

Hometown Heroes Banner Application

To complement our 2024 exhibition *Victory at Home: 1941-1945*, which explores the steadfast and resourceful generation of civilians who banded together on the Home Front during World War II, the Elmhurst History Museum is excited to partner with Elmhurst City Centre to honor our WWII veterans. Over 1,800 residents of Elmhurst served in the military, and we hope to honor a few of these men and women by featuring them on lamp post banners along a section of York Street from Memorial Day through Labor Day 2024.

Located on N. York Street, between W. Second and W. Third Street, these banners will feature an Elmhurst World War II veteran, including their photograph, branch of service, and rank. **Due to the limited number of banners, applications are on a first-come-first-serve basis.** Thanks to the support of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and Elmhurst City Centre, there is no cost to apply for a banner this year.



REQUIREMENTS FOR THE APPLICATION

- **The veteran must have been a resident of Elmhurst, Illinois during World War II (1939-1945).** Residency and service will be checked against the Elmhurst Honor Roll and available service records.
- Veteran must have **served in the United States military between 1939-1947.**
- Have a high-resolution (300 dpi or more) **photograph of your veteran.** You may bring the photograph in to be scanned; it must be at least 5 inches x 7 inches.
- **Only one application per family is allowed.**

We understand we cannot feature all 1,800 Elmhurst WWII veterans on the banners. For those whose applications did not make it in, we will feature a couple of veterans a week on our social media platforms throughout the exhibition's run. We will also feature the complete Elmhurst WWII Honor Roll list in our exhibition space.

Your application can be submitted to the Elmhurst History Museum by Monday, April 1st at 4pm:

- Apply Online or Email Application to- EHM@elmhurst.org
OR
- Drop off at EHM front desk during regular business hours. 120 E. Park Avenue, Elmhurst, IL 60126. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 1-5 pm, Sat. 10 am-5 pm, Sun. 1-5 pm, Mon.- CLOSED.
- If you have any questions, please contact the Curator of Exhibits, Sarah Cox (630) 530-6450 or sarah.cox@elmhurst.org

You will be notified by your preferred contact method if your banner application is

approved. As noted, there are limited spaces; this will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip Code: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best Way to Contact (circle one): EMAIL or PHONE

Relation to Veteran: _____

Veteran

Name: _____

(limited to 30 characters, including spaces)

Branch of Service: Army Marines Navy Coast Guard (circle one)

Rank: _____

Years of Service: _____ to _____

Additional Information (i.e. medals awarded, unit): _____

Additional Elmhurst residency information:

The application must include:

- ✓ Application form
- ✓ Photograph, submitted digitally or dropped off to be scanned.

Incomplete applications will not be processed.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024 BY 4 PM

Photo Release Acknowledgment: I hereby grant the Elmhurst History Museum and Elmhurst City Centre permission to use the attached photograph in their Hometown Heroes Banner Program, with the understanding that this photo, or its likeness, may be used for the Museum and City Centre's promotional use. I also understand and hold the Museum and City Center harmless for any submitted incorrect information, Act of God, or vandalism that may damage or destroy any banner. The Museum and City Centre reserves the right to approve all banners.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

IN OFFICE USE:

Date Received: _____

Completed form, photograph, and verification: YES NO