

Amherst Veterans Committee Honors Veterans Day with Memorial Wall Display in Town Hall

(Amherst, NY) – The Amherst Veterans Committee has created a "traveling" Amherst Veterans Memorial to recognize the local veterans whose names have been proudly engraved on the wall. The reproduction is on display at Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street, in the rotunda on the second floor. The display coincides with Veterans Day, which is marked annually on November 11, and will be available for viewing during regular Town Hall hours until the end of the month. The display includes images of the Veterans Memorial's granite panels, which bear the names of 390 servicemen and servicewomen from the Town of Amherst and Village of Williamsville.

"By creating this display at Town Hall, we have another opportunity to share the names of our local veterans with the community. The Veterans Memorial is something the Veteran Committee takes great pride in and every single name on that wall is a member of our armed forces who sacrificed for this great country of ours," said Veterans Committee Chairman Joe Orzechowski. "We also encourage everyone to visit the memorial on Mill Street as it is an absolutely amazing tribute that appropriately honors and recognizes our local veterans."

The actual Veterans Memorial is located at 390 Mill Street, Williamsville, and is open to visitors 365 days of the year. Created in 2009, the memorial was established as a permanent site to honor the United States Armed Forces and Amherst veterans who have honorably served in the military. The memorial honors Town of Amherst veterans, living or deceased, who have served in any branch of the United States Armed Forces: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force and Coast Guard, during any time period.

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Traditionally, the Veterans Committee holds a ceremony in August to recognize a new class of names. In 2024, there were 51 names added. This is the largest class in the names added.

Anyone who is interested in completing an application to add an Amherst veteran to the memorial wall can download a copy from the Town's website at www.amhersy.ny.us. Copies are also available in the Clerk's Office, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville. (Please note that the front steps may be closed due to the Town Hall improvement project. Enter using the rear entrance near Island Park, which is also handicapped accessible.) To request a copy via email, please email decertage-amherst.ny.us.

For additional information, please visit <u>www.amherst.ny.us/amherstveteranscommittee</u>. The website also includes a <u>link to view slideshows</u> honoring the past seven classes of names.



