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## A SALUTE TO OUR VETERANS

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Polk County announced that the County Courthouse would be illuminated green November 6th through the 12th as part of Operation Green Light, a national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) that began in 2022 to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

In addition to lighting county buildings, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 6th -12th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.