



News from Livingston County

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Livingston County Designated as Purple Heart County

Geneseo, NY... At the Livingston County Board of Supervisors meeting today, Livingston County was officially designated as a Purple Heart County. This designation honors the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform who were wounded or killed by the enemy while serving to protect the freedom of all Americans.

On August 7, 1782, General George Washington issued an order establishing the Badge of Military Merit. Designed by Washington in the form of a purple heart, it was intended as a military order for soldiers who exhibited, "not only instances of unusual gallantry in battle, but also extraordinary fidelity and essential service in any way." On February 22, 1932, the Badge of Military Merit was renamed the Purple Heart, which is awarded to any member of the United States Armed Forces wounded or killed in combat by a declared enemy of the United States.

Many citizens of Livingston County are recipients of the Purple Heart Medal and the Livingston County Board of Supervisors appreciates the sacrifices our Purple Heart recipients made while defending freedom. This designation is to serve as special recognition for those veterans in appreciation of their courage and to demonstrate the honor and support they have earned.

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