, separation from family and lasting physical or emotional challenges, all in service to a cause greater than themselves," said County Veterans Service Officer, Penny Harms. "Operation Green Light helps honor our veterans by providing a simple yet powerful way for our community to show veterans they are supported and appreciated."

Aitkin County residents, businesses and community organizations are encouraged to participate in Operation Green Light by changing one light to a green bulb. By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

"Operation Green Light is an opportunity to thank veterans for both their service to our nation and their contributions to our communities," said NACo Executive Director Matthew Chase. "With hundreds of counties coming together to light up everything from courthouses to bridges, we

know veterans will see and



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Aitkin County participates in Operation Green Light in support of local veterans.

feel our gratitude for their selflessness and courage."

Counties and residents across the country are

sharing their participation on social media using the

hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

For more information on Operation Green Light, go

to <https://www.naco.org/resources/signature-proj->

ects/operation-green-light-veterans.

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