



ATHENS VETERAN BANNER PROJECT

BACKGROUND: In 2017, a volunteer group* organized to create and place banners for display in Uptown Athens Ohio, to honor Athens County Veterans. The City of Athens agreed to hang the banners on Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Honorees must meet the following requirements:

Born in, has lived in, or is currently a resident of Athens County, Ohio

Served and been honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard or National Guard

Banners may be sponsored by individuals or organizations who are responsible for the full cost of the banner. Application information is in the space below.

OTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT:

- Display Locations: Banners will be displayed by the City of Athens on Uptown streets and on the Richland Ave. Bridge.
- Available spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. All Banner locations shall be determined by the City.
- A banner sponsor cannot select a specific location. If more banners are ordered than poles available, banners will be installed on a year-to-year rotating basis. Banners are rotated out after two installations (Veterans Day & Memorial Day) & will be available for pick up at Judge McCarthy's office at the County Courthouse.
- Cost: Custom banners are produced by a local vendor and total \$130. The hardware, installation and removal are handled courtesy of the City of Athens.
 - Donations: Contributions to cover costs (printing, unsponsored banners) are always welcome. Checks can be made payable to the City of Athens (with "Athens Veteran Banner Project" on the memo line), and sent to Athens City Auditor, 8 East Washington Street, Athens, Ohio 45701.
- For additional information, please contact: Chris Knisely, 740-591-8736 or chrisknisely5@gmail.com
- Processing the application:
 - Complete information at the bottom of this paper
 - Include proof of Athens County residency for service person or immediate family (e.g. copy of utility bill or driver's license)
 - Verify active-duty dates by providing a copy of military orders, DD-214, V.A. ID or military I.D.
 - Provide a high-resolution photograph of the veteran, preferably in uniform, with no additional people in the photo; final approval at the suggestion of the committee (digital image preferred: send to chrisknisely5@gmail.com)

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Suffix (Jr./Sr.) _____

Branch of Service (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, Air National Guard) _____

Dates of Service _____ Rank _____ Conflict/War (optional) _____

Sponsor Name (to appear on Banner): _____ Relationship: _____

Sponsor Address: _____

Sponsor Phone: _____ Sponsor Email: _____

With this form, please include:

- Proof of Residency
- Proof of Duty
- High-resolution photograph(preferably a head shot of the veteran in uniform).

Email this application form & documents to chrisknisely5@gmail.com or mail to Chris Knisely, 24 Old Coach Road, Athens, Ohio 45701. If emailing the application and supporting documents, check can be mailed separately to the City of Athens Auditor, 8 E. Washington St., Athens, Ohio 45701 *Thanks to Volunteers: Judge George McCarthy, Auditor Kathy Hecht, Veterans Kevin Martin and Tom Smith & City Council President Chris Knisely. Thanks to the City of Athens & American Legion Post #21(40/8).