



Town of Porter Hometown Hero Banner Application 2026

Program Description

Communities throughout the state are taking the opportunity to thank our military service members. The Town of Porter is pleased to announce that we are again offering our own Hometown Hero Banner Program in 2026 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 Spring through the Fall along main roads.

Banner Information

The full-color banners measure **66 inches in height by 30 inches wide. The banners feature double-sided images of the service member and are constructed of durable vinyl**, with a patriotic theme. Included are the service member's name, branch of service and conflict or era of service. Banners can also include their rank and special honors (KIA, DIS, MIA, POW, Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Bronze or Silver Star), although less lettering allows for a more prominent display of the veteran's name and photo from a distance.

Military Requirements

All service member banners must meet these requirements:

1. Did serve or are serving our country in Army, Marine, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard or National Reserve.
2. 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 **\$210**. This includes the banner, hardware for hanging on utility poles, installation, any maintenance costs by the town and storage. All 2026 Banner applications must be submitted to Porter Town Hall by **March 31, 2026**, to allow for processing and banner manufacture. .

The banner is the property of the sponsor family and can be returned to them if requested at the end of the season. All banners must be returned to Porter Town Hall prior to May 1 if it is going to be re-hung the next season. All banners stored by the town or returned by the sponsor will be re-hung, provided the condition of the banner allows it to be displayed in a safe, presentable manner.

The manufacturer estimates these banners have a service life of approximately three years, depending on mounting and environmental conditions. Banners determined by the town or its manufacturer to be too weathered and past their service life will not be displayed. The town advises that all banner replacement costs are the responsibility of the sponsor.

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.

Payment

Please make checks payable to the Town of Porter, Remit checks or cash; no electronic payments accepted. Mail the payment and application Kim Boyer at 3265 Creek Road, Youngstown, NY 14174 or drop it off at the Town Hall.



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Please print clearly. This information is provided for the Hometown Heroes Banner.

Name of Military Member to be Honored:

Please PRINT the name exactly as you would like it to appear on the banner. We recommend first and last name. Use the middle name, initial or Sr/Jr only if it is needed for clarity —additional lettering requires that the print size be reduced, making the name less visible from a distance.

Military Branch:

Military Rank:

Years Served (Start Date to Finish Date):

Era of Service (see list on next page):

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

Is your veteran: Living Deceased KIA POW MIA

Died in Service

Other details/information:

Sponsor's Name/Organization:

Relationship to Veteran:

Sponsor's Address:

Sponsor's Phone Number:

Sponsor's E-mail:

Do you have a preference where the banner is placed:

Village of Youngstown

Ransomville

Signature

date



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Eras of Service

Official Department of Defense dates:

(Please choose the “era of service” you would like highlighted on the banner)

Era of Service:

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	<i>(enter dates of service)</i>

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 31, 2026