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TEANECK WWII HEROES REGAIN PLACE OF HONOR



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Photos of 65 alumni who died in World War II are back on display at Teaneck High after disappearing during a school renovation.

School rededicates memorial

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TEANECK – This year, Memorial Day has a special meaning for the high school community, which, on Wednesday, rededicated a memorial honoring alumni who died in World War II.

Sixty-five 8-by-10-inch portraits of the fallen members of the military now hang, retouched and reframed, in the lobby of the high school, where they'd been displayed for decades before disappearing during a school renovation.

More than 150 people participated in the rededication in the school's auditorium, including retired Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, a 1963 graduate of the high school who served

as the 16th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; retired Adm. James Lyons Jr., a 1945 graduate of the high school who was stationed at Pearl Harbor; and state Sen. Loretta Weinberg.

"This sends a good message to the current students about the lives of those who served," Lyons said. "Freedom doesn't come cheap and they should protect that legacy."

The photos hang across from the auditorium, named for Helen B. Hill, who was high school principal in the 1940s and who affectionately referred to the fallen servicemen as "my boys."

"Ms. Hill, your boys are back," said Bonnie Morrow, who led a fundraising effort to restore and reframe the photos.

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Teaneck High student Louis Santos playing taps during Wednesday's rededication ceremony.