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“Ellis County to Support Veterans with Operation Green Light”

Ellis County, TX – From November 7th-13th, Ellis County will display green lights at the Historic Courthouse in downtown Waxahachie as part of Operation Green Light, a national initiative to show veterans where they can connect with resources and benefits. According to the National Association of Counties (NACO), which sponsors the initiative, many veterans do not know how to sign up for resources upon returning to civilian life, making transition difficult. Operation Green Light was first recognized by NACO in July 2022 and seeks to reduce homelessness, substance abuse, and suicide among veterans by providing them with a visual signal to know where they can get the help they need.

“It’s sort of like a homing beacon,” says County Judge Todd Little. “The green lights guide veterans toward our Veterans Service Office, but the lights also signal Ellis County’s continued support for those who have served. We want all our veterans to know we have their back, and that’s the least we can do. As County Judge, I am asking our municipal and community partners to join us in this annual event.”

Ellsworth Huling IV, the Ellis County Veterans Service Officer, is himself a veteran of the United States Marine Corps who served from 1985-2005 in both peace and war time. Ellsworth has been serving as the Ellis County Veterans Service Officer for close to nine years and has assisted thousands of veteran, surviving spouses, and dependents with filing for benefits.

“As a veteran, I know how difficult it can be to return to civilian life,” says Huling. “When I retired from the military, I struggled to fit in as a civilian and find work through traditional job recruiters. I believe it is my duty to work with all our local veterans to help them sign up for benefits. I am grateful for Operation Green Light because it will not only show veterans that they can come to us for help, but also because it will encourage them to reach out during a challenging time in their lives.”

Aside visiting the Historic Courthouse, Ellis County veterans can also contact the Veteran Services Office by calling 972-825-5099.

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