

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** November 7, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Henderson County Wall of Honor

**PRESENTER:** Bob Johnson

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1. PowerPoint

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Bob Johnsen will present the Board with a request to create the Henderson County Wall of Honor. The Wall of Honor is described as “a program to honor all Henderson County veterans by having their military awards on permanent display in the VFW building at Five-Points.”

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to hear the presentation, and direct Staff accordingly.

**Suggested Motion(s):**

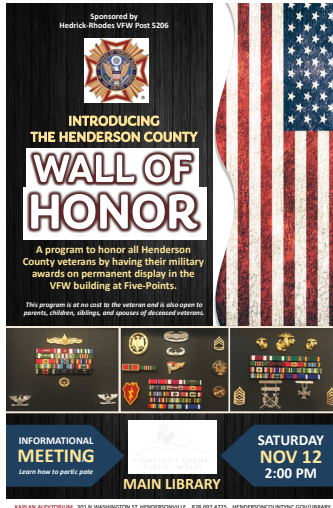
*No motion suggested.*



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Honoring all Henderson County veterans by displaying their military awards in a public space



A program to *show* veterans that we honor their service  
*Deeds, not words*

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This wall will honor the veterans of Henderson County, living or dead, who served our Nation in war and peace.



Ribbons and badges in the shadow boxes were earned through each veteran's hard work, skill, meritorious service, deployment, accomplishments, and valor.



The shadow boxes are 8" x 10" and will be placed on public display in the VFW building at Five Points. The name of each participating veteran will be on each shadow box.



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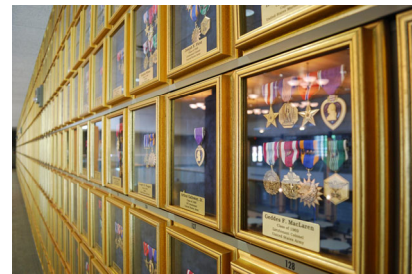
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Rather than full size medals like at VMI, Henderson County's Wall of Honor will feature ribbons and badges.



This idea is inspired by a wall of honor at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI).



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This program is an initiative of Henderson County's VFW Post 5206. Although our post will manage the program, we'll need the entire community's help and support.

## *VFW's Vision*

Ensure that veterans are **respected** for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are **recognized** for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country.

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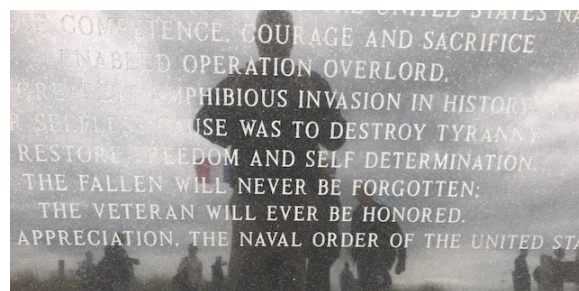
### Criteria to participate:

- Honorably discharged veterans
- Active, Reserve, or National Guard service
- Service in war time or peace
- Next of kin can sponsor a deceased veteran
- Must have a connection to Henderson County
- Artifacts must be donated to the Wall of Honor program
- No cost to the veteran but donations to the program are welcome

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...The Fallen Will Never Be Forgotten;  
The Veteran Will Ever Be Honored.

From a monument at Utah beach, Normandy, France

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What is important to a veteran?

At the time of his passing, this veteran wanted those who attended his funeral to know that he was a private in the Marines and earned medals in Okinawa during WWII.



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Headstones at Arlington National Cemetery list awards earned by servicemembers



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Unfortunately, awards and badges are sometimes lost or sold. This program will preserve them while honoring each veteran in a public place.



For sale in a flea market in Fletcher



Stored in a box or drawer



Lost in a fire or natural disaster

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Who should participate in the program?

### **Veterans\***

- Let your friends, family, and others know of your service
- Preserve your awards for current or future generations

### **Families of veterans**

- Honor your loved one's military service by displaying their awards in a public place
- Ensure their awards are preserved

\* There are about 9,000 veterans living in Henderson County

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### How to participate in the program?

1. Email us at: [Post5206@vfwnc.com](mailto:Post5206@vfwnc.com) with the subject line:  
Wall of Honor
2. We'll get back to you to set up an appointment for a meeting at the Henderson County downtown library

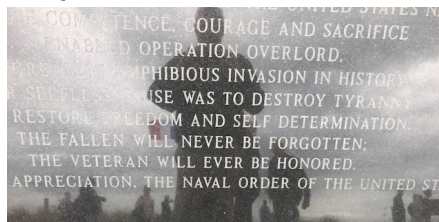
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### Your Questions or Comments



If you want to participate or have questions, email us at:

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