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## **PCTI Pays Tribute to Veterans**

**Wayne, NJ – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – On Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>, Passaic County Technical Institute (PCTI) opened its doors to local veterans and their families for their annual Veterans Day assembly. To honor and recognize veterans past and present, PCTI and AP History students created a touching video featuring student and veteran representatives that reflected on the meaning of 11-11-11, underscoring the importance of remembering our nation's history, and thanking those who dedicated their lives for the sake of service.

Students of the NJROTC and the Marching Band showed their support with the singing of the National Anthem, the Presentation of the Colors, the Flag Ceremony "Old Glory," and the playing of TAPS. Veterans and audience members stood proudly to salute the fallen members of our nation. All in attendance were deeply moved by PCTI's student presentations.

In addition, History Instructor Cathy Pagano was presented with a flag for the school by President of the Paterson Veterans Council, Tony Vancheri. She also received the NJ Senate and General Assembly Citation of Commendation and Praise from NJ's 35<sup>th</sup> District Legislators. Ms. Pagano was lauded for her steadfast dedication to the commitment to inspiring others and upholding the dignity of those who fought for our great nation.

After a brief wreath ceremony at the school's Veteran Park, veterans and their families were invited to have lunch with students who participated in the school's assembly.



AP History PCTI students Amy Domenack (Clifton) and Christian Rivera (Paterson) interview veteran John Walton, World War II Pearl Harbor survivor.



Cathy Pagano (Woodland Park) and NJROTC students pay their respect at the Veteran Park Memorial on campus.



PCTI NJROTC students perform the Old Glory flag ceremony.