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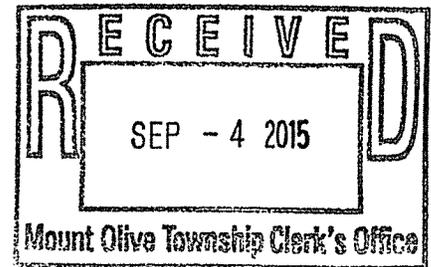
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September 1, 2015

The Honorable Rob Greenbaum
Mayor of Mount Olive
PO Box 450
Budd Lake, NJ 07828



Dear Mayor Greenbaum,

As you know, my office is promoting "Operation Give Back", which is a program designed to enlist local merchants who desire to provide discounts to Veterans residing in Morris County who display an official Morris County Clerk's Veteran's Id Card. (See article attached).

In a short month's time, we have gathered more than 100 participating merchants, but we know there are many more merchants throughout Morris County that we have not reached. For this reason, I am writing to personally invite you to participate in promoting this program for our veterans who have sacrificed so that we can enjoy our freedom as Americans.

In that regard, if you are aware of any businesses in your community that would like to participate, kindly forward their contact information to Liz Sutula at 973-285-6142 / esutula@co.morris.nj.us or advise the merchant to go directly to our website at www.morriscountyclerk.org to fill out the online application. There is no discount too small; i.e., a free beverage with the purchase of a food item to a small % off a bill.

The participating merchants will benefit by receiving free advertising in that their information will be published on our website and in the first booklet issued provided that they enlist prior to its publication (October 15, 2015). Additionally, each participant will receive a Certificate of Participation issued by me and a window decal identifying them as participating members. Although this will be an ongoing program, upon completion of this first phase, which is scheduled to coincide with Veterans Day, we intend to launch of the booklet and the program by promoting it through online and traditional media outlets.

The Morris County Clerk Veteran's ID Card is offered free of charge to any Morris County veteran who is honorably discharged and presents their original DD-214 to be securely

recorded in our office. **Veteran's DD-214** discharge papers have been recorded in the Clerk's Office since 1945. Interestingly, since 2006 only a little more than 2600 veterans have recorded these important documents. The discharge form is scanned into our system and the **original is returned** to the veteran. All **privacy rules** pertaining to veteran's discharge documents are **strictly enforced**. The **benefit of recording** these papers is that it **preserves the integrity** of the veteran's discharge papers and either the veteran or legally authorized family member **may obtain a certified copy** in the event the **original is misplaced or destroyed**.

The **Veteran's ID Card program** is now offered on the road. Under the direction of Administrative Clerk Liz Sutula, we have visited VFW and American Legion Posts throughout the County. If you would like to host an **"On The Road" Veteran's Id Card Program** in your municipality, please **contact Liz** at the number or email listed above.

I look forward to hearing from you in support of **"Operation Give Back"** and seeing you at our press conference.

Your anticipated participation is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,



ANN F. GROSSI, ESQ.
Morris County Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: Lisa Lashway, Municipal Clerk

**MORRIS COUNTY CLERK ANN GROSSI ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF
OPERATION GIVEBACK DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR MILITARY
VETERANS**

MORRIS COUNTY VETERANS WITH COUNTY I.D. CARDS WOULD BENEFIT

The Morris County Clerk's Office is reaching out to local businesses in all 39 Morris County towns to help establish a countywide retail and service discount booklet that would provide dollar savings to all military veterans who live in Morris County.



Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi

County Clerk Ann Grossi announced the start of the program at a press conference today in her Morristown office, calling on business in all neighborhoods throughout Morris County to participate in this program as a way of saying thank you to our veterans.

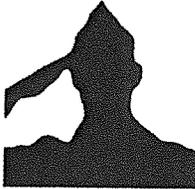
“We thought it would be good to give back to the men and women who have undoubtedly given so much to us and our beloved nation,” said Grossi.

“Simply put, we are working to create a discount booklet that would provide a percentage off on products offered or services rendered as a way to say thank you to those who have served so selflessly to allow us to enjoy the freedoms we have today,” added Grossi.

There will be a “boots on the ground” effort by employees of the County's Clerk's Office over the next two months to create a maximum numbers of discounts, as they pitch the program to businesses in communities and neighborhoods in all 39 Morris County towns, from Butler and Riverdale, to Long Hill and Jefferson Township, and out west to Washington Township.

“These veterans deserve our appreciation for their service to our country. This is just a small way that we can help pay them back for protecting our freedoms,” said Sam Saporite, an Army veteran and second vice president of the Rockaway Borough Historical Committee, and who works closely with local VFW's and

American Legions in Morris County. "We are going to work hard on Operation Give Back and, as they say in the service, we will make it happen," he added.

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	Photo of veteran here	
	<i>John P. Alias</i>	
	CARDHOLDER NAME	
John P. Alias		
123 Anywhere Road		
Smalltown, N.J. 12345		
Date of Birth:	Branch of Service:	
01/01/1961	ARMY	
Date of Issue:		
12/04/2014		
Date of Discharge:		
01/01/1991		

To get the discounts, veterans would be required to show a unique Morris County veterans identification card that can easily be obtained from the County Clerk's Office.

To get a veterans' card, please visit: <http://www.morriscountyclerk.org/> or contact Liz Sutula at 973-285-6142 or lsutula@co.morris.nj.us

Current plans call for Operation Giveback to kick off in the fall, with booklets to be distributed to veterans' groups and individuals prior to this year's Veterans Day ceremonies through Morris County.

Businesses that participate will have their name highlighted in the booklet and on the County Clerk's website.

To easily enroll a business in Operation Give Back, please visit: <http://www.morriscountyclerk.org/index.php/services/operation-give-back/>

Registration forms may also be mailed to: Morris County Clerk, PO Box 315, Morristown NJ, 07960.

If you have general questions on Operation Giveback, please contact Liz Sutula, Sherri Saarloos, or Maria May at the County Clerk's Office at 973-285-6125.

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