

## Hometown Heroes Banner Program

### What is it?

The Park Forest Hometown Heroes Banner Project is an opportunity for citizens of our town to honor local military members and who have served their country. For its inaugural year, the Project will place up to 50 banners along light poles in Downtown Park Forest.

### Who is eligible?

Each banner will honor an individual service member, including active duty service members, retired and honorably discharged veterans, and memorials to service members who are no longer with us.

### How can I participate?

If you would like to have a banner dedicated to a service member in your family, please complete this form.

The cost for each 18x36 inch banner is \$150. Cost includes banner, hardware and installation. All applications must be completed and submitted by March 31st to allow time for printing and installation by Memorial Day. Applications accepted from July 1st - March 31st to be considered for installation in May.

### Additional Information

For more information, visit the Veteran's Closet & Resource Center at 351 Founders Way in Downtown Park Forest. Forms can also be downloaded from the Park Forest website at [www.villageofparkforest.com](http://www.villageofparkforest.com).

## Village of Park Forest Hometown Heroes Banner Program

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If you would like to donate to our mission, get involved in supporting the Veterans Commission, or know of a loved one that you would like to honor, please contact Veterans Commission Staff Liaison, Village Manager Tom Mick at [tmick@vopf.com](mailto:tmick@vopf.com) or 708.748.1129

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PARK FOREST IS HONORING ITS  
SERVICE MEMBERS!



# HOMETOWN HEROES *Banner Program*

The Hometown Heroes Banner Program established by the Village of Park Forest endeavors to honor and recognize veterans and currently serving military personnel from Park Forest.



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## Hometown Heroes Banner Application

Sponsor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree  
Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Service Dates (ex. 1943-1945) \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_

### Branch of Service: (Circle Appropriate Branch)

- ARMY (AAC,AAF or WAC)
- AIR FORCE
- COAST GUARD
- MARINES
- NAVY
- SPACE FORCE

### Era of Service: (Circle all that apply)

- War Between the States: 1861-1865
- Spanish-American War: Apr. 1898-Aug. 1898
- World War I: Apr.6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918
- World War II: Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1945
- Cold War: Sep. 2, 1945-Dec. 26, 1991
- Korean Conflict: Jun. 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
- Vietnam Conflict: Feb. 28, 1962-Nov. 7, 1975
- Persian Gulf War: Aug. 2, 1990-Aug. 30, 1991
- Global War on Terror: Sep. 22, 2001-Present

### Status: (Please circle)

- POW (Prisoner of War)
- MIA (Missing in Action)
- KIA (Killed in Action)

### Medals Received: (Circle all that apply)

- Purple Heart
- Silver Star
- Bronze Star

We will insert a picture of those medals as needed. If you require a different medal, you will be required to supply a high-resolution (200-300 dpi) picture.



### Photo Release Acknowledgement:

I hereby grant the Village of Park Forest and the Park Forest Veterans Commission to use the attached photo in their Hometown Heroes Banner Program, with the understanding that this photo, or its likeness, may be used for promotional use. I also understand and hold the Village of Park Forest and the Park Forest Veterans Commission harmless for any submitted incorrect information, or any acts of nature or vandalism that may damage or destroy any sponsored banner. The Village of Park Forest and the Park Forest Veterans Commission reserves the right to approve all banners, and as this is a sponsorship, no refund will be given.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*If honoree is living, they must sign the form.



### To process the application, please submit the following:

- Completed application and
- Signed photo release statement
- Proof of Park Forest residency for service member of immediate family member. (Example: copy of utility bill, driver's license, etc.)
- Verification of active duty status. (Example: military orders, military i.d., etc.)
- Verification of military service (DD214 or Honorable Discharge Certificate)
- High resolution (200-300dpi) photo of hero in their military uniform. Digital photos will be accepted.
- Check or money order for \$150 payable to Village Of Park Forest (please add "PF Hometown Heroes" in the memo line)
- MAIL TO:

Village of Park Forest  
ATTN: Veterans Commission  
350 Victory Drive  
Park Forest, IL 60466



### For All Questions & Inquiries:

- Veterans Commission Staff Liaison, Village Manager Tom Mick at [tmick@vopf.com](mailto:tmick@vopf.com) or 708.748.1129.
- Park Forest Veterans Closet: 708.748.2829
- Downtown Park Forest Manager Heather Jones at [hjones@vopf.com](mailto:hjones@vopf.com) or 708.503.8153

Applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. If the maximum banner capacity is reached, applicants will be placed on a list for their banner to be displayed the following year. Requests for a specific display location will not be accepted. The Village of Park Forest, the Park Forest Veterans Commission and the Downtown Park Forest Management Office will determine placement of the banners beginning on Main Street in Downtown Park Forest.