



Town of Amherst Honors Purple Heart Day – August 7, 2024



(Photo caption: Town of Amherst was designated a Purple Heart Community on Nov. 9, 2022 and now honors Purple Heart Day – August 7 - annually by proudly displaying a flag at Town Hall, 5583 Main Street.)

In recognition of Purple Heart Day, August 7, the Town of Amherst proudly displays a Purple Heart Flag at Town Hall, 5583 Main Street. The flag was first presented from the Military Order of the Purple Heart – Chapter 187 Western New York to the Town in 2022. As a designated Purple Heart Community, the Town joins communities around the nation to honor military personnel who have been killed, as well as those wounded in combat defending the principles and freedoms of the United States of America.

“The Town of Amherst is honored to serve as a Purple Heart Community to recognize the servicemen and women who were killed or injured answering the call to protect our country. The impact of their sacrifices is felt every single day, and many struggle with the effects. We must stand with our servicemen and women who face these challenges, and support them however we can. Purple Heart Day is a reminder of their bravery and on this day, we honor them all,” said Deputy Supervisor Shawn Lavin.

The mission of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is to honor those who were killed during wartime, foster an environment of goodwill among combat wounded members and their families, promote patriotism, support legislative initiatives and to never forget the many decorated soldiers and veterans including Purple Heart recipients.