

MARION'S MILITARY AND VETERAN BANNER PROGRAM

The City of Marion, Marion Chamber and Uptown Marion Main Street District are pleased to be accepting applications for its banner program that recognizes and honors those who are serving or have served in the United States Armed Forces.

The program is intended to recognize and show appreciation for veterans and military personnel and their families who have ties to the Marion area. Banners will display a photo of the service person, as well as their name, branch and dates of military service.

QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify for the Military and Veteran Banner Program, the following criteria must be met:

The **honoree** is an active duty member of the United States Armed Forces; OR the **honoree** is a retired or honorably discharged member of the United States Armed Forces who has, or did, reside in Marion, or resided in Marion and are now deceased; OR the **applicant** is a current resident or business based in Marion.

BANNER STYLE AND DISPLAY

Each banner is double sided, full color, 30" x 63" and custom made with an image of the honoree (provided by the applicant).

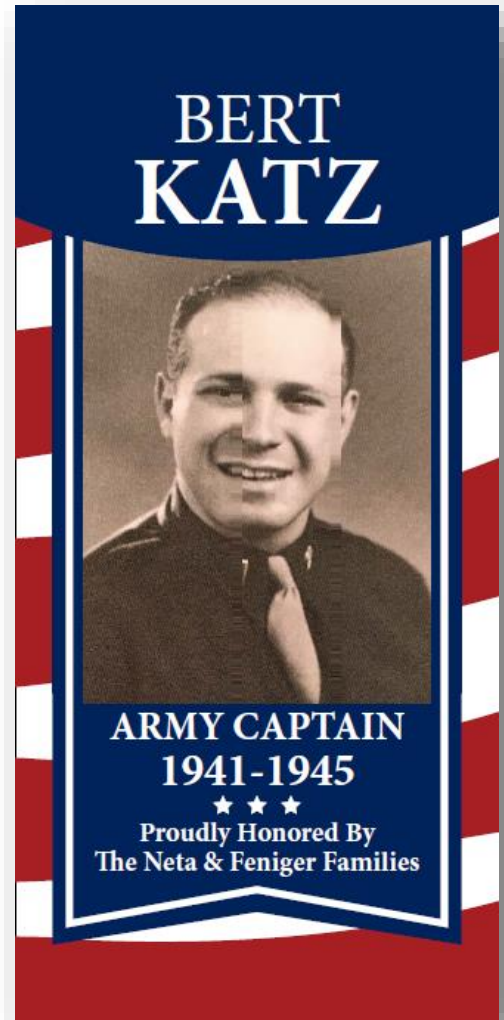
Banners will be placed on the decorative light poles throughout the city by the Public Services Department on or about Memorial Day and will remain up until Veterans Day in 2019. They will be displayed again in 2020 from Memorial Day to Veterans Day.

As many as 75 members of the military will be honored on poles throughout Marion, in addition to the 51 banners that were sponsored in 2018. There is a limit of one banner per honoree, and one person per banner.

Banners will be sold on a first come, first served basis as payment is received. A map will be created to help visitors and family members locate their banners.

The City, Chamber or Uptown Marion will not be responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged or destroyed due to sun, weather, age, vandalism or any act of nature beyond our control, such as high winds.

Upon removal of the banner after the second year, every effort will be made to give the banner to the honoree or applicant.



COST AND DETAILS

\$150 per banner, good for two-years. Cost covers the purchase of the banner, installation and maintenance, as well as a contribution to local veteran affairs programs.

Applicant is required to provide a high quality photo of the honoree in his/her military uniform. If a digital copy is not available, please bring the picture to the Marion Chamber/Uptown Marion office and it will be digitized for you. Photos must be provided no later than April 5, 2019.

Uptown Marion/Chamber/City staff will begin accepting reservations on Friday, March 22 at 8 a.m. Applications may be submitted in person at Marion City Hall. Payment must be received in order for the application to be processed. Checks should be made payable to the Marion Chamber Foundation. Donations are considered tax free/tax deductible to the greatest extent allowed by the law.

DEADLINE for SUBMISSIONS

The deadline to submit an application for a banner is **APRIL 1, 2019 or until availability runs out.**

TO ORDER

1. Complete the order form (available online or at Marion City Hall)
2. Provide a military photo (Submit high resolution JPG to bit.ly/SubmitMilitaryPhoto. Be sure the file name includes the Honoree Name on the application. You may also provide a hard copy to be digitized.)
3. Mail or deliver order form and payment between March 22–April 1, 2019 to:

Marion City Hall
Military and Veteran Banner Program
1225 6th Avenue, Ste. 100
Marion IA 52302

QUESTIONS MAY BE DIRECTED TO

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