

## **Hunterdon Veterans To Be Honored At 4-H Fair August 21st**

The Hunterdon County Veterans' Recognition Medal will be awarded to over fifty County Veterans, at the Hunterdon County 2019 4-H Fair Opening Ceremonies, on Wednesday August 21, at 4 pm, at the Roger K. Everitt Fairgrounds, South County Park, in Ringoes. The ceremony is open to the public.

Past Veterans' medal recipients and all other County Veterans are invited to attend the ceremony to join in the salute the 2019 recipients. Special parking for Veterans is available by contacting Ruthi Cass by phone at 908-788-1104 or by email [veterans@co.hunterdon.nj.us](mailto:veterans@co.hunterdon.nj.us). Refreshments will be served after the ceremonies.

Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Deputy Director John E. Lanza, the Board's Veterans' Liaison, said, "The Veterans Recognition Medal program allows both public officials and residents to meaningfully and publicly thank those Hunterdon County men and women who have faithfully served our nation in the military.

The annual and well attended ceremony is always full of patriotism and high spirits; however, it is really all about recognizing our Veterans' service and sacrifice in the defense of our nation and protection of our freedoms. Hunterdon County's Veterans have always answered our country's call."

Hunterdon County Veterans who have not previously received a medal and are interested in applying for the 2020 Veterans' Recognition Medal should contact Rich Booth by calling 908-788-1361.

The Hunterdon County Veterans Recognition Medal was commissioned by the Board of Chosen Freeholders in 2002. The design for the medal was created by John N. Hatzikalfas of Team Graphics, located in Flemington NJ. Mr. Hatzikalfas is a Hunterdon County resident and a Vietnam War Veteran.

The program begins at 3:30 pm, on August 21, on the Main Stage, with Dan ‘Dr. D’ Torrone serving as the Master of Ceremonies and patriotic and enjoyable musical entertainment that honors the County’s Veterans.

More information on the Hunterdon County 2019 4-H & Agricultural Fair can be found here: <http://www.hunterdoncountyfair.com/>

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.’

The Fair runs through Sunday, August 25.