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## **Hunterdon Plans KIA Honor Flag Renewal Ceremony At Historic Courthouse On October 7<sup>th</sup>**

### **Veterans and the Public Are Invited To Attend**

Hunterdon County Commissioner Zachary T. Rich announced, at a recent Board meeting, that a refreshed Killed In Action (KIA) Honor Flag will be raised at a special ceremony outside of the County's Historic Courthouse in Flemington, on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm.

Commissioner Rich, who serves as the Board's Veterans liaison along with Board Director Susan J. Soloway, said, "A respectful ceremony is being planned for the raising of the refreshed KIA Honor Flag which will recognize all of the nation's military heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

October 7<sup>th</sup> has been chosen because it is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commencement of the war on terrorism in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom, America's first response to the 9-11 terrorist attack twenty years ago."

Rich continued, "Over 2400 American service members paid the ultimate price in Afghanistan, including the final thirteen killed in action last month at the airport gate in Kabul, as they protected American diplomats, citizens and Afghan allies attempting to leave the country.

Whatever you may think of the beginning or the end of that war, our troops, all volunteers, did their jobs. They risked their lives, and some lost their lives, while protecting our nation. Their valor, dedication, and courage deserve to be honored and remembered."

Rich said, "During the KIA Honor Flag renewal ceremony on October 7<sup>th</sup>, Hunterdon County will honor those killed in action on August 26, 2021 in Kabul, and throughout the war in Afghanistan, and in all wars fought to protect American freedoms and our way of life."

Hunterdon County Veterans and Veteran Organizations, as well as the public, are invited to the KIA Honor Flag Ceremony.