



BOROUGH OF HAWTHORNE

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John V. Lane
Mayor

November 21, 2025

Dear Active Military Member, Veteran, and/or Family,

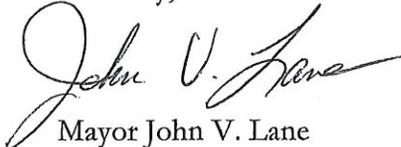
The Borough of Hawthorne is proud to honor the service and sacrifice of our military and veteran residents through the Hometown Hero Banner Program. This meaningful initiative will feature personalized banners displayed throughout our town to recognize and celebrate the bravery of our hometown heroes.

Each banner will include the hero's photo, rank, branch of service, war or conflict served, and dates of service, as demonstrated in the enclosed sample.

Enclosed you will find the Banner Submission Form, which provides details on how you or your loved one can be part of this tribute. It is our privilege to offer this small gesture of appreciation to the courageous men and women who have served our country with honor.

Thank you for your service and dedication. If you have any questions, or if you do not have access to your Veteran's DD214, please feel free to email us at MilitaryBanners@hawthornenj.org

Sincerely,



Mayor John V. Lane

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Enclosures

cc The Hometown Heroes Banner Committee:
Kirsten Manzo, Annie Hull & Len Metzler



Hometown Heroes

Banner Submission Form



INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out this form, attach a photo of your military hero, and provide a copy of their DD-214 (REQUIRED). If emailing your submission, please SCAN PHOTO AT 600dpi for best results.

PLEASE ALSO ENCLOSE A CHECK FOR \$220 made out to: Borough of Hawthorne

If emailing, please send to MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org. If physical copies, drop off at or mail to: Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506.

*** See second page for additional info**

DEADLINE: Friday, March 6, 2026

Veteran Information

Full Name: (First, M.I., Last; or as you would like it printed)

War(s) / Era(s) Served: (WWII, Korea, Active Duty, etc.)

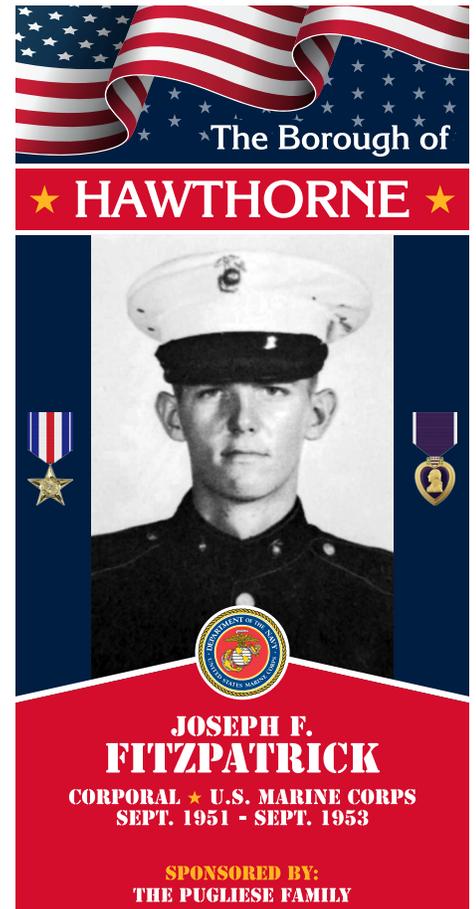
* "Era" means Hero served during conflict period, but was not in war

Rank: (if known)

Branch: (Army, Navy, etc.)

Dates of Service: (i.e. May 1969 - May 1973, 1942 - 1945, etc.)

Prestigious Medals & Other Information: (optional)



Sponsor Information

Your Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

The following will be printed on your banner as written (space limited)

Sponsored by: _____

(i.e. His Loving Family; The Smith Family; John & Jane Miller; The Children of James "Jimmy" Jones)



For assistance or questions in completing this form, please contact Kirsten Manzo at MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org



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Additional Information

Criteria:

- If your hero is currently serving, you must provide copy of their military ID.
- If your hero was honorably discharged as a veteran, you must provide a copy of their DD-214 (discharge papers).
- If your hero was killed in action, declared missing, or otherwise died while in service, please provide a copy of their DD-1300 (report of casualty).
- Your hero is only eligible for a banner if:
 - They served while a Hawthorne resident and are still a current resident,
 - They lived elsewhere while serving but have been a Hawthorne resident for a minimum of five (5) years, or
 - The family/sponsor of a deceased hero currently resides in Hawthorne.

Details:

- Banners will be displayed on our utility poles from Memorial Day through Veterans Day.
- Banners will be displayed for 3 years. After 3 years, the family will have the option to keep the banner, or re-apply for continued display.
- Banner locations are based on when your application is submitted. The first application will have their banner displayed starting near Borough Hall.
- A map of the banner locations will be provided on the borough website after banners are hung.

Photos:

- If mailing or dropping off a hard copy submission, please include a high-resolution PHOTO PAPER PRINT of your picture (do NOT submit originals!). Hard copies can be sent to:
 - Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506
- If emailing your submission, please scan your original photo(s) at 600dpi. Email photo and form to MilitaryBanners@HawthorneNJ.org
- Photo(s) of your hero must be of them in their service uniform, or wearing a veteran cap.
- If no photo is supplied, a generic saluting service member silhouette will be used.

Payment:

- Payment (by check only) is due in full when you submit the submission form.
- Checks should be made payable to: "Borough of Hawthorne"
- Please send submission form, picture(s), copies of supporting documentation, and check to Borough of Hawthorne, ATTN: Military Banners, 445 Lafayette Ave., Hawthorne, NJ 07506
 - Can be sent by US Postal Service or dropped off at drop box.

Other Important Information:

- Submission forms are available on the borough website, by email, or in-person at Borough Hall.
- We cannot accept late or incomplete submissions past the deadline stated on first page.
- If you wish to contribute additional funds to support the Hometown Heroes program, please make out an additional check payable to "Borough of Hawthorne" and mail/drop them off at Borough Hall