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Delaware Water Gap Wreaths Across America Ceremony



By Senator Rosemary Brown

DELAWARE WATER GAP - I had the distinct honor of joining in the Wreaths Across America in Delaware Water Gap last weekend. A poignant tribute as a wreath is placed on every veteran's grave, honoring their legacy by speaking their name. Let us remember, honor, and teach future generations about our veterans' selfless service, their families' sacrifices, and the freedoms we cherish. We are forever grateful.

Keynote speaker Captain Jeremy M. Komasz, also Superintendent of Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, inspired all of us to uphold their values. Our heartfelt thanks go to the Delaware Water Gap Cemetery team for organizing this national tribute annually.

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PennDOT 'Paint the Plow' Local Contest Winners

By PennDOT

Allentown, PA – The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is announcing the District 5 region winners of the Paint the Plow safety outreach contest.

Paint the Plow is a statewide initiative that highlights safe winter driving while showcasing the artistic talents of students across Pennsylvania. Students paint snowplow blades with original artwork reflecting a theme selected by PennDOT.

This year, Pleasant Valley High School of Monroe County won the "Fan Favorite" award, determined by online voting at penndot.pa.gov/PaintThePlow. The fans decided their plow design best captured the spirit of this year's theme "Don't race. Allow some space." An honorable mention went to Lehigh Career & Technical Institute

Members of the public were invited to vote for their favorite plow from 15 area schools that entered in this year's regional contest. Votes were accepted from December 8 through December 14, 2025. Pleasant Valley High School received 1,318 votes to earn the "Fan Favorite" honor.

The "Judges' Pick" award was presented to Pocono Mountain High School of Monroe County, selected by a panel of PennDOT representatives. Their design stood out for its creativity and connection to the winter safety message. An honorable mention in this category went to Pleasant Valley High School of Monroe County.

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