



## City of Kirtland 2025 Banner Program

Deadline is April 21, 2025

The City of Kirtland Hometown Heroes Banner Program is a tribute created for the community to recognize and honor our residents and their immediate family members who are currently serving or veterans who have served our country in the armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, and National Guard).

Each banner will be in honor of a specific Kirtland service person and will include their name, branch of service, photo, and name(s) of sponsor. The banner measures 24" x 54" and is double sided. They will be displayed on the light posts along SR 306 and the Civic Center from May (Memorial Day) – November (Veterans Day) in 2025. Banners will either be returned to the sponsor once taken down or stored at the City to be rehung for a nominal fee.

The City of Kirtland is not responsible for replacing banners that are stolen, damaged or destroyed due to age, vandalism, or any acts of nature including high winds.

The Banner Program applications are processed on a first come first serve basis. **To order, please submit the following items by April 21, 2025.** Orders turned in after this date will be processed for the following year.

1. A completed application form.
2. A check payable to "American Legion Post 609" or cash in the amount of \$160.00 per banner. Sponsorship covers the cost of the banner, installation materials, and removal of the banner. You may have your banner stored and displayed for the following year at a reduced cost (\$30).
3. A photo in high resolution. All hard copy photos will be returned to the sponsor. Digital photos in jpeg or png format (at least 600 DPI or 2,400 x 2,400 pixels) should be emailed to [tszary@kirtlandohio.com](mailto:tszary@kirtlandohio.com).

Applications and payment can be mailed or dropped off to:

**Kirtland City Hall / Hometown Heroes Program**  
**9301 Chillicothe Road**  
**Kirtland, OH 44094**

The City of Kirtland along with the American Legion Post 609 shall have the final determination on all aspects of the Kirtland Hometown Heroes Banner Program including banner design, photo usage, and display options.

For further information regarding the Kirtland Hometown Heroes Banner Program, please contact Teresa Szary at [tszary@kirtlandohio.com](mailto:tszary@kirtlandohio.com) or 440-256-3332 x5.



# City of Kirtland 2025 Banner Program Application Form

Mail application, payment (cash or check payable to “America Legion Post 609”) & photo to:  
Kirtland City Hall / Hometown Heroes Program  
9301 Chillicothe Road  
Kirtland, OH 44094

Name of Service Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Era of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(See below)*

Service Person’s Connection to Kirtland (e.g., resident or family member, etc.):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Please provide the name(s) of sponsor (family/organization) that you would like printed on the banner – e.g., The Davidson Family; Love, Tami, Brian & AJ; With Love, Mom & Dad; etc.*

Sponsor Name (for proof approval): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Service Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby grant the City of Kirtland permission to use the provided photo in the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. I take full responsibility that all information provided is accurate and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Eras of Service - Official DOD Dates**

1. GWOT – Sept 11, 2001 to present (list this even if veteran hasn’t been to Iraq or Afghanistan)
2. Persian Gulf – August 2, 1990 – August 31, 1991
3. Cold War – September 2, 1945 – 26 December 1991
4. Vietnam Era – Feb 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975
5. Korea Conflict Era – June 27, 1950 – Jan 31, 1955
6. WW II – December 7, 1941 – December 31, 1946
7. WW I – April 6, 1917 – November 11, 1918

**Sample of Hometown Hero Banner:**



A vertical banner with a red top and bottom border, each containing six white stars. The central blue section features the City of Kirkland logo (a green tree and the letters 'CK' with 'ity of' and 'irtland' in smaller text) at the top. Below the logo, the words 'HOMETOWN HEROES' are written in large, white, serif capital letters. In the center is a portrait of Samantha James, a young woman with dark hair pulled back, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue U.S. Air Force uniform jacket with a name tag that reads 'JAMES', a pilot's wings, and several ribbons on her left chest. A Texas state flag is visible behind her on the left. Below the portrait, the name 'Samantha James' is written in large, white, serif capital letters, followed by 'U.S. Air Force – GWOT' in a smaller, white, serif font. At the bottom of the blue section, the text 'The James Family' is written in a white, italicized serif font.

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**HOMETOWN  
HEROES**



**Samantha James**  
U.S. Air Force – GWOT

*The James Family*

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