

Jasper County, South Carolina

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Photos/graphics: Jasper County Administration Building illuminated in green light, flier for Lowcountry Veterans Appreciation Day Nov. 12

Jasper County bathes county buildings in green light to support military veterans and raise awareness

Jasper County office buildings will be illuminated in green light through Nov. 13 to support military veterans as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist them and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

"We want to make sure our veterans and their families know that their service mattered, that we are grateful for their sacrifices, and that it's our turn to make sure they are properly served by our county government and community," said Andrew Fulghum, Jasper County administrator.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that helps spark a conversation with friends.

The green light celebration connects to Veterans' Day, Nov. 11. "By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported," Fulghum said.

To celebrate Veterans Day, the Jasper County and Hampton County Veterans Affairs are hosting a Lowcountry Veterans Appreciation Day Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Hampton County Courthouse. The event includes a parade at 10 a.m. followed by special recognitions from 11-11:30 a.m. Please bring your own lawn chairs!

"Operation Green Light is a simple way to express our collective appreciation for the public service of our veterans," said National Association of Counties 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 personnel back into civilian life."

Visit naco.org/operationgreenlight for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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