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Columbia County to “Light Up Green” in Support of Veterans This November

ST. HELENS, Ore. [Oct 29, 2025] — Columbia County is proud to partner with Community Action Team and Veteran’s Bunker as it joins counties across the nation in Operation Green Light — a campaign that honors veterans and highlights the resources and support available to them. From November 4 through November 11, 2025, residents, businesses, and government buildings are encouraged to “light up green” as a visible show of gratitude for those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

Operation Green Light is a nationwide initiative led by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers. It calls on communities to illuminate buildings and landmarks in green light to recognize the contributions of veterans and their families, and to highlight the local programs and services available to them after their service ends.

“Lighting our buildings green is a simple but powerful way to show our gratitude to those who have served,” said Kellie Jo Smith, Chair of the Columbia County Board of Commissioners. “It’s also a reminder that support for veterans doesn’t end when they return home — it’s a shared responsibility, and we encourage everyone in our community to join us in this show of appreciation.”

Throughout the week, county buildings, including the Columbia County Courthouse, will be illuminated in green. Residents, businesses, and organizations are encouraged to participate by changing one light to green — whether it’s an exterior light on a home, a storefront display, or a municipal building — and to share photos and messages on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

By shining a green light, Columbia County hopes to send a clear message of thanks to veterans and their families and to remind them that their service is honored and their well-being remains a priority in our community.

For more information about Operation Green Light and how to participate, visit www.naco.org/OperationGreenLight.

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