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**COMMISSIONER - 9TH DISTRICT**  
**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Chairman, Zoning & Building and Litigation Committees**

April 12, 2018

Mayor Arlene Juracek  
Village of Mount Prospect  
50 S. Emerson St.  
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

Dear Mayor Juracek:

The Cook County Board President and Board of Commissioners will honor the Silver Star Families of America at the Cook County Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 5th, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. This event was initiated in 2008 to recognize the service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces who have been wounded or became ill while serving in a war zone.

I would like to solicit your assistance in identifying and honoring service members and veterans from the 9<sup>th</sup> District who qualify to participate in the 2018 Silver Star Banner Program. Applicants should complete the attached Silver Star Service Banner request form and include a short biography with details regarding their injury and the war zone in which it occurred. Fillable forms are also available online at <https://www.cookcountyil.gov/event/silver-star-service-banner-program>.

Service members may return their application to my district or downtown offices or to [veterans.affairs@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:veterans.affairs@cookcountyil.gov). Applications can also be faxed to (312) 603-4479. The request form must be signed and returned no later than May 11th, 2018.

If you have any questions about the program, please don't hesitate to contact my office. I appreciate your assistance in spreading the word about this honor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter N. Silvestri".

Peter N. Silvestri  
Commissioner, 9<sup>th</sup> District

9th District  
Northwest Side of Chicago  
Elmwood Park, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Melrose Park, Morton Grove, Niles, Norridge, Oak Park, Park Ridge,  
River Forest, River Grove, Rosemont, Schiller Park, Unincorporated Maine Township, Norwood Park Township  
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SILVER STAR BANNER



FOR OUR WOUNDED

## REQUEST A SERVICE BANNER

### PLEASE READ OVER QUALIFICATIONS FIRST

To request a Silver Star Service Banner for a wounded or ill service member or veteran, please type or print legibly and completely fill out the form. ONE (1) FREE 8.5" X 14" Service Banner per recipient. Veterans MUST reside within Cook County to participate in the June 5th, 2018 Silver Star Service Banner Ceremony, with this application completed and received by the office of Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs no later than May 11th, 2018.

### Qualifications for the Silver Star Service Banner Program

Silver Star Families of America define a wounded service member as any Armed Forces personnel either currently serving honorably or those who have served honorably from ANY war, who having served in a war zone, has been wounded by enemy action or who have been injured or contracted a serious illness that could be rated at least 10 percent disabled by the Department of Veterans Affairs. All wounds, injuries or illnesses must have originated in a war zone, including: Purple Heart recipients, victims of friendly fire, injured in a war zone, and those who suffer from PTS, TBI, Agent Orange Effects and Gulf War Syndrome.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Combat Injury/Illness: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of War Zone/country where injury and/or illness occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of injury/illness from combat/conflict zone: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have an email address? If yes, Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

"I hereby authorize the Silver Star Service Banner Program photographer and The Silver Star Families of America (SSFOA) to use images without regard for reimbursement or acknowledgement. The photographs will become property of The Silver Star Families of America organization to use at their discretion." The Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs will return all pictures submitted with application package to the SSFOA recipients.\*

*\*By typing my name and date below, I am electronically signing my application.*

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

**Please send Silver Star Application, Short Biography and Pictures by USPS Mail, E-Mail, or Fax, to:**

Cook County Department of Veterans Affairs | Bureau of Administration  
Cook County Building Rm. 801 | 118 North Clark Street | Chicago, Illinois 60602

**E-Mail: Veterans.Affairs@CookCountyIll.gov | Fax: 312.603.4479**

To confirm your attendance or for more information regarding the 2018 Silver Star Banner Program, please contact Cook County Veterans Affairs: **Bill Browne** at **312.603.6423**

**The Silver Star Families of America - [www.SilverStarFamilies.org](http://www.SilverStarFamilies.org) - "Silver Star Shining for Sacrifice"**  
**Honoring our combat wounded, injured, and ill troops and veterans from 2004-2018**