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Hunterdon 2021 Veterans Recognition Medal Ceremony Will Be Livestreamed On Veteran's Day November 11th

Hunterdon County's 2021 Veterans Recognition Medal Ceremony will once again be held on Veteran's Day, November 11th, and will again be livestreamed from the Historic Courthouse, so Medal recipients' family and friends can view the event, Board of Commissioners Director Susan J. Soloway announced at the July 6th Board meeting.

Director Soloway, the Board's Veterans liaison, said, "The ceremony last year was extremely poignant and well received. The traditional 4H Fair venue was not available for the event last summer, so it was transitioned to a virtual event on Veteran's Day. I was honored to be a part of the ceremony with my colleagues on the Board, along with our Constitutional Officers.

The Board will be coordinating with the Health Department to determine to what degree in person attendance will be possible. More details, including the time of the ceremony, will be announced, as the event draws closer."

"We here in Hunterdon County are extremely sincere in our appreciation of our residents who have patriotically served in the military, which is why the medal ceremony is so important to us," Director Soloway continued.

Commissioner Zachary T. Rich, who also serves as the Board's Veterans liaison, said, "The difficulties with in-person events in 2020 shifted the medal ceremony to being all virtual, but that change allowed the County and the participants to learn the benefits of sharing the ceremony via livestream.

Family and friends all over the county, and in fact the world, were able to watch our Veterans receive their medal. The Board felt that this change was something that should again be pursued. By sharing the proceedings online, the ceremony is more inclusive, and more people are able to view our Veterans receiving their well-deserved recognition."

For a Veteran to qualify he or she must currently be a Hunterdon County resident who served on active duty in the U.S. Military for at least 90 days.

Vietnam Veteran John N. Hatzikalfas, a Hunterdon County resident, created the design for the medal in 2002.

Applications for the medal are available on the County website, www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/veterans.htm or by calling the County's Veterans Service Officer Rich Booth: 908-788-1361.