

Answering the Call



*2007 Memorial Day Parade
Jeffrey Boromy, unknown, Victor Trevisani*

*Sergeant Kenneth Kruzel at
Camp Shelby, Mississippi*



Cuyahoga Heights 2018 Centennial

Army Veterans

Organized by Laura Bacci Merhaut

“No man is entitled to the blessings of freedom unless he be vigilant in its preservation.”

— General Douglas MacArthur

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Kenneth Kruzel | Died in the Line of Duty Awarded the Purple Heart

Service: United States Army | World War II
Theatre: Korean Conflict Veterans Interred Overseas
Born: 1919 to Andrew John Frank and Julia Wisniewski Kruzel
Inducted: Ohio
Rank: Sergeant
Combat Organization: 145th Infantry 37th Division
Died in Combat: July 31, 1943 in the Pacific Islands
Monument: Buried at Fort William McKinley, Manila, the Philippines



Edmund Milczewski | Died in the Line of Duty

Service: United States Army | World War II
Born: 1911 to August and Rose Kalinowski Milczewski
Died in Combat: February 11, 1945 in Germany

March 25, 1945 *Cleveland Plain Dealer* article reported the following:

Corporal Edmund J. Milczewski, 34, husband of Mrs. Jean Milczewski, 3695 East 63rd Street and son of Mrs. Rose Milczewski, 7238 Winfield Avenue, SE, died February 11, 1945 in a German prison camp. Corporal Milczewski had been reported missing in action in Belgium since December 19th, while serving with a field artillery unit. Last month his wife received a card written by him in a German prison camp. He attended South High School and worked for Standard Tool Company. Memorial mass will be said for Corporal Milczewski at 9 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Name Catholic Church. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by three sisters, Irene, Virginia, and Lillian, and six brothers, Sergeant Ervin, en route overseas; Private Harry in Italy; Marine Private August at Great Lakes, Illinois; Ronald, Norman, and Albert.

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World War I

Geremia Iacopo Algimiro Adorni
Iacopo Angiocchi
Rayno Antognozzi
Peter Beak
Frank Brom
Stanley B. Chase
Charles Connors
Alonzo Darling
Hubert Darling
J. Albert Fess
Edward J. Gaida
Frank L. Gallitz
Jacob Gallitz
Charles Gorney

John Francis Hanousek
Theodore Kaminski
Ernest Walter Klaas
Ernest Knaack
Joseph Langa
Joseph Laskowsky
Joe Miller
John Miller
Emigio Nobili
Casmiro Pallini
Arthur Perry
F. E. Peterson
Frank Przboroski
John Pytel

Julius C. Schmidt
Harry J. Schuman
Frank P. Schuschu
Michael M. Sroczyński
Arthur Steiger
Charles D. Sweeney
John Harold Traverse
Luigi Trevisani
Max Wawrzyniak
Theodore Wawrzyniak
Harvey Weidner
Royal E. Weidner
Carl Wlotzko
Joseph Zgrabik



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World War II

Umero Adorni	Joseph L. Crooks	Joseph Nagy
Albert J. Aguzzi	Joseph Allen Cye	Elmer J. Newness
Raymond Amari	Stefan Edmund Czekalski	Henry Nobili
Joseph F. Andrews	Egidio Danti	Ralph Nowak
Benedict Joseph Balog	Ralph Desantis Sr.	Stanley P. Owens
Albert Baracz	Joseph Dolezal	Michael Pavlik
Henry Baracz	Casimir Dunajski	Harry Pellini
Raymond Baracz	Martin Robert Dzuro	Joseph Piasecki
Florence Bartczak Schaffner	Louis Albert Ezzo	Charles Podolski
Simon P. Bartczak	Howard L. Farrar	Reno Reali
John Stanley Bartkiewicz	Kenneth Louis Farrar	Steve J. Sandusky
Joseph Chester Bartkiewicz	Guido J. Fontana	Reno A. Santini
William Baur, Sr.	William Gerdon	Robert D. Schuschu, Sr.
Leo N. Billi	Edward Golembiewski	Victor Seskes
James G. Bloam	Bruno Guidotti	Frank Slipota
Ralph H. Bloom, Jr.	Chester Stanley Gutkowski	Henry S. Smodich
Nick Bohdan	Robert Austin Hine	Stanley Smosarski
John Borowy	Henry T. Humphrey	Toji Sonoda
Harry G. Bricker	Raymond Kalfas	Clarence J. Stalzkowski
Frances E. Byrne	Ignatius Klanchnik	Edward F. Stawicki
Richard M. Carse	Harry Robert Kruzal	Louis C. Steiger
Anthony Casavecchia, Sr.	Kenneth J. Kruzal*	Chester Suchocki
Ferdinand Casavecchia	Robert Kruzal	Jerome Traffis
Howard Earl Cash	Robert J. Larkin	Victor P. Trevisani
Edward Celka	Anthony Gerald Leciejewski	Robert J. Uridel
Norbert Chase	Joseph M. Lipiec	Tony S. Wencke
Robert Chase	Albert Lucarelli	Melvin Westhoven
William Christy	John C. Lynch	William Wiskoff
Andrew Coffee	Gerald L. McCandless	Joseph Woltman
Joseph Peter Coffee	Edmund Milczewski*	Fritz Woodrick
Edward Crombine	Daniel Movens	

*Died in the Line of Duty

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Korean War

Lydio Angiocchi
Carl Casavecchia, Sr.
Joseph J. Conte
Ronald Louis Heinz
Eugene J. Henry
Donald Arthur James | Peacetime
Anthony Smosarski
Frank P. Talani
Louis V. Woodrick

Vietnam War

Wayne Arndt
Lee J. Billi
James William Bricker
Neal Cash
Thomas Chase
Richard Cockrell
James Crooks
David Mark Domzalski
James Frank Domzalski
Ralph Faragone
Ed Gaida
Edward C. Guilfoyle
Robert John Jackson
Ronald (Chmielewski) Kimmel
Joseph Klir
John Laseke
Thomas Leciejewski*
Florian Mack
Jeff McCandless
Guy Mitchell
Peter J. Rhome
Robert Schuschu, Jr.
Dennis Suhy
George M. Suhy
Eric Waldemarson
Ray Wasky
Robert Wey
Terry Lee White

Peacetime

Robert Angiocchi
Ralph Contipelli
Richard Walter James
Larry Pellini

Service Arena Unknown

Stewart W. Brown
Robert Bruce Knowlton
Ralph Mayer Miner
Robert T. Ryan
Attilio Vincenti

*Bronze Star Recipient

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Reflections On Their Service

Richard Cockrell, Spec 4, Served 1970 to 1972:

“My service was a great experience—I learned a lot and am proud to have served—I am proud to be an American—God Bless America!”

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Excerpted David Domzalski’s Vietnam journal, Memorial Day, 1968:

“LZ secured—0600 hrs. — 4 choppers lifted us out—back now at Camp Evans—1st shower and hot food in 5 days. Finally got mail—2 letters from Mom and Elaine...Went to EM club—pounded down a lot of beers —will sleep good...Today is Memorial Day—Wow—all of the memories of back home. Tomorrow briefing for next patrol mission - life is good - what a beautiful full moon...”

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Bob Schuschu 1967 News Clipping:

Bob Schuschu, 4526 East 49th Street has enlisted in the Army for three years, and is now at Fort Knox, Kentucky for processing before being assigned to basic training. This is the third generation of the Schuschu family serving their country. His grandfather, Frank Schuschu of 7130 Bletch Court, served in France during the First World War, and his Dad, Bob Sr. served in the South Pacific during the Second World War.

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Jim Crooks—Service Director:

Jim Crooks, or “Jimmy” as he is known, was appointed village service director by Mayor George Gallitz in January, 1968—a position he would hold for over 39 years. That is except for the brief time he stepped away to answer his country’s call to military service.

Jimmy was drafted into the United States Army in October, 1968 only ten months after his appointment to the service director’s job. He reported to Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training and then to Fort Sill, Oklahoma for training in field artillery.

In April, 1969, Jimmy began a 14-month tour of duty in Vietnam with the 5th Battalion, 22nd Field Artillery Unit and then with the 7th Battalion, 14th Field Artillery Unit, 1st Field Forces. He was stationed in the central highlands close to the Cambodian border. His team operated missions by firing howitzers in support of infantry units, atop landing zones and fire bases.

Jimmy was discharged in June, 1970, as a Spec 4. Jimmy was one of 12 village residents to have proudly served in the Vietnam conflict. Other village residents and close friends serving were: Tom Chase, David Domzalski, Jim Domzalski, Ed Gaida, Lee Billi, Ralph Faragone, Jeff McCandless, Ron Kimmel, Wayne Arndt, Bobby Jackson and Rick Waldemarson.



Henry and Jeanette Nobili



Leo Billi in 1944



*The Casavecchia Boys:
(left to right) Carl "Charlie"
Ferdinand "Freddie" and Anthony "Tony"*

Navy Veterans

“A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.”

-- Joseph Campbell

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Robert F. Heinz | Died in the Line of Duty

Service: United States Navy | World War II

Born: 1923 to Emil and Julia Patos Heinz. Graduated from Cuyahoga Heights High School in 1941

Rank: Aviation Machinist's Mate, 1st Class

Combat Organization: 145th Infantry 37th Division

Died: August 20, 1943 of unknown bacterial infection during training in Pensacola, Florida

Obituary

Date: August 23, 1943

Source: *Cleveland Press*; Cleveland Necrology File, Reel #036

Notes: of 4442 East 49th Street; beloved son of Emil and Julia (nee Patos), brother of Rose Giblin, Russell, Raymond, Ronald, Marie and Barbara; died suddenly Friday at Pensacola, Florida

Funeral Tuesday, August 24, 1943 at Claus' Funeral Home, 11200 Miles Avenue, at 2 p.m.



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World War I

Joseph Edward Boing
Roy Kingsbury Shatto

World War II

Elmer Accorsini
Cleri Adorni
George Attewell
Aloysius Bartczak
Anna Mae Bass
Ralph Bloom, Jr. (Army as well)
John J. Bohdan
Eugene Raymond Crombine
Frank J. Crooks
Lester G. Davis
Ralph Lesley Davis
Edmund Stephen Domzalski
Edward I. Domzalski
Frank Joseph Domzalski, Sr.

Walter Evans
Rudolph Fess
George A. Gallitz
Henry Golembiewski
Robert Harris
Robert Heinz*
Russell Kurt Heinz
Renato S. Iacopucci
Bernard Kaczmarek
Richard Michael Kloss
Theodore Koren
Hilary Kosicki
Joseph E. Mantell
James J. Masek

William Mycoski
Alio Pellini
Edward (Joe) Robert Ranch
Harry Melvin Schuman, Jr.
Ray D. Schuman
Joseph Stankiewicz
Arthur Tallon
Ludi Vaccher
Marco Jerry Vaccher

Korean War

Victor J. Dobrovolski Duber
Dean Thomas James
Noreen James
Lawrence Walerian Mack

Vietnam War

Bruce James Blue
Christopher Pavlik
William Vokac
Richard Wallace

*Died in the Line of Duty

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Desert Shield | Iraqi Freedom | Enduring Freedom

Jeff Borowy

Operation Desert Strike

Brad Unger

Peacetime

Brian Baciak

Albert Gallitz

John Reiger

Service Arena Unknown

Howard Combs, Jr.

Ryan Dawes

Harold Fred Dunham

Frank Anthony Piasecki

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Reflections On Their Service

Bradley Unger 1993 to 1998 AC3, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class

“I have travelled the world aboard the USS Enterprise looking for adventure and found a valuable world view and problem-solving skills that has greatly benefited me. I returned home and pursued a career in firefighting and nursing where I continue to use that perspective and those skills to find the best outcomes for my patients.”

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Richard J. Wallace, CDT, CEC, USNR - U.S. Navy Retired

“I reported to the U.S. Naval Academy in 1957 with only one week’s notice. While there, served on various ships during the summer—cruisers, destroyers and an aircraft carrier—*USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*—all protecting the United States of America. While on active duty in the U. S. Navy, (Rich) served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam conflict, administering the construction program—building airfields, pier facilities and troop support facilities for our forces in Vietnam. For the remainder of active service, served on west coast administering maintenance facilities at various locations to support ships and men in the Pacific theatre. Moved to reserve duty in 1970, participated in the training of various duties to be ready for mobilization when needed. Retired in 1987 with 26 years of duty—but my heart and mind are still with the Navy...”

Richard J. Wallace News Clipping (Circa 1956)

Cuyahoga Heights Youth Shoves Off for Annapolis:

Seventeen year old Richard J. Wallace, Cuyahoga Heights youth of distinction, left for Annapolis today with a naval career as his goal. Wallace, who was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by former Congressman George Bender, has the distinction of being the first youth in the village to be appointed to any of the service academies. Proud of this distinction, the prospective naval officer said he is not at sea as to his future. “I am going to make the Navy my career,” he said. There is no question in the minds of his equally proud parents that Richard will accomplish what he sets out to do. The father, Joseph, is a village patrolman. Richard has compiled an impressive scholastic and athletic record at Cuyahoga Heights High School. He was a B-plus student and earned seven letters in football, basketball and track. He was vice president of his senior class, won an honorable mention in the Ohio State General Scholarship tests and had enrolled at Case Institute of Technology before receiving notice of his appointment. Richard holds the school record for the 100-yard dash at 10.4 seconds and running broad jump at 21 feet, 1 5/8 inches. The family residence is at 4581 East 49th Street.

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CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT NO. 101
Marine Aircraft Group 33
First Marine Aircraft Wing
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-I-O-N

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that DOBROVOLSKI, Victor J. Jr., 433 56 42, CD3, USN served on board this unit in Korea from 14 Oct 52 to 15 Oct 53 and that during this period of time he was in a "combat zone" as designated by Executive Order No. 10195 as amended by the Revenue Act of 1951.

For the purpose of authorized postponement of filing 1952 returns and 1953 declaration of estimated tax and of the payment of any tax due under section 3804 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code (as added by Public Law 908, 81st Congress), the termination of combat service in this man's case, is hereby certified as 15 October 1953.

R. A. Bell
R. A. BELL,
Ensign
Civil Engineer Corps
United States Naval Reserve



Vic Duber and Ted Koren

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James J. Masek and John J. Bohdan



Cleri Adorni and grandson Brian Baciak

Marine Veterans

The Marine motto *Semper Fidelis* means *Always Faithful* in Latin, often appearing as *Semper Fi*. *Semper Fidelis* is also the name of the official march of the Corps, composed by John Philip Sousa.

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Leonard Daniel Bartzak | Died in the Line of Duty

Name: Leonard Daniel Bartzak, Pfc., United States Marine Corps.

Service: United States Marine Corps. | World War II

Born: June 28, 1923

Died: April 15, 1945



**Leonard Bartzak and
Gerry Schuman**

Obituary

Date: March 23, 1949

Source: *Cleveland Press*; Cleveland Necrology File, Reel #004.

Notes: Bartzak, Pfc. Leonard D., U.S.M., of 4386 East 49th Street, was killed in action on April 15, 1945, at Okinawa; beloved son of Simon and Rose (deceased), brother of Ted, Clara Jezierski, Florence, Frank, Simon Jr., and Al, beloved uncle. Funeral Saturday, March 26th at 8:30 a.m. from Golubski & Sons Funeral Home at the corner East 65th Street and Fullerton Avenue. Services Sacred Heart of Jesus Church at 9 a.m. Military arrangements by Buckeye Detachment, Marine Corp League.

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World War I

None Noted

World War II

Lucian Anielski

Steve J. Baracz

Leonard Daniel Bartczak*

Donald Doskey

Joseph Evans

John Leroy Hanousek

Michael C. Nowak

William Edward Stahlnecker, Jr.

George A. Suhy

Korean War

William Richard Baur, Jr.

Frank Trusso, Sr.

Vietnam War

Ron Dorris

Tim Krenisky

Michael R. Nowak

Frank C. Talani

Terrance Tyna

Cold War

Raymond Smosarski, Jr.

Desert Storm

Scott Wadsworth

Iraq War

Andrew Cash

Frank Trusso, Jr.

Afghanistan

Hunter Krenisky

Peacetime

Vincent Trusso

Service Arena Unknown

Debra Bloam

*Died in the Line of Duty

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Reflections On His Service

Andrew Cash | United States Marine Corps. | 2002 to 2006

Andy was honorably discharged with the rank of Lance Corporal. He served in Bahrain and Iraq. During his time in Iraq, the Humvee he was riding in ran over a land mine and exploded. He suffered some bumps, bruises, stitches, a concussion and some hearing loss. Fortunately, he returned home safely to his family.

Andrew received the Rifle Marksman Badge, Pistol Sharpshooter Badge, Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

The Marines gave Andrew the leadership, work ethic and discipline skills he uses in his everyday life.



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Howard Cash | Army | World War II



Andrew Cash | Marines | Iraq War



Neal Cash | Army | Vietnam

A family legacy of service to our country



*Ida Nobili and Donald Doskey
August 18, 1945*

Other Branches of Service

“I recently learned something quite interesting about video games. Many young people have developed incredible hand, eye, and brain coordination in playing these games. The Air Force believes these kids will be our outstanding pilots should they fly our jets.”

— Ronald Reagan, 40th U.S. President

Air Force

World War II

Edmund D. Guilfoyle
Stanley L. Smith

Korean War

Donald Kaminski

Vietnam War

Thomas Hunt Morrill, Jr.
Thomas Sample III

Peacetime

Edward Pritchard

Far East Air Force (FEAF)

Donald J. Boing

Service Arena Unknown

Don Krusinski

Merchant Marine

World War II

(Served in Two Branches)
Louis V. Bacci (Army Air Corps)
Chester Grzelecki Jr. (Navy)

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Coast Guard

World War I

Tony Wiskoff

World War II

Otto William Shimerka

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National Guard

Peacetime

Norman Cerha

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Our other residents who served but for whom we could not determine their branch of service:

World War II

Branch of Service Unknown

Joseph F. Anderson
Vincent Guidotti, Jr.
Stanley Simon Smolira
Allen Paul Steiger
William Sweeney
Charles F. Williams

Arena and Branch of Service

Unknown

Emigio Talani



Reflections On His Service

Donald J. Boing, retired Cuyahoga Heights Police Lieutenant, served in the Air Force as a staff sergeant during 1948 to 1952. He enlisted for three years but was given credit for four years upon discharge. He served in the Far East Air Force (FEAF).

Don's basic training was at Lackland Air Force base in Texas and his memory of that time was that it was "very hot!" Don also commented that service was "...just what you did for your country."

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Armed Guard Pays Tribute to Crew, possibly *Plain Dealer*, June 22, 1945:

The Merchant Marine

They might be called sea-going laborers, but they get their jobs well done

They sail their cargoes across the ocean, which truly isn't any fun

They have a skipper and his seaman machinist mates and also cooks

They have stewards and their Bos'ns - none of them can be called crooks

They start a trip across the ocean when they'll return, they never know
They never know if a sub will hit them or when their lifeboats they'll have to row

They have sailed all the Atlantic, the Pacific in every zone;

They have sailed the seven seas doing their job all alone

They have old men and young boys on their ship, they carry their gear

They deliver equipment for warfare, tackling this task without any fear

We give three cheers for the Merchants, we'll think of them for evermore

As part of the Armed Forces, helping out to win the war.

“Blackie” W. H. Molina, Q.M. 2/C





Louis J. Bacci—United States Army Air Corps
United States Merchant Marine



*Air Force Veteran and VFW Member
George Toth at 2012 Memorial Day Parade*



*Donald J. Boing
United States
Far East Air Force*

Photograph from the
Cuyahoga Heights Police Department

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*Vic Duber, Rich Wallace, Frank Talani, unknown,
Ray Rutkowski and Frank Trusso*



*Vic Duber, Police Officer Ross Contipelli
and Rich Wallace*

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Joe Stankiewicz, Joe Crooks, unknown



Joe Crooks and Joe Andrews

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*Victor Trevisani, Jeff Borowy, Joe Crooks,
Joe Andrews, guy in blue unknown, Rich Wallace,
unknown, Dave Domzalski*

Jeff Borowy, Rich Wallace and Dave Domzalski are living; all others shown are deceased.



Joe Stankiewicz and Lester Davis

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2007 Memorial Day speaker Vic Duber



*2019 Memorial Day speaker Dave Domzalski
and Scott Wadsworth*

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