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Fruitport Community Schools Announces Veterans Wall of Honor Exhibit at Fruitport High School

Fruitport, MI - In recognition of Veterans Day, Fruitport Community Schools is excited to announce a veterans appreciation initiative and exhibit that will be displayed at Fruitport High School. Entitled the Veterans Wall of Honor, the exhibit will be created to honor and recognize all Fruitport Community Schools graduates who have honorably served in the United States Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Navy, and/or Space Force. This service includes enlistment, commissioning as an officer, service in the National Guard, or in the Reserves.

When unveiled on November 11, 2024 for Veterans Day next year, the Wall of Honor will be visible in the Athletics, Arts, & Technology hallway at Fruitport High School. The exhibit will be approximately 30 feet wide by 10 feet high, and will serve as an everyday reminder of the freedoms we enjoy, and of all of the graduates of Fruitport that have honorably served our country in uniform to protect these freedoms. The exhibit will be a source of pride throughout our greater school community. The District is thankful and appreciative of the honorable service of our nation's veterans and wants to commemorate and honor our graduate veterans, while inspiring our students to serve.

The District has created a website that will continually be updated with progress on the project. Graduates that have honorably served and/or the family members of those graduates are encouraged to submit a nomination form on the newly created website by no later than September 1, 2024 to have their name, branch of service, and rank displayed on the exhibit. The District also intends to create a digital collection of this information, in addition to a service photo of the veteran, and any additional information about the veteran's service to go along with the exhibit. The District will invite all graduate veterans and their guests to a Veterans Day breakfast and ceremony on November 11, 2024, which will be followed by an unveiling of the Wall of Honor on that very special day.

- Website Information: <https://www.fruitportschools.net/community/veterans-wall-of-honor/>.

The District will take the next year to work closely with various local veterans associations and organizations, as well as the Veterans Affairs Administration, and state and federal legislators, to create a first class exhibit to honor and recognize our graduates who have honorably served. Each year thereafter,

names submitted through the online nomination process by September 1 of that year will be processed and added to the Wall of Honor in a recognition ceremony on Veterans Day each year.

It was only fitting that the District would release this information on Veterans Day, as we plan and prepare for the unveiling of a very special exhibit to honor our veterans next year. Thank you to all of the veterans across our country for your service. We appreciate you and can not wait to honor and recognize your service when we unveil our Wall of Honor on November 11, 2024.

For more information on the Fruitport Veterans Wall of Honor, you may visit our website at the link above or you may contact any member of the District's Wall of Honor development committee. The nomination form may also be found by visiting this website. Please remember: Graduate veterans who have honorably served, and who want to be included in the District's exhibit, must be nominated through this process by September 1, 2024. Please act now and get your information submitted. Thank you.

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