NUMBER OF VETERANS IN EACH RESPECTIVE COUNTY

Atlantic - 14,497
Bergen - 24,846
Burlington - 29,484
Camden - 23,326
Cape May - 7,169
Cumberland - 6,823
Essex - 22,046
Gloucester - 15,322
Hudson - 14,199
Hunterdon - 5,939
Mercer - 11,687
Middlesex - 25,583
Monmouth - 23,981
Morris - 17,765
Ocean - 33,143
Passaic - 12,067
Salem - 3,666
Somerset - 9,717
Sussex - 6,883
Union - 15,012
Warren - 5,803

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*As of April 4, 2022
VALUING OUR VETERANS

The New Jersey Governor’s "We Value Our Community Award gives your municipality the opportunity to value and honor the sacrifices, patriotism, and bravery displayed by our men and women who have worn the military uniform.

Your town may already recognize Veterans in numerous ways. This award provides an additional avenue to honor New Jerseyans who have answered the call to arms in defense of American Values. Our Veterans’ service represents an important part of New Jersey heritage, and receiving this award will serve as a conspicuous representation of your town’s support of our Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen, and Coast Guardsmen.

To our Veterans, past, present, and future, we thank you for your service and sacrifice.

AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The prestigious New Jersey Governor’s "We Value our Veterans" Community Award will come with a certificate from Governor Philip D. Murphy specifically for your municipality. This award designation can be used for your website, letterhead, flyers, and banners for the year. To apply, please visit: https://www.nj.gov/military/community/assets/documents/We-Value-Our-Veterans-Community-Application.pdf

In order to receive this award, your municipality must reach a total of 145 points based off the following initiatives:

- Provide parking spots for Purple Heart Recipients and Disabled Veterans (15 points)
- Provide discounts to Veterans at local establishments or offer free discount booklets to Veterans (10 points)
- List Veteran owned businesses on municipal website (10 points)
- Hold quarterly Veterans Round-cables (15 points)
- Honor Veterans at least quarterly at Council meetings/special events (15 points)
- Hold Veteran Service Organization Meet and Greets (15 points)
- Have local students bring Veteran Family members to speak at school (15 points)
- Hold annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies (15 points)
- Honor and remember POW/MIA Day and Gold Scar Families Day (10 points)
- Provide discounts for community-based recreation (15 points)
- List Veteran resources on the town website (10 points)
- Offer scholarships to high school students of military families (15 points)
- Any initiatives or programs providing mental health resources for Veterans (15 points)
- Volunteerism by municipal staff at Veteran related events (Memorial Day parades, Veteran Service Organization meet and greets, etc.) (10 points)
- Any initiatives not on this list that your town has done towards helping/honoring local Veterans, e.g., dedicating a park, street, memorial etc. to a local Veteran. (20 points)