



**EAST STROUDSBURG LODGE No. 319**  
BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION  
260 WASHINGTON STREET  
EAST STROUDSBURG, PA 18301

### **Hometown Heroes Banner Program**

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks 319, East Stroudsburg, has been asked by the East Stroudsburg Borough to take over the Hometown Heroes Banner Program, a tribute to military veterans who have served honorably, or are currently serving, in a military branch. Each banner honors a specific veteran with their picture, service branch, and years served (or conflict served, if preferred). Elks 319 is proud to take on this project.

Applications for the Hometown Heroes Banners are being accepted through **February 15, 2023**. A \$220 fee is required with each banner application. Your fee includes production of the banner, shipping, and installation costs. If any funds are remaining after the aforementioned costs are paid, the excess will be added to beautify the East Stroudsburg Veterans Park. The banners will hang for a three-year period, at which time the Banner Committee will assess the condition of each banner. You can choose to let the banner hang for an extended period of time if the banner is in good condition. If your banner is tattered, you will have the option to pay a replacement fee, including labor costs, in order to keep the banner hanging. Otherwise, the banner will be taken down and it will be yours to keep.

Banners are expected to be hung in time for Memorial Day 2023. Locations of the banners will be near Veterans Park and will continue through town, depending on the response.

Please submit the application and payment no later than **February 15, 2023**. Make sure to print the information clearly on the application and double check for accuracy as this will serve as the final information for the product. Call Kelly Kelley, Leading Knight, at 570.620.7553 or email [kellyklingelkelley@gmail.com](mailto:kellyklingelkelley@gmail.com) with any questions.

A little information about Veterans Park

Veterans Park is located at Washington and Brown Streets in the Borough of East Stroudsburg. Recent improvements to the park include a mural dedicated to the branches of our military, planting of flowering trees, and benches for the visitors of the park. The Park was re-dedicated in November 2020, and we plan to continue with enhancements, providing a place of remembrance for the community, veterans, and their loved ones. We will also be adding festive decorations for future holiday seasons, as this is the gateway to the Borough of East Stroudsburg. This honorable project has been made possible through donations and assistance of the community and local businesses, the ESU Veterans Association, the Artist Alliance, Monroe County Commissioners, East Stroudsburg Borough DPW, and East Stroudsburg Borough Council.

Thank you for your support!

***East Stroudsburg Elks 319 Hometown Heroes Banner Committee***