



**Board of County Commissioners**

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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Lost Medals Restored  
For Fallen Readington Vietnam Hero  
At Hunterdon Veterans Ceremony**

**Service Of Nearly Forty Hunterdon Veterans  
Recognized At Veterans Day Ceremony**

The posthumous honoring of a Hunterdon County military hero, who lost his life in Vietnam fifty-three years ago, was the keynote at the County's annual Veterans Recognition Medal ceremony on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, as Hunterdon officials awarded medals recognizing service to the nation by nearly forty Veterans, in front of a large crowd of family members and livestream viewers, in the Assembly Room at the County's Route 12 Complex.

An Army helicopter pilot who lost his life attempting to save a fellow crewman from the wreckage of his downed helicopter in 1969, Readington's Dale Harry Haver's posthumous medal was accepted by his twin brother, Don Haver, who also served as a U.S. Army officer in Vietnam and was the event's guest speaker.

Congressman Tom Malinowski also presented the Haver family, fifteen of whom traveled from around the country to attend the ceremonies, with the various medals for gallantry and heroism, including the Bronze Star and Air Medal, that had been awarded to Dale Haver but needed to be re-issued after being lost over the years.

Readington Township Mayor Juergen Huelsebusch announced at the ceremony that the Whitehouse Greenway has been re-designated the Lieutenant Dale Haver Whitehouse Greenway in honor of the fallen hero.

Board of Commissioners Deputy Director Zach Rich said, "When you learn of the heroic sacrifice made by Dale Haver, it reminds us we can never thank enough those who now serve and have served in our nation's military. This event is, in my opinion, the single most meaningful county event each year and I am honored to participate."



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The Hunterdon County Veterans Recognition Medal, created over twenty years ago by County resident and Vietnam Veteran the late John Hatzikalifas, was awarded to Veterans spanning more than sixty years of military service to the nation, from the Cold War to present day service around the world.

Each Veterans medal recipient was told ‘Your service to and sacrifice for our nation are greatly appreciated by those of us gathered here and all the people of Hunterdon County.’

County officials participating in honoring the Veterans and presenting medals included; Surrogate Susan Hoffman, Sheriff Fred Brown, Prosecutor Renee Robeson, Deputy Director Rich and Commissioners Shaun C. Van Doren, Susan Soloway and Jeff Kuhl.

Pastor Konrad Szierer, a Marine Veteran of service in Vietnam, provided the invocation and benediction for the ceremonies. Dan ‘Dr. D.’ Torrone served as Master of Ceremonies for the event, which was held in person for the first time since 2019 and was also livestreamed.

A video of the event is available here: <https://youtu.be/PRwsO13D4Nc>

Those receiving medals are listed in the attached document.

In addition to the Veterans Day Recognition Medal ceremony, the bell at Hunterdon County’s Historic Courthouse in Flemington tolled 21 times in honor of Veterans, at the 11th hour, on the 11th day of the 11th month, as it has every year on Veterans Day since 2018’s commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.



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**Hunterdon County  
Veterans Recognition Medals  
Presented  
November 11, 2022**

Lt. Dale Harry Haver, Readington Township (Posthumous)  
George Christenson of Clinton Township  
John Dawson of Raritan Township  
John Dendis of Raritan Township  
Thomas Duke of Raritan Township  
Roy Emerson of Clinton Township  
Christopher Jaeger of Readington  
John Kary of Bethlehem  
Charles Kasulanic of Lebanon Township  
Christopher Kidd of Clinton Township  
Stanley Kober of Bethlehem  
Joseph Lowery of Readington  
Stephan Marx of Raritan Township  
Joseph J. McGann of Delaware Township  
Kevin McKim of High Bridge  
James Metsopulos of Delaware Township  
Stanley Mleczko of Readington  
Daniel North of East Amwell  
Alejandro Olivero of West Amwell  
Gregory Owen of Readington  
Jeff Perron of Flemington  
Raymond Perrotti of Raritan Township  
George Ragland III of Raritan Township  
Ryan Reep, the owner and manager of the Flemington Chick-Fil-A  
Roland Roadenbaugh of Delaware Township  
Robert Sanantonio of Readington  
Gregory Sawtell from Tewksbury  
William Schulkes of Union Township  
Gregory Scipione of Raritan Township  
Kevin Shanahan of Glen Gardner  
Michael Sharkey of Glen Gardner  
Donald Skorets of Hampton  
Ross Soares of Bethlehem Township



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Matthew St. Thomas of Raritan Township  
Richard Tichenor of Kingwood  
Richard Vaill of Clinton Township  
Michael Williamson of Clinton Township  
Don Haver, formerly of Readington Township