

**Agenda Item:** 1.c

**Meeting Date:** April 2, 2026

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Through:** Jennifer K. Bramley, City Manager

**From:** Tony Mulkey

**Date:** 2026-03-19

**Subject:** Red Star City Proclamation

**Presenter(s):** Tony Mulkey, Director of Parks & Recreation; and Rob Cozen, U.S. Military Advisory Committee.

**Staff Recommendation:** Proclamation recognizing the City of Dunedin as a Red Star City.

**Strategic Themes:** Community Amenities

**Boards & Committees:** U.S. Military Advisory Committee

**Budget Impact:** N / A

**Past Action:** N / A

**Next Action:** N / A

**Attachments:** [A. Red Star City Proclamation.pdf](#)  
[B. Letter of Support from Military Leaders for Red Star Foundation \(dated 02-27-26\).pdf](#)  
[C. Red Star City Application \(Dunedin\).pdf](#)

**Background:** This proclamation establishes Dunedin as a "Red Star City" to recognize and support families of military service members, veterans, and first responders lost to suicide. The designation through the Red Star Foundation will be supported through efforts from the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

The Red Star Foundation is a nationwide organization dedicated to honoring and supporting the families and loved ones of current military members, veterans, and first responders who have tragically lost a loved one to suicide. In addition to survivor support, the Foundation works to prevent suicide through education, advocacy, community outreach, and partnerships that promote mental health awareness, early intervention, and access

to support resources within military, veteran, and first responder communities.