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Pequannock Township High School Veterans Wall Dedication Event on November 17th



Alumni Veterans Wall outside Pequannock Township High School (Photo Credit: Ed Leonard)

POMPTON PLAINS, NJ -- Work is nearly done on the Pequannock Township High School Veterans Wall and the committee is excited to announce that the dedication event will take place at noon on Sunday, November 17, 2024. All members of the community are invited to help us celebrate the veterans who attended our high school as well as the remarkable power of a generous community that worked together to make the wall a reality.

Located on the grounds of Pequannock Township High School, the Veterans Wall's design plans were developed by students in the Class of 2021 STEM Academy, refined by Frank Messineo of

Solutions Architecture, and then constructed by local business owners who volunteered their time, talent and materials to help us honor the sacrifices made by the servicemen and servicewomen who attended the high school. The estimated cost of the project was \$150,000, with 98% of funding provided by our businesses through in-kind and monetary donations.

Committee members and alumni Colleen Murphy McMahon '78 and David Kohle '83 spearheaded the fundraising efforts that raised over \$62,000. Principal Richard Hayzler commented, "May the Alumni Veterans Wall be a symbol of hope, courage, honor, loyalty, strength and Golden Panther Pride for our entire community. On behalf of Pequannock Township High School, I would like to thank everyone who made this PTHS Alumni Veterans Wall become a reality. It is truly special."

Dr. Michael Portas, the superintendent of schools, commented that "I am so impressed with how this project has unfolded, from its initial concept to the nearly finished product, and am proud that the committee's work will serve as a point of pride for our community for a long time."

Community members who would like additional information can contact

PTHSAlumniVeteransWall@gmail.com or check out the Pequannock Township Alumni

Veterans Wall Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069211251201>

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ABOUT US

Home of the Golden Panthers, the Pequannock Township School District serves a community of PreK-12 learners in northern Morris County. Beyond our comprehensive educational program, the district also houses three academies: Allied Health, Aviation, and STEM. Our greater community supports students' pursuits in academics, athletics and the arts, and we have benefited from partnerships ranging from the New York Yankees and Atlantic Health Systems to the New Jersey State Police and the American Owners & Pilots Association (AOPA).