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2021 Operation Green Light Shining a Light on the Service of Local Veterans

'OPERATION GREEN LIGHT' is a new collaborative initiative to support veterans of all military conflicts, with a special emphasis on the veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as raise awareness about the challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The collaborative was developed by the NYS Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association. "The Allegany County Veterans' Service Agency is very appreciative of the Allegany Senior Foundation and the Allegany County Office for the Aging for their support of this program. The collaboration from these agencies to highlight the veterans of Allegany County in honoring them from all eras is noteworthy. Government works best when local agencies work together, and this program is just another example of that. The staff at the Office for the Aging have been a valuable asset to the Veterans' office by keeping this office informed about the needs of our senior veterans," states Michael Hennessy, Director of Allegany County Veterans' Service Agency.

"At the Office for the Aging, we encourage everyone to join with us in displaying a green light in support of Allegany County Veterans of all ages. With the support of the Allegany Senior Foundation, green light bulbs will be available at the Office for the Aging and Veterans Services for Allegany County residents during the month of November, while supplies last," states Anita Mattison, Director of the Allegany County Office for the Aging.

Residents are encouraged to participate in Operation Green Light by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and those passing by can see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7-13), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round.

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