

## **Honoring Veterans, Celebrating Agriculture Hunterdon County 4-H Fair Begins August 22**

A large contingent of Hunterdon County Veterans will be honored for their military service, as Hunterdon County's 2018 4-H & Agricultural Fair holds its Opening Ceremonies, on Wednesday August 22, at 4 pm, at the Roger K. Everitt Fairgrounds, South County Park, in Ringoes. The Fair runs through Sunday, August 26.

Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Director Matt Holt said, "The 4H Fair brings together two of the most significant elements of life in our County and our Nation, honoring our Veterans and celebrating the importance of agriculture.

The Freeholders are proud to be a part of the Veterans Recognition Medal program. Let's never forget that military service entails sacrifice and dedication, and we cannot say thank you enough to those who have served our Nation."

Holt continued, "Agriculture gives our County its distinction. It is an integral part of our economic system, our history and our culture. The 4-H Fair serves to highlight agriculture as a way of life and gives residents who are engaged in those pursuits an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency."

FarmWeekNow.com notes that fairs and livestock exhibitions are the foundation for agriculture promotion in society and, as the population continues to shift towards an urban demographic, it is the responsibility of a county fair to remind the public of the key role that agriculture will continue to play in the economy and daily lives.

Beginning at 3:30 pm, on August 22, on the Main Stage, Dan 'Dr. D' Torrone will again serve as the Master of Ceremonies and the fabulous Belle Tones will provide the patriotic and enjoyable musical entertainment that honors the County's Veterans.

Even before the Opening Ceremonies, the festivities begin on August 22 with the Goat Show in the Goat Barn, at 9:30 am and the Horse Parade, at the Livestock Show Tent, at 1 pm. There are Fireworks planned for Friday, August 24.

More information on the Hunterdon County 2018 4-H & Agricultural Fair can be found here: <http://www.hunterdoncountyfair.com/> or by calling 908-782-6809.

4-H is a global network of youth organizations with the mission statement: 'engaging youth to reach their fullest potential while advancing the field of youth development'. Its name is a reference to the occurrence of the initial letter H four times in the organization's original motto 'head, heart, hands, and health.'