

# 2022 Hometown Hero Banner Program Guidelines

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce wants to honor and recognize current and former residents of Wilmington who have served our country in a branch of the military.

## Application Requirements

Nominees must meet the following requirements:

1. Is a current or former resident of Wilmington
2. Served in the United States Armed Forces
3. Meets one of the following criteria:
  - a. Is currently on active duty
  - b. Honorably discharged
  - c. Died in the line of duty

The following information must be provided:

- Two signatures, for permission and photo release
  - Living veterans must sign both
- Photograph of the veteran in uniform
- Copy of a military verification form (DD214, military ID, etc.)

## Banner Design, Display Times, and Location

Banners are 24" x 48" double-sided vinyl. Banners include the Veteran's name, branch of service, years active, and a photograph. They will be displayed on poles along Route 53 (Historic 66) and Route 102 in Wilmington for a two-year period, between approximately Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. Specific display locations cannot be requested. Banners may appear in different locations in their first and second years.

## Banner Photograph

Please secure a photograph of the veteran in uniform for use on the banner. We can accept prints, 35mm slides, or film strips. Your original photograph will be available for pickup after we have scanned it for your banner.

## Cost

The cost to participate in the program is \$150.

## Deadline

The deadline to apply is March 31, 2022, or until all spots are full. We cannot accept applications for 2022 after this date.

## Additional Information

The number of locations available are limited. Spaces are given to complete qualifying applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Please do not submit an application without the accompanying photograph, service verification, and signatures. Your application is not considered complete until all requirements are fulfilled.

At the end of the two-year display period, applicants will be contacted to pick up their banners. You will be contacted at the email or phone number you provided. Banner displays cannot be extended beyond the second year, but you may reapply to have a new banner printed using the same information. Any banners not picked up will become property of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Any damage sustained to an installed banner will be handled at the discretion of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

One veteran per banner and one banner per veteran.

Applying for a banner as a surprise to a living veteran is not permitted.

## Questions?

Email [info@wilmingtonilchamber.org](mailto:info@wilmingtonilchamber.org) | Visit [wilmingtonilchamber.org](http://wilmingtonilchamber.org)

## 2022 Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Hometown Hero Banner Application

<b>Nominee Information (Person to appear on banner)</b>		
Full Name (as it will appear on banner)		
Branch of Military:		
Active Duty? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Years Active (e.g. 1955-1961):	
Veteran is: <input type="checkbox"/> Alive <input type="checkbox"/> Deceased <input type="checkbox"/> POW/MIA		
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran is a current or former Wilmington resident		<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran never resided in Wilmington
Type of military verification being submitted:		
Living veterans must grant permission to be honored on a banner. Please have the Veteran sign and date		
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Nominator Information (Person paying for banner)</b>		
Either a phone number or an email address is required		
Contact Name	Relationship to Veteran	
Phone number	Email address	
Address		
A physical photograph must be submitted with your application for scanning. You will be notified when you can pick it back up.		
<i><b>Photo Release:</b> I hereby grant the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce permission to use the attached photo, which includes a likeness of myself or of my relative, in the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Hometown Hero Banner Program. The Chamber may use images of the banner in promotional material without notification or additional permission. I take full responsibility that all information provided about the veteran being honored is accurate and correct.</i>		
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Printed Name</b>	<b>Date</b>
<i>*Must be signed by veteran if living. Surprise banners are not permitted.</i>		
<b>Payment (\$150)</b>		
Please make checks payable to Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and reference "Hometown Heroes" on the check.		
<input type="checkbox"/> I have included a check	<input type="checkbox"/> I want to pay by credit or debit card <small>The Chamber will contact you if your application is accepted</small>	

Mail or drop off your application to:

Wilmington Chamber of Commerce  
c/o Spins & Needles  
614 Davy Ln  
Wilmington, IL 60481

### FOR CHAMBER USE Application Checklist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application completed in its entirety<br><input type="checkbox"/> Signed photo release<br><input type="checkbox"/> Copy of military verification form included | <input type="checkbox"/> Check included or credit/debit payment requested<br><input type="checkbox"/> Photograph included |
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