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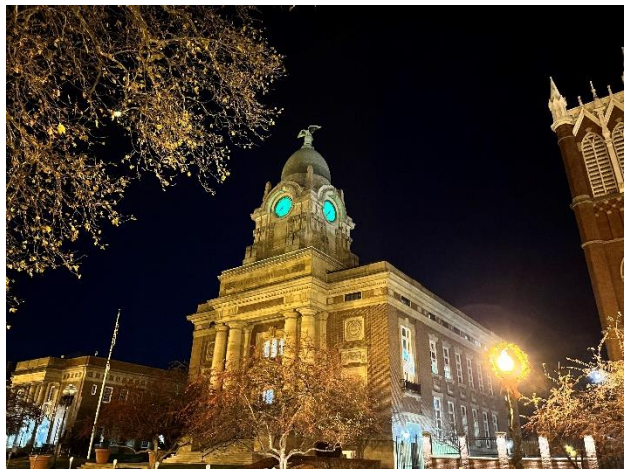
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Lake County to Support 'Operation Green Light' for Local Veterans

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, November 8, 2023– We are excited to announce that Lake County is joining our colleagues across the nation in supporting #OperationGreenLight for Veterans, an initiative designed to shine a light on the service of our Veterans and their families for the second year.

“Operation Green Light for Veterans is an idea that brings awareness to the care resources available for our amazing Veterans,” said Recorder Becky Lynch, member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Veterans and Military Services Committee which launched Operation Green Light. “All across the country there are supporters lighting up green places and we are very grateful for our Lake County’s support on this! We’re keeping our green light on all year in the Recorder offices and I am happy that National Association of Counties’ Veterans and Military Services Committee sponsors and distributes the information to join in. God Bless our Veterans.”



Lake County Courthouse Illuminated Green for #OperationGreenLight.

“This is a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform,” said Commissioner John Hamercheck. “Thank you to our staff for the hard work they put into #OperationGreenLight to support our veterans.”

Now more than ever, our Veterans need our support. In a time when our country is divided on so many issues, we can all agree that those individuals who risked everything to protect our country and our way of life deserve our support and gratitude. #OperationGreenLight for Veterans.

“I encourage all of our county to participate in #OperationGreenLight to support our Veterans,” said Commissioner John Plecnik. “It is incredibly important that we show support to our Veterans who gave and still give so much for our freedom.”

As a part of #OperationGreenLight for Veterans, Lake County is illuminating our Courthouse building beginning on November 6 to November 13, 2023, and we encourage individuals and businesses to join! The Terminal Tower in Cleveland was illuminated green on November 6, and will also be illuminated green on November 12, 2023.

“The Lake County Veterans Service Commission appreciates all those Lake County officials and employees who support our Veterans. The citizens of Lake County can help our Veterans too; all they need to do is ensure every Veteran they know, or see at church, or run into at the grocery store is aware of our office,” said Executive Director at Lake County Veterans Service Center, Jon Warmeling. “Whether a Veteran is in need of support now, or not, or whether a benefit is available now, or not, knowing where we are located, getting registered with our office and understanding what may be available now or in the future is not only important for every Veteran, but for their family members as well. Again, we thank Commission Clerk Jen Bell and Recorder Becky Lynch for their dedication to our Veterans and work in ensuring no Veteran is left behind.”

Roughly 250,000 members transition out of the armed services each year. Join #OperationGreenLight for Veterans to help shine a light to support and welcome our Veterans home by changing one light bulb in the entryway of your house or business to a green bulb.

“We can’t support our veterans enough, they make countless sacrifices that can sometimes go unnoticed,” said Commissioner Richard J. Regovich. “#OperationGreenLight is our turn to show Veterans and their families that they are supported by their county government and our community.”

By shining a green light, we aim to let Veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

This Veterans Day, join us in shining a light of hope and support. Join #OperationGreenLight and let’s turn Lake County green for our Veterans. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit [naco.org/operationgreenlight](https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/veteran-services/) or <https://www.lakecountyohio.gov/veteran-services/> or dial 1-440-350-2904 for more information and links to resources available to Veterans.

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