



# Village of Grand Rapids Hometown Heroes Veterans Banner Program

The Village of Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids American Legion, Post 232, Sons of the Legion, Post 232 and Auxiliary, Post 232 have joined together to honor the brave men and women who are currently serving and who previously served in the military. The program will feature the individual's military photo on a full-cloth banner to be suspended from certain poles located in the downtown district and throughout the Village. Banners honoring our servicemen and women will proudly be displayed beginning Memorial Day and will remain on display through Veterans Day.

The service member must be active duty, veteran with an honorable discharge, in the reserves or national guard and a current or former resident of Grand Rapids (zip code 43522) (for a minimum of 5 years) or attended school through Grand Rapids High School. The Committee reserves the right to deny or delay a banner, based on eligibility.

Your participation in this program includes one 24" x 48" Military Banner, printed front and back, including the brackets required for public display. When you participate in the Hometown Hero Program, you will be eligible to purchase additional personal lawn signs (18" x 24") at \$30 each (with a hanging stake).

The Village of Grand Rapids and the American Legion Family, Post 232, are not responsible for the banners. Each sponsor will need to replace their banner if it becomes tattered, torn or destroyed (by natural or unnatural events). You will be notified if the banner becomes unsuitable for display and will have the opportunity to order a replacement. All banners on display must be ordered through this program. Placement will not be guaranteed with another banner and will be random. Banners will be put up once per year and will be displayed before Memorial Day weekend.

To participate in the Hometown Hero Banner Program, please mail the completed application, photo of the Military Member in uniform, proof of Veteran's status (discharge certificate, DD214 form, or a copy of their military ID) and check payable to the "Hometown Heroes GR OH". **The photo will not be returned.** Please mail to: Bob Clark, 23446 Long Judson Road, Grand Rapids, OH 43522. You can also give the packet to Louise Estep, Rick Tolles or drop it off at the Village Office (17460 Sycamore Road Grand Rapids), during normal business hours – Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Deadline to submit paperwork is January 31. Any paperwork received after January 31 will be considered the following year. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Clark 419-262-0031, Louise Estep 419-957-4585, or Rick Tolles 419-308-7353. Donations are welcome and we are a 501c3 organization.

# Hometown Hero Veteran Banner Application

## Village of Grand Rapids

Sponsor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Member's Full Name (to appear on the banner)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch \_\_\_\_\_

Resident of Grand Rapids (43522 zip code) -- Please list years: From \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Display Banner w/Brackets \$100.00

Lawn Sign – quantity \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 each \_\_\_\_\_

Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to: "Hometown Heroes GR OH"**

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\_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid Veteran Status Confirmed \_\_\_\_\_