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Clatsop County to Illuminate Buildings Green for Operation Green Light in Support of Veterans

(Astoria, OR) - Clatsop County's buildings will be illuminated green **November 4 -11, 2024** as part of **Operation Green Light for Veterans**.

This national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties supports military veterans and raises awareness about unique challenges faced by many veterans and resources available at the county, state, and federal level to assist them and their families.

"As generations before us have served this great nation in our armed forces, this service to our country also often results in significant stress to many of the veterans and their families who serve in times of war and conflict," said John Toyooka, Clatsop County Commissioner and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

"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 is now our turn to make sure their county government and our community serve them," Commissioner Toyooka said.

Along with lighting County buildings, residents, businesses, and community partners are encouraged to participate by changing one or more of their building's light bulbs to a green bulb from November 4-11. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. Community members can share their participation on social media using the hashtag **#OperationGreenLight**.

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Free Green Light Bulbs Available

To help the community participate, free green light bulbs are available at the following locations while supplies last:

- **Veteran Services Office at Clatsop Community College**, [1717 Lexington Ave, Astoria](#) (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.)
- **County Manager's Office**, [800 Exchange Street, Astoria](#), 4th floor reception (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Visit the [County's Veteran Services Program webpage](#) for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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