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Purple Lights To Honor National Purple Heart Day August 7th In Hunterdon

Hunterdon County's Historic Courthouse in Flemington will be glowing purple in honor of National Purple Heart Day on Saturday, August 7th, as recommended by Commissioner Zach Rich and approved by the Board of Commissioners at the August 3rd meeting.

Commissioner Rich, who serves as the Board's Veterans liaison along with Director Susan J. Soloway, said, "The Purple Heart is awarded to those serving in the military who are killed or wounded in action against the enemy. As I considered how this Board, and our County, should honor and recognize those whose sacrifices earned the Purple Heart, I reflected on the deep patriotism of Hunterdon County residents.

I am proud to share that patriotism and to be a part of a community that supports and honors those who made sacrifices, particularly the ultimate sacrifice, to help keep this nation free. Lighting up the Courthouse in purple on Saturday is one small way to demonstrate our commitment to those who have received the award.

Additionally, here at the County, a memorial honoring those who have received the Purple Heart is located in the Court Street park, just behind the Historic Courthouse. I encourage everyone to take the time to visit the memorial and honor those whose sacrifice earned the military's most distinguished award."

Director Soloway in supporting Commissioner Rich's recommendation, said, "I join Commissioner Rich in expressing our great thanks and appreciation to those who have made sacrifices to defend our nation.



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We are honored to have several Purple Heart awardees here in Hunterdon County and not only appreciate their service, but also their active support of their fellow Veterans through the Purple Heart organization.”

The Purple Heart award was established by General George Washington in 1782. President Washington’s likeness adorns the medal.

The Purple Heart Memorial at the Court Street Park in Flemington was erected by the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter 700, in 2003.