

Clatsop County to Launch “Operation Green Light” In Support of Local Veterans

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In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Clatsop County’s buildings will be illuminated green Nov. 6 through 12 as part of Operation Green Light for Veterans.

This national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties supports military veterans, and raises awareness about unique challenges faced by many veterans and resources available at the county, state, and federal level to assist them and their families.



“Similar to the sacrifices of previous generations of our armed forces, this service to country also often results in significant stress to many of the veterans who served in times of war and conflict. We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices, and that it is now our turn to make sure they are served by their county government and our community,” said John Toyooka, Clatsop County Commissioner and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

Along with lighting county buildings, residents, businesses, and community partners are encouraged to participate by changing one or more of their building’s light bulbs to a green bulb from Nov. 6-12. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. Community members can share their participation on social media using the hashtag **#OperationGreenLight**.

Starting today, free green light bulbs are available at Clatsop County, [800 Exchange St. Suite 410 in Astoria](#). Limited quantities are available so act soon. Contact arapinchuk [at] Clatsopcounty.gov (Amanda Rapinchuk) to reserve your green light bulb.

Visit [the County’s Veteran Services Program webpage](#) for more information and links to resources available to veterans.