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Fairfield County to Illuminate Courthouse Green in Support of Local Veterans

LANCASTER, OH – In recognition of Veterans Day and the men and women who have served our country, Fairfield County will illuminate the Fairfield County Courthouse green Nov. 4-11 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans, a nationwide initiative demonstrating support and appreciation for military veterans and their families.

Through its participation, Fairfield County joins communities across the country in raising awareness of the unique challenges veterans may face after returning to civilian life and highlighting the resources available to support them. The initiative also serves as a visible reminder of the sacrifices made by veterans and the importance of honoring their service beyond Veterans Day.

"Fairfield County is proud to be home to so many veterans who have dedicated their lives to serving our country and continue to make a difference right here in our community," said Fairfield County Commissioner Steve Davis. "Illuminating our courthouse green is a simple but meaningful way to show our appreciation, recognize their sacrifices and remind our veterans that their service will never be forgotten. We encourage residents and businesses throughout the county to join us in showing their support."

Fairfield County residents, businesses and community organizations are encouraged to participate in Operation Green Light by replacing one light bulb with a green bulb and displaying it Nov. 4-11. Whether illuminating a porch, business or public building, each green light serves as a symbol of gratitude and solidarity with veterans and their families.

In addition to participating in Operation Green Light, Fairfield County continues its commitment to recognizing local veterans through the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame. The annual program honors veterans who have not only served in the U.S. Armed Forces but have continued to make meaningful contributions to their communities through volunteerism, public service, advocacy and other accomplishments.

The 2026 Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner will take place Thursday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m. at the Levacy Center, 1550 Sheridan Drive in Lancaster. The event will celebrate this year's inductees while preserving their legacies and inspiring future generations through their examples of service and dedication.

Operation Green Light for Veterans is a national initiative led by the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO). Now in its sixth year, the initiative invites the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to demonstrate their support for veterans by illuminating buildings and homes green.

Community members participating in Operation Green Light are encouraged to share photos of their green lights on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight, helping showcase Fairfield County's collective appreciation for those who have served.

Founded in 1800 (three years before Ohio became a State), Fairfield County was the 8th county formed in the Northwest Territory. Today, more than 900 employees serve, connect, and protect the more than 158,000 citizens of Fairfield County, providing high-quality services and outstanding customer service at exceptional value to taxpayers. Fairfield County fosters economic and fiscal sustainability and works to enhance the County's reputation as a high performing, learning, and caring organization. For more information about the county, its services and employment opportunities, please visit https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/

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