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VETERANS COMMITTEE, CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CITY OF CLEVELAND



Mayor Frank G. Jackson

- Welcomes you to -

VETERANS DAY 2018

FRIDAY - NOVEMBER 9

CEREMONY - 11:00AM

AND

FIFTH ANNUAL PARADE - 12:30 PM

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“IN SERVICE TO VETERANS AND COMMUNITY AWARDS”

VETERAN HONOREE – Taras Terry Zacharyj

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JVCOCC HISTORY AND GOALS

The Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County (JVCOCC) was established in 1935 to bring together the energies of the various Veterans organizations, work on common goals and commemorations. The JVCOCC sponsors the following events: Flag Day with U.S. Army Birthday and Naturalization Ceremony; Veterans Day; and the annual Officer Installation and Outstanding Veteran of the Year Dinner in February; supports the Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland to sponsor the Traditional May 30th Memorial Day observance; and now has partnered with the Association of the United States Army to sponsor the Armed Forces Outstanding Patriot event. It has also undertaken the establishing of a Liberty Veterans Honor Garden amongst the Cleveland Cultural Gardens and the restoration of Liberty Row, a memorial dedicated in 1919 with trees planted and medallions placed at their bases for those who were killed from the Greater Cleveland area during WWI.

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A CALL TO PRESERVE A LEGACY

At this moment, in our country, we have about 24 million veterans but our numbers are rapidly dwindling. We share a unique bond in that most have experienced the sacrifice or have a great understanding of it. Also there is an extension of us veterans, our families and friends, and the families of those who gave their lives for our country, most of whom also have a very personal knowledge of what call to duty demands and its toll on those who serve and their families. We have to work together, across all veterans' organizations and as individuals, to make sure that future generations of veterans and families will receive the best care they rightfully deserve and our fellow citizens have a clear reminder of the price for the freedoms they enjoy. The significance of our contributions should not die with us and we should leave an easier path for future veterans to assert their role in our society. We salute and commend all who make a lifetime commitment to serve their fellow veterans, those who are currently serving our country and their respective families. Our numbers, when working in unison, can guarantee an outcome worth the legacy that we share.

"The greatest citizens of each of our nation's generations: those who died defending our country, those who served, those who stand vigilant now and will in the future, their respective families, and the loving citizens who supported them and their loved ones while the defenders were in harm's way and embraced them and their families when they came home and made it their lifetime duty to help them all heal".

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Judge Michael E. Jackson, Presiding



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The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is a judge-supervised treatment program for veterans eligible to participate and approved by the VTC Judge. The intent of the VTC is to develop in each veteran a greater self-sufficiency and the ability to live a law-abiding life.

A key component of the VTC is the volunteer Veteran Mentor Support Program (Mentor Program). Mentors are veterans who volunteer their time to assist veterans in the VTC. Veterans are better served by having a support system that includes veterans who understand the different aspects of the military experience, whether in combat or not, as well as the challenges of re-adapting to civilian life. Mentors develop a supportive relationship with veterans. This increases the likelihood that these veterans will remain in treatment, attain and manage sobriety, maintain law-abiding behavior, and successfully readjust to civilian life. All Mentors will take part in a training program before assisting veterans, as well as attending all continuing training programming when scheduled.

The Mentor acts as a coach, a guide, a role model, and provides support for the veteran that only another veteran can provide. A Mentor is not a counselor. The Mentor encourages, guides, and supports the veteran at each stage of the VTC process. Mentors need the ability to listen to the veteran and to provide support.

TO SIGN UP FOR DUTY CONTACT:

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The Vietnam Veterans of America Greater Cleveland Chapter #15 is a very active organization of the Greater Cleveland area. We are involved in such things as helping other veterans organizations financially, organizing an excursion to the islands for the residents of the Sandusky Veterans Home, helping both financially and physically with the WWII and Korean Veteran's trip on Honor Flights to Washington, D.C. financial help to Veterans Transportation Home, and Honor Guard services for fallen veterans. We also participate in various Veterans Day ceremonies, the End of the Vietnam War ceremonies on April 30th, the March of Dimes March for Babies, and Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial, Inc. It was Chapter 15's initiative that made the naming of the "Veterans Memorial Park" in Parma a reality. We are supportive of the Stress Recovery Unit at Wade Park VA Hospital, Kids in Flight, and the Greater Cleveland USO.



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CONGRATULATIONS



**2018 Veteran's Day
Awardees**

Judge Felix Thomas Matia (1890-1975)

Judge Felix T. Matia, a native of Cleveland, Ohio and the son of Thomas and Frances (Otto) Matia. Both of Felix's parents were born in German, Poland, now included in the Republic of Poland. They raised four children, Felix, Walter, Kate and Frank. Felix was the oldest.

Felix served his community and his Nation in peace and in war over a period of 65 years following his graduation from the Cleveland Law School of Baldwin Wallace University aka Cleveland Marshall College of Law. He was raised on Cleveland's eastside, attending East High School and providing support to his mother and family following his father's death in 1907.

Admitted to the Cleveland Bar in 1914, Felix served as a Probation Officer for the Cleveland Municipal Court system prior to accepting a position as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Cuyahoga County, a position he retained from January 1917 to January 1921. During this period, he acquired a reputation for solid talents in the legal profession and high praise for his thoroughness and oratory.

A Soldier in the Great War

While serving his community as an assistant prosecuting attorney he was granted a leave of absence to enlist for the World War. On November 1, 1917, he joined the colors as a member of the Officers' Training School at Camp Sherman, Ohio, and received a commission as Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. He was sent to Camp Gordon, Georgia, was commissioned a First Lieutenant on January 4, 1918, and put in the Ninth Replacement Regiment. Later he was transferred to the Intelligence Department on duty at Camp Gordon and vicinity, and was under orders for overseas duty when the armistice was signed. January 1, 1919, he was mustered out and honorably discharged at Camp Custer, Michigan. Immediately on his return he resumed his duties as assistant prosecuting attorney.

Post War Service to the Community

In January 1921, he resigned from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to pursue private practice. Having married Miss Mary Olszeski in August 1920, he quickly established himself as a leading advocate for the large Polish community growing in Cleveland, as well as a coming leader in the Democratic Party. Over the years following his military service, he served in a wide range of private sector and public service positions: director of a savings and loan association, parks director for the City of Cleveland, member of the County Board of Elections, Chairman of the Democratic Party for Cuyahoga County, service on various veteran's committees, a member of the Polish National Alliance, the Polish Alliance of America, the Polish Falcons, the Cleveland Society of the Z. N. P., the Knights of Columbus and St. Casimir's Catholic Church.

Governor Frank Lausche appointed Felix Matia to the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas in 1950. He served two decades until his retirement in 1971. Judge Felix Matia's two sons, Richard and David, both followed their father's path to the judiciary. Richard served on the Cleveland Municipal Court and David ran for and won the seat vacated by Felix in Common Pleas Court in 1971. Both sons also served in the military; Richard in the Navy during World War II (Pacific), and David in the US Coast Guard after the War. Judge David T. Matia, Jr., Felix's grandson, represents the third generation of Matias serving on the Common Pleas Court having been elected in 1998.

Recognition for a Lifetime of Service

One of Judge Felix Matia's passions in life was a commitment to his fellow veterans. Following the end of World War II, he dedicated a great deal of his time and energy to leading various committees formed to assist the returning veterans from overseas, ~~and~~ particularly those in his beloved Polish community in Cleveland. In 1975, he was joined in being honored by the Polish American Veterans Organization by his good friend and fellow veteran Mr. Chester Koch in having an annual award named after them; the Felix T. Matia/Chester Koch Outstanding Veteran Award. This award was given annually to a veteran member of the Cuyahoga community who demonstrated a history of self-less service to his Nation and local community.

Judge Felix T. Matia Outstanding Service Award

On 11 November 2015, Veteran's Day, the Joint Veteran's Council of Cuyahoga County will establish an annual veteran's and citizen's recognition award under the title: ***Judge Felix T. Matia Outstanding Service Award***. This award constitutes a long standing tradition started in the Cleveland veteran's community recognizing those outstanding veterans and citizens who epitomize the character and virtues Judge Felix T. Matia brought to his life, his family, and his community.

Biography researched and written by the Grandson's of Felix T. Matia

1. Brigadier General Matthew C. Matia - U.S Army Reserve (Retired)
2. Judge David T. Matia, Jr. - Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas



Mistress of Ceremonies Monica Robins



Monica Robins is an Emmy award winning reporter well known as one of Northeast Ohio's most reliable sources for health news. As Senior Health Correspondent, she has earned the respect of the region's medical establishments including The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio for fair, accurate and unbiased reporting.

Her dedication to providing quality health information to Northeast Ohio earned her several prestigious awards including the Community Service Award from Fairview, Lakewood, Lutheran Hospitals and the Community West Foundation, the Bronze Key award from Recovery Resources, the media award from the

ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga county for her in-depth coverage of the heroin epidemic in Northeast, Ohio.

She was honored as the first media recipient of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure "Power of a Partner" Award. She's also received several media awards from various medical organizations including the Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland, the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio, Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging and Congressional Commendations from Senator Sherrod Brown and Representative Betty Sutton.

With nearly 30 years of Broadcast Journalism experience, Monica is a six-time Emmy award recipient. She has also received numerous first place 'Excellence in Journalism awards' from the Ohio Press Club, Cleveland Press Club and the Associated Press. She's also been inducted into the Ohio Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

She was a primary Investigative Reporter at WCMH-TV in Columbus, Ohio before becoming the NBC Midwest Correspondent for the News Channel affiliate service. During that time, she traveled the country covering national news for America's NBC stations. Including President Clinton's Lewinsky scandal and subsequent impeachment proceedings, the devastating Ohio River flooding, Native American Adoption controversy and the births of the McCaughey Septuplets.

Monica is a native of Pittsburgh, PA and enjoys weight lifting, running and riding her Harley-Davidson motorcycle. She's also the lead singer for two bands including, the classic rock band, Monica Robins and the Whiskey Kings, and the country band, The Ninja Cowboys. Learn more at www.monicarobins.com.

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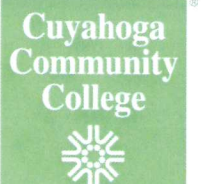
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Allen Eugene Bray, Jr.

Cuyahoga Community College
2018 Student Veteran of the Year



One of the first things you learn about Allen Eugene Bray, Jr. when you meet him is that he is proud to be a native Clevelander. Born and raised on Cleveland's east side, he pushed himself scholastically to graduate from St. Peter Chanel High School. Following graduation, he embarked on service to our nation in the United States Army where he served honorably from 2012 – 2015, including a combat tour in Afghanistan in 2014 for Operation Enduring Freedom.

During his Army service Allen was the recipient of the following decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign ribbons: Afghanistan Campaign Medal w/ Campaign Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, and the NATO Medal.

Following his Army service Allen took on the challenge of college and enrolled in Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) where he again has pushed himself in his studies and will be graduating Cum Laude with an Associates of Arts degree in December 2018. During his time at Tri-C he has also engaged as an active member of the campus community and well as the broader community in issues and events where he continues to give back to his fellow veterans and their families. Those events and activities include: volunteered in Human Resources Department at Ahuja Medical Center (2015-16), VA Work Study for the Alfred Lerner Veterans Center at Tri-C's Eastern Campus (2016-17), volunteered for Tri-C's Veterans Day events, participated in the Veterans History Project with the Library of Congress (2018), summer intern for U. S. Congressman James Renacci (2018), and he volunteered for the Vietnam Veteran Wall exhibit at Tri-C's Western Campus (2018), He is currently serving an internship at The Louis Stokes VA Medical Center.

Career plans after graduation include beginning a full-time position in Human Resources Management at The Louis Stokes VA Medical Center where he continues to impact the service received by his fellow veterans. Allen also plans to continue his education by earning a bachelor's degree in Business Management through a partnership with Hiram College and Cuyahoga Community College beginning in January 2019.



Taras-Terry-Zacharyj

Taras-Terry-Zacharyj came to America 1951 and moved into the old "Southside Neighborhood" of Cleveland's Westside. His Ukrainian Parents went to work to help their children go to school. Taras graduated from Parma Senior High and joined the U S Army and became a cook in Germany. He is presently employed with Metro Cleveland Security, an armed guard & off duty police provider, for 38 years. Taras is a corporate officer of Metro and also registered with the State of Ohio Homeland Security. Taras started volunteering at the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post 58 and with the Ukrainian American Veterans at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. Taras has taken the responsibilities of participating in serving coffee and donuts on the 2nd Sunday of each month and ward treat where he has accumulated over 4,060 plus volunteer hours.

Taras is presently the State Commander for the Department of Ohio, Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A, and have held the offices of 1ST Vice Commander of the State Department, Treasurer and he is currently the Post Commander of Roosevelt Post 58. Taras also is Post 58 Canteen Manager and is active in the community of Tremont where he helps support Pilgrim Church, Tremont West, St Augustine's Church, Matt Talbot Settlement House of St John Cantius Church, Director of the Polonia Foundation of Ohio, an organization founded by the PLAV to assist children and grandchildren of veterans pursuing higher education. Last year the organization granted over \$20,000.00 in scholarships.

Taras has two sons is happily married to Darlene who always by his side assisting and supporting him

VETERANS DAY 2018

Welcome:	Thomas Jenks, Major, U.S. Army (Ret.) President, Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County
Entertainment:	Land Band
Mistress of Ceremonies:	Monica Robins, Broadcast Journalist
Cleveland Mayor:	Honorable Frank G. Jackson
Presenting of Colors:	Army Recruiting Command, Joint City Services Color Guard
National Anthem:	Monica Robins, Broadcast Journalist
Invocation:	Father Joseph Piskura Chaplain, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Acknowledgments/Greetings:	Thomas Jenks, Major, U.S. Army (Ret.) <i>President, Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County</i>
Introduction Guest Speaker:	Monica Robins
Guest Speaker:	Judge Michael Jackson, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge
Recognitions:	<u>" Judge Felix T. Matia Outstanding Service Award"</u> SERVICE TO VETERANS AND COMMUNITY
Thomas Jenks Judge Michael Jackson Rick DeChant	<i>Citizen Honoree- Judge Charles Patton</i> <i>Veteran Honoree- Taras "Terry" Zacharyj</i> <i>Veteran Student Honoree - Allen Eugene Bray, Jr.</i>
God Bless America:	Officer Pete Williams Cleveland Police Department
Benediction:	Father Joseph Piskura Chaplain, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Amazing Grace:	Captain Renee Kane and Patrick Faith, Pipers
Volley:	GUNG-HO DETACHMENT Marine Corps League #650
Taps:	John W. Young, SPC 4th Class, U.S. Army (Ret.)
PARADE:	1230-1300

Chaplain

FATHER JOSEPH H. PISKURA

Fr. Piskura was born on December 2, 1929 and grew up on Cleveland's West side. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School in 1947 and was ordained a priest for service in the Diocese of Cleveland on the 18th of December of 1954. He served as associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Akron, SS Cyril and Methodius Parish in Lakewood and St. Margaret Mary Parish in South Euclid.

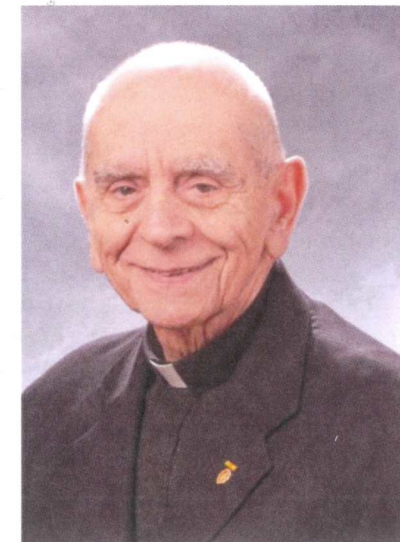
He received a Reserve commission as Army Chaplain in 1959, entered active duty in 1963. He retired from active duty with 27 years of service in 1990. After retirement, Fr. Piskura served as a contract civilian Chaplain to the U.S. Army until returning to the Cleveland Diocese in 2006.

Overseas duty included: the 172nd Infantry Brigade - Fort Richardson, Alaska; 18 months tour in Vietnam serving with the 25th Infantry Division Artillery and the 196th Light Infantry Brigade; three tours in Germany which included the 1st Infantry Division Brigade Forward, the Headquarters VII CORPS USAEUR, and as Community Chaplain in Mannheim and Augsburg. Stateside Unit duty was with the 27th Engineer Battalion - Ft. Campbell, Kentucky plus Garrison duty at Ft. Eustis, Virginia; Ft. Hamilton, New York; Ft. McClellan, Alabama; Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania and Ft. Lee, Virginia.

Among Fr. Piskura's military awards are the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. He is an inductee into The Honorable Order of Saint Barbara.

Like other retired priests he continues to serve the Cleveland Diocese whenever called upon to help the various parishes in fulfilling the Pastoral mission.

A special blessing for Fr. Piskura is his membership in the Cleveland Chapter 15 of the Vietnam Veterans of America.



THE HONORABLE CHARLES L. PATTON JR.

Charles L. Patton, Jr. was elected to the Cleveland Municipal Court bench in November of 2005, fulfilling a lifelong goal to become a judge.

Influenced by the civil rights struggles in the sixties, Charles Patton, a graduate of JFK High School, enrolled at Ohio University in Athens and pursued degrees in Journalism and History (Afro-American), both of which he obtained in 1972. It was then on to law school at Howard University in Washington D.C., at which time he worked as an administrative assistant to U.S. Senator John Glenn. After graduation Judge Patton became Assistant General Counsel of the Public Service Commission of New York State, working on cases involving Public Utility issues.



In 1982, Charles Patton came back to Cleveland to work as an Assistant City Prosecutor, arguing five cases to the Court of Appeals, 13 jury trials and hundreds of criminal bench trials. From 1985 to 1989, he worked as Staff Attorney for the UAW/Ford-GM Legal Office in Lorain, Ohio, representing UAW members in civil matters. In 1989, he became Legal Director and Senior Staff Counsel of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority. That same year, Mr. Patton decided to run for a seat on the Cleveland City Council and was elected to represent the people of Ward One.

During his eight-year tenure on council, Mr. Patton served as Chairman of the Legislation Committee and the Public Utilities Committee. He also served on the Public Safety Committee, Public Parks and Community and Economic Development. "Being a member of Cleveland City Council was the busiest part time job in the world," he recalls, adding "the problems in the neighborhood and the issues in City Hall kept me busy at all hours of the day and night."

Following his years on City Council, Judge Patton was engaged in private practice, specializing in probate, civil, criminal, utility and administrative law.

In January 2012, Judge Patton took over the Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket which helps justice-involved veterans who need treatment for substance abuse, mental health, and/or PTSD. As the judicial authority for this Ohio Supreme Court certified specialized docket, he has positively impacted the lives of many of our local veterans and their families. He has been in the forefront of forging partnerships between the Veterans Treatment Docket, the Veterans Administration and other interested veteran organizations to ensure that necessary treatment and wrap around services are available to support our veterans. Judge Patton's community involvement also included: the RTA Board of Trustees; the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA); Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries (LMM); the League of Women Voters, and Founder of the Amistad Development Corporation of Cleveland.

An avid photographer, he is the recipient of the Kodak Community Service Award for Photography and was once President of the Karamu Camera Guild. He also enjoys reading and traveling.



Judge Jackson served as a Marine combat officer during the Vietnam War. As a Second Lieutenant, he led a platoon of 35 Marines; as a First Lieutenant, he commanded a company of 180 Marines. The Marine Corps awarded him five personal decorations for valor in combat, including two Bronze Stars and he received the Purple Heart. He has been active in veterans' affairs in the community for a number of years and has received numerous other local and state awards.

The Cuyahoga county voters elected Judge Jackson to a six-year term to the Court of Common Pleas in 2012. As the only veteran on this Court, he recommended a Veterans Treatment Court (VTC), and the 33 other Common Pleas Judges approved overwhelmingly. The Administrative Judge appointed him to serve as the first VTC Judge. Started in May 2015, this VTC now has 100 participants and 47 graduates.

In July 2107, the National Association of Drug Court Professional (NADCP) selected the VTC Treatment Team to present a seminar topic at its annual convention of 5,000 participants. A division of NADCP, Justice For Vets, presented Judge Jackson with the Hank Pirowski Award, which exemplifies courage and perseverance in the mission to connect justice-involved veterans with the benefits and treatment they have earned. The Hank Pirowski Award is among the highest honors of Justice For Vets.

In August 2017, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the only congressionally chartered veterans' organization for Vietnam veterans, awarded Judge Jackson another national award for his efforts with justice-involved veterans, especially his work with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff to create a veterans jail pod.

In September 2107, the National Institute of Corrections' (NIC) named him a charter member of the Justice Involved Veterans Network (JIVN) to focus on nationwide programs for justice-involved veterans.

In August 2018, the Ohio State Bar Association named him chair of the Military & Veterans' Affairs Committee.

Shortly after becoming a Judge, his doctors diagnosed him with a rare slow-growing incurable, but manageable, cancer, which the Veterans Administration determined was the result of his repeated exposure to Agent Orange while in Vietnam. Judge Jackson remains symptom-free with on-going treatment and plans to continue presiding over the VTC until his term expires in January 2019, when by law he must retire.

Judge Jackson is a graduate of Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts. After his Marine Corps four-year tour of duty, he received his JD degree with Honors from Chicago- Kent/IIT College of Law in Chicago, Illinois, graduating in the top 15% of his class.

He is married to JoAnne Jackson, who recently retired from teaching at Case Western law school. They have two adult daughters.

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The ground breaking for the **TWO** new Greater Cleveland Fisher Houses took place on **Friday, March 23, 2018!** The patience shown by all in this incredible journey has been greatly appreciated by all associated with this initiative. We cannot say **THANK YOU** enough for your continued support.



As previously noted, the capital campaign hit its \$3 million goal. As part of a new design concept, the Greater Cleveland Fisher House will now actually be two homes with 16 suites and will accommodate up to 50 family members.

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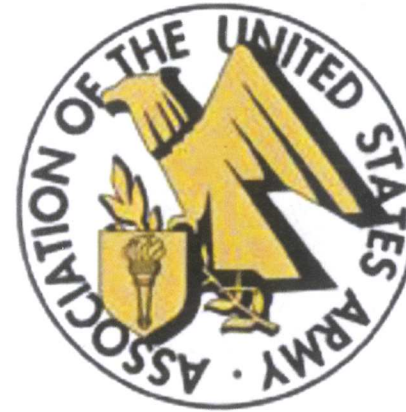
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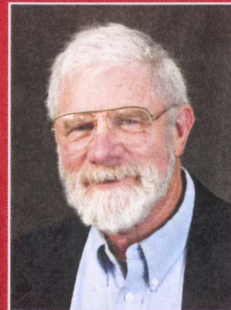
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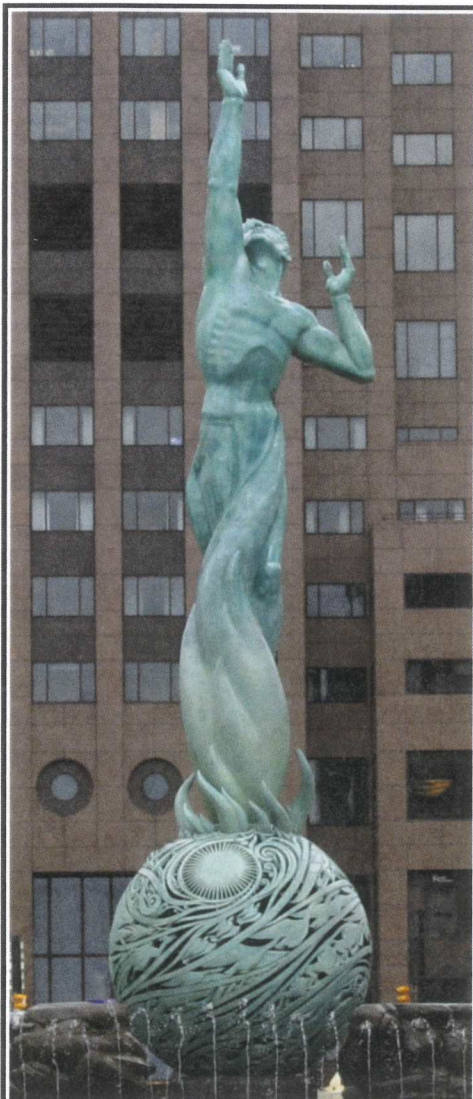
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