

THE CITY OF GRAYLING DDA HONORS SERVICE MEMBERS

The City of Grayling DDA is proud to announce the continuation of our Veterans Banners program, a heartfelt tribute to our local heroes who have served and continue to serve our nation. This initiative honors their dedication and sacrifice by displaying personalized commemorative banners along downtown Main Street.

Each banner showcases a veteran's name, photograph (preferably in uniform, but a headshot is acceptable if a uniform photo is unavailable), branch of service, and years of service. These banners will proudly fly from Memorial Day to Veterans Day, adding a vibrant touch to our community's landscape. To protect the banners from the harsh winter weather, they are carefully stored during the off-season.

- **Participation Details:**

- **Banner Cost:**

\$140.00 is required for a new banner. An annual/yearly renewal/maintenance fee of \$100.00 is applicable for continued display.

- **Sponsors have the option to pay for one or two years.**

- **Honoring Our Veterans:** Sponsors may choose to honor any veteran (living or deceased) or currently serving active-duty service member. While we encourage accuracy, The city of Grayling DDA Veterans Banner Program Committee will not independently verify military status. Applicants are required to attest to the accuracy of the provided information regarding the service member's status and service history.

- **Banner Placement and Maintenance:** The placement of banners is at the sole discretion of the committee. While we will do our best to accommodate your requests, we cannot guarantee specific locations. Banner placement will be rotated annually to ensure a fair representation. Sponsors will be notified of any damage to their banner and given the option to replace it at their own cost or retire the banner, receiving it at that time.

- **Application Process:** To ensure your banner is displayed, please provide the following information with your application:

- A high-quality digital image of the service member.
- Accurate spelling of the service member's name and rank (if applicable).
- Branch(es) of service.
- Years of service or conflict(s) participated in.

- **Payment:** Please make checks payable to "The City of Grayling" with "Veteran Banner" in the memo line.

- **Application Deadline:** Applications lacking the required information within two weeks of submission will be disqualified. Banners will not be ordered until full payment (\$140.00) is received. Please note that no refunds will be issued for ordered or printed banners. The City of Grayling reserves the right to amend these rules at any time and to cancel or postpone the display of banners with or without notice.

- **Submission Options:**

Applications may be submitted via:

- Email: Barbara Stoddard at Stoddard.bj@yahoo.com
- In person: Grayling City Main Street office, City Hall, 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling, MI 49738
- Mail: City of Grayling. P.O. Box 549 Grayling, MI 49738

For further information, donations, or sponsorship inquiries, please contact Barbara Stoddard at 1-989-390-0449 or Stoddard.bj@yahoo.com (please include "Veteran Banner" in the subject line of your email). We look forward to honoring our veterans!