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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, 2025** 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.

"Generations of Clatsop County residents have proudly served our country, and that commitment has come with real sacrifices for veterans and their families," said Clatsop County Board Chair Mark Kujala. "We want veterans to know their service matters. As a community, it's our responsibility to show our gratitude by being there for them, just as they were there for us."

Along with lighting County buildings, residents, businesses, and other local agencies are encouraged to take part by changing one or more light bulbs inside or outside your home or place of business to a green bulb from November 4-11. This simple act not only expresses our support, it also helps spark conversations about the needs of veterans in our community and the services available to them and their families.

Confirmed participants so far include Clatsop Community Action and the cities of Astoria, Cannon Beach, Gearhart, Seaside, and Warrenton. Clatsop County is grateful for their partnership in honoring our veterans and encourages other local agencies and businesses to join the effort.

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

Need a green bulb? To help the community participate, a limited number of free bulbs are available at the following locations while supplies last:

- Veteran Services Office at Clatsop Community College
 1717 Lexington Ave, Astoria, OR 97103 | Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- County Manager's Office, 4th Floor Reception
 800 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103 | Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Visit the <u>County's Veteran Services Program webpage</u> for more information and links to resources available to veterans.

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