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**Neuhaus announces Orange County's Freedom Fest Fireworks show to be held on July 21st**

*Popular event encourages community to celebrate our freedom and our veterans*

Goshen, N.Y. - Orange County Executive Steven M. Neuhaus announced the details of the County's 2018 Freedom Fest fireworks show on Tuesday.

The event is set for Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at Thomas Bull Memorial Park in Montgomery. Gates will open at 4 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at dusk. Residents can purchase food and drinks (both alcoholic and non-alcoholic) from vendors throughout the evening or bring their own (no glass or bottles permitted).

Orange County District Attorney David Hoovler, Sheriff Carl E. DuBois and County Clerk Annie Rabbitt are scheduled to join Neuhaus at the popular event, which will include a special salute to all veterans in attendance. Approximately 4,000 spectators attended last year's Freedom Fest.

"Freedom Fest has become a very popular event and I hope to see an even bigger crowd there to enjoy it," Neuhaus said. "Freedom Fest provides an opportunity for the entire community to come together to celebrate our country and our veterans who serve and protect it."

Orange County has partnered with the Committee for the Families of War Veterans to bring the show to residents. The Committee for the Families of War Veterans is a non-partisan, 501c3 not-for-profit organization that was founded in 2007 to raise funds for returning veterans, current soldiers as well as soldiers wounded in

combat and their families. Renowned rock/country band The Black Dirt Bandits from Pine Island will headline the entertainment at the event.

The Black Dirt Bandits have opened for the legendary Charlie Daniels Band, Rodney Atkins and Craig Campbell. Popular local band New York Swing Exchange will also perform at Freedom Fest. Vendor spaces (10x10) are available. For more information or to reserve a spot, contact John Tkazyik at [jtkazyik@orangecountygov.com](mailto:jtkazyik@orangecountygov.com).

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Caption for photo: Fireworks at last year's Freedom Fest.