

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE PROJECT?

Donations in any amount are accepted. If you, your family, or your organization donate \$300 to cover the cost of an entire banner, your name will be printed on the banner as the sponsor. We wish to honor the service of all of our veterans, so requests for banners unaccompanied by donations will be funded through the Avalon Historical Society.

All donation checks should be made out to the Avalon Historical Society with a notation of "Veteran's Banner."



Operation Hometown Heroes is a partnership between the Borough of Avalon and the Avalon Historical Society.



**Banner Requests may be
directed to:**

Nina Ranalli
Director, Avalon History Center
215 39th St
Avalon, NJ 08202

(609) 967-0090
nranalli@avalonfreelibrary.org

Checks made out to "Avalon
Historical Society" may be sent to
or dropped off at the same address.

OPERATION

Hometown HEROES



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WHAT IS OPERATION HOMETOWN HEROES?

Operation Hometown Heroes honors Avalon veterans by posting their names, photos, and service information on banners hung in the center of town.

Banners will remain on display from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day each year. Depending on space availability, banners may be rotated, but each banner will be hung for at least two months during the season.

Veterans from all military services and conflicts are welcomed — check the “How Can I Request a Banner?” section for more information.



How Can I Request a Banner?

Veterans of all military services are eligible to be represented on a banner, so long as they meet one of the following criteria:

- Veteran lives or formerly lived in Avalon
- A Veteran who is an Avalon Borough permanent full time employee in good standing for more than one year.

We ask that all veterans represented have a significant connection to the Avalon community.

To request a banner, please send the following information to the contact listed on the back of this brochure:

- Requestor's name
- Veteran's name
- Branch of Service
- Dates of service (years)
- Highest Service Rank
- Sponsor's name (if applicable)
- Avalon address or Borough of Avalon Department
- Telephone
- E-mail
- Veteran's photograph (high-resolution photos are essential for printing, and photos of the veteran in uniform are preferred).

ABOUT THE AVALON HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND AVALON HISTORY CENTER

The Avalon Historical Society supports the Avalon History Center, a local history museum. The History Center's collection includes thousands of photographs, objects, and ephemera that tell the story of Avalon's residents, places, and events, including photos and memorabilia from Avalon's military veterans.

Originally the Avalon Museum & Historical Society, the History Center opened to the public in 2001 after the Avalon Historical Society moved and restored the building and amassed a collection of historic artifacts. Today, the Avalon History Center is part of the Avalon Free Public Library.

The History Center has several ongoing initiatives to collect and preserve Avalon's history, including an Oral History project, a digitization project, and an initiative to recognize historic homes.

Programming includes lectures on historical topics, events related to rotating exhibits, and more. Avalon Historical Society events include an Olde House Tour and a clamshell pitching competition. From September to May, plan to attend a program each first Saturday in the afternoon. For summer programs and events, check avalonhistorycenter.org!

