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Veteran Headstone Cleaning Continues In Hunterdon County, More Than 115 Volunteers Regularly Participate In Monthly Events

Veteran Headstone Cleaning Events have been ongoing since early spring with support from the Hunterdon County Commissioner Board, Veteran Services Officer (VSO), Rich Booth, and more than 115 county volunteers Commissioner Susan J. Soloway reported at the August 16th Board meeting.

Soloway, the Board's Co-Veterans liaison, said, "The level of interest here in the county speaks to the patriotic nature of our residents. There has been an increase in volunteer sign-ups with each event that is planned, and church groups and Scout Troops are currently planning events for the fall."

The upcoming event this Sunday, August 21st will be at the Rosemont Cemetery in Stockton, starting at 8 AM. The event is held rain or shine.

"Volunteers are encouraged to share the event information with family members, friends and neighbors, to increase participation and help us reach our goal of cleaning every veteran headstone in Hunterdon County," Soloway added.

VSO Booth has shared the information of all cleaning events with local Veteran Organizations and noted, "I recommend that volunteers bring garden or kitchen gloves to protect their hands during the cleaning process. A bucket is also recommended. Water is a large part of the cleaning process."

The Veteran Headstone Cleaning Program was inspired by Trae Zipperer's non-profit, 'By Memorial Day' after he visited Hunterdon County last fall. For more information about the organization, [click here](#).

"With more than 450 veteran headstones already cleaned, and seven cemeteries visited, the plan is to continue hosting events throughout the fall and inspire other communities and counties to start the program.

I am most proud of our volunteers, with new residents signing up weekly, and it is my honor to participate with fellow Commissioner Board members and everyone in attendance," Soloway concluded.



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For more information, county residents can contact VSO Booth by calling 908-788-1361 or via email, rbooth@co.hunterdon.nj.us.

Anyone RSVPing for the Sunday, August 21st event should email rcass@co.hunterdon.nj.us by Saturday, August 20th.