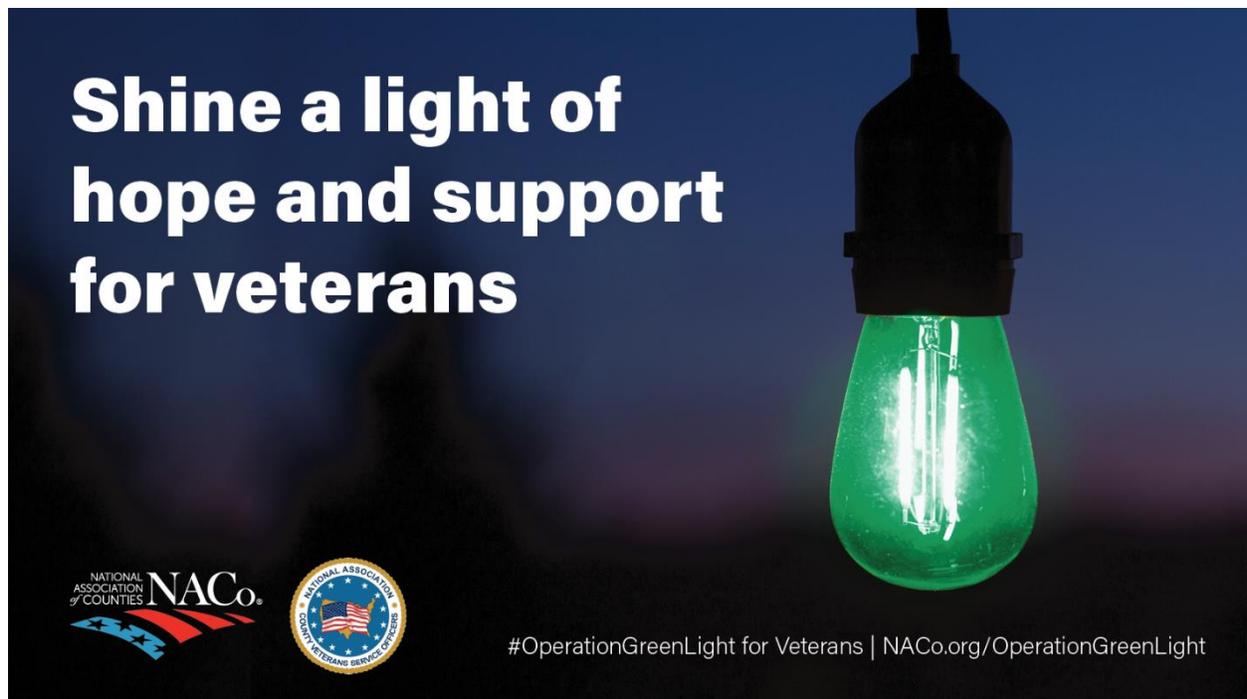




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Greene County launches Operation Green Light in support of local veterans



SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – The Greene County Commission has designated Nov. 7 through Nov. 13 as ‘Operation Green Light’ week to support military veterans and raise awareness about the unique challenges they face.

Several county buildings will partially be illuminated green to honor the contributions of our nation’s veterans.

Citizens and businesses are encouraged to participate by changing one light bulb green. This can be an exterior light that neighbors can see or an interior light to spark conversation with friends. By shining a green light, we are letting our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported.

Participants are encouraged to share their green lights on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight or tag Greene County on Facebook.

“Veterans and their families have to make great sacrifices for our nation’s safety. We want to make sure our veterans in Greene County know their service matters and give our utmost respect and gratitude,” said Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon.

Operation Green Light is in collaboration with the National Association of Counties (NaCo).

“Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans,” said NACo President Denise Winfrey. “We encourage everyone to join us in displaying a green light for our veterans and to also reflect on how we, as a nation and at the county level, assist our military service personal back into civilian life upon completion of their service to our country.”

Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually, with an estimated 20% increase in the near future.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri’s fourth most populous county, serving approximately 295,000 people. Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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