

The Hometown Heroes Military Service Recognition Program

This program was created by the City of Torrance in 2012, and is supported by the Vietnam Veterans of America South Bay Chapter 53 and the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. South Bay LA Chapter CA5.



The program recognizes and honors the service of Torrance residents and their family members to the United States Armed Forces.

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South Bay Chapter 53
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CITY OF TORRANCE

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HOMETOWN HEROES

Annual
Military Service
Recognition
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INFORMATION

The City of Torrance Annual Military Recognition Program recognizes our community's men and women in uniform who are currently serving in the Armed Forces, veterans who have served in the past, or veterans of the past.

Street banners will be designed, printed and installed honoring these individuals on an annual basis, to coincide with Armed Forces Day in mid-May. Banners, once installed, will be presented at a City Council meeting, acknowledging each hero's service to the City and the Nation. Banner sponsors will receive a souvenir photo of the banner.

Quantity is limited to one banner per service person, and the fee is \$325 per banner.



ELIGIBILITY

★ Honorees must be Military personnel who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans who have served in the past, or veterans of the past who are now deceased.

★ Military personnel must be Torrance residents or an immediate family member to a Torrance resident (spouse, father, mother, step-father, step-mother, son, daughter, brother, sister).

★ Residency requirement can be waived if military personnel is a graduate of a high school in Torrance.

Completed applications for the 2025 program must be submitted by January 31, 2025.

Incomplete applications, or applications received after the submission date will not make the printing and installation deadlines, and may be resubmitted for subsequent years.

For more information on how to apply for the Hometown Heroes Program, please email Veterans@TorranceCA.Gov.

SAMPLE BANNER



*Sponsorship Title refers to who the banner is from.
For example: The Smith Family or Mom & Dad, etc.*

LOCATIONS

Location for the displaying of all Hometown Heroes banners will be determined at the discretion of the City. Available space is determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visibility of the banners is a priority in determining locations.

Banners will be displayed from May-July, in conjunction with the annual Armed Forces Day Parade & Celebrations in mid-May.

☆☆☆☆☆ APPLICATION ☆☆☆☆☆

Military Service Person Information

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Branch of Service _____

Sponsor Information

Name _____

Relationship _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Sponsorship Title _____

Please include the following:

- ★ Proof of residency or graduation from a Torrance high school
- ★ Proof of service
- ★ High-resolution photograph*

*The sponsor shall provide the official military portrait of the honoree. Digital image with at least 300 dpi resolution suggested.

Please check one of the following

- Proudly Honors (For those currently serving)
- Thanks (For veterans who have served)
- In Memory of (For veterans of the past)

**Check for \$325 made payable to
City of Torrance
Submit completed application by
January 31, 2025:**

**City of Torrance
Attn: Human Resources
3231 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90503**

City of Torrance Use Only:

Date Received: _____

Resident Verification Received: _____

Service member:

Torrance Resident? Y / N

Graduate of a Torrance high school? Y / N

Active Duty? Y / N

detach here and submit