

**Fairfield Township
Veterans Memorial
honors the brave
men and women
whose service and
sacrifice have
kept us safe
and free**



Hero's Park, Fairfield Township, Ohio, June 3, 2023

KILLED IN ACTION

• World War WII •

Private
Walter Hibbard
US Army
France, August 1944

Lieutenant
Jarvis Allen
US Army
March 1945

Staff Sergeant
Virgil Bertsch
US Army
Italy, April 1945

Lieutenant
John Hunter
US Army
Italy, March 1945

• Korea •

Private
Ernest Woolan
US Army
April 1951

• Iraq •

Corporal
Taylor Prazynski
USMC
May 9, 2005

Corporal
Timothy Hines,
US Army
July 14, 2005

Lance Corporal
Michael J. Cifuentes
USMC
August 3, 2005

• Afganistan •

Corporal
Nicholas Olivas
US Army
May 30, 2012

Staff Sergeant
Robert Massarelli
US Army
June, 24, 2012

To those who have given their lives for our country.

It's a glib and unjust comment to say that, "They gave their lives for our country". It's not enough. It hints only at the moment of a hero's death. Whether that terminal instant occurred in a steaming jungle, the hot sands of a desert, on the sea, or in foreign skies, "They gave their lives for our country" doesn't give enough dimension to their sacrifice and to this country's loss at their passing.

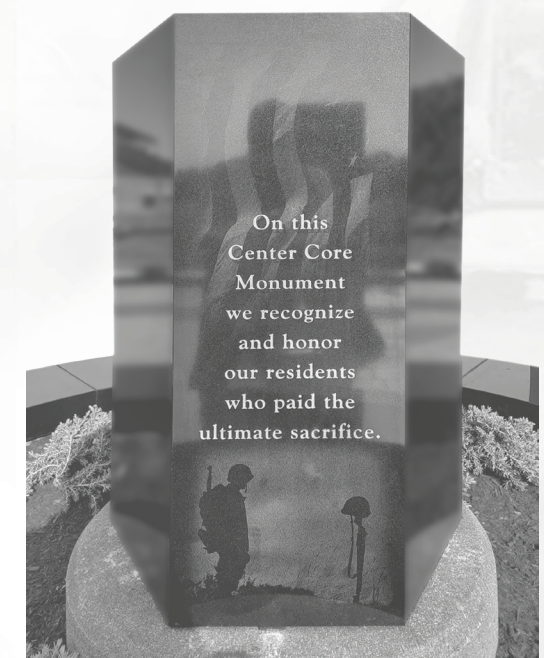
The future paths and accomplishments of the men and women who sacrificed their lives for our way of life are dividends that will never be paid. To be sure, our future and our freedoms are further assured by their courage but, that assurance was at the cost of future discoveries, great deeds and sorely needed changes.

We should think about the suffering and adrenalin-stoked valor that preceded these heroes' deaths. We should march a mile in their boots. We should mourn with their families. We should think about the

extraordinary courage they possessed to find harm's way in the first place. And we should know that in addition to keeping this country free we also asked them to sacrifice their future generations and paths that would certainly have resulted in a now unmeasurable great goodness to enrich us all.

And when you think about these heroes, pray to God that this country can continue to find such brave young men and women in the future.

We will surely need them.



Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial Dedication Program

Introduction and Appreciation

Located as the entry point for Heroes Park, the Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial is a place where individually and as a community we can reflect on, learn about and honor the service and sacrifices of the local men and women who have served and sacrificed in the armed forces of the United States.

This Memorial is a culmination of what started as a series of conversations between neighbors John Carboy, a Marine Corps Veteran during the Vietnam War Era and Fred Valerius, the son of a World War II Veteran, about making sure all Fairfield Township Veterans feel valued, respected and honored for their service and sacrifice. They found that the Fairfield Township Trustees felt the same way and were interested in seeing a Veterans Memorial built in Fairfield Township and established a Committee to develop design recommendations and lead the fundraising effort.

Much research, planning and hard work has occurred since the Veterans Memorial Project officially began in late 2017. We are here today on June 3, 2023 to witness the unveiling of a "nearly complete" Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial. We trust that you will be impressed by the design and imaging work done by Laser Imaging and Design, the site preparation and concrete work by Supracrete, the Flagpoles and Flags of The National Flag Company and the electrical work by Tommy Pate. Please be mindful that there is still fundraising and work

to be done for the historical benches and the entry monuments.

We thank all of you who have contributed to make the Memorial a reality, including the Fairfield Township Trustees, Michael Berding, Susan Berding, Shannon Hartkemeyer and Joe McAbee and their administrative team and staff headed by Administrator Julie Vonderhaar. We would like to thank our local legislative representatives State Senator George Lang, and State Representatives Sara P. Carruthers and Jennifer Gross who shepherded the State Capital Bill to approval in June 2022. Thanks to all who have donated to the Veterans Memorial Fund at the Fairfield Community Foundation, especially those who contributed at the sponsorship level. Lastly, this Project would not have reached this stage without the talents and effort of the Members of the Veterans Memorial Committee and the support of the Leadership Teams at the Hamilton and Fairfield Community Foundations which administer the Veterans Memorial Fund.

Please review the work that has been completed and reflect on the loved ones and friends you have honored on your Donor Plaque and are recognized on the Local Veterans Wall. Help us to build a Culture of Appreciation by coming back for our special events and encourage others to visit and spend some time reflecting on those who are honored here. Take pride in this Memorial but more importantly properly recognize and honor their service and sacrifice.

Heroes Park • Fairfield Township, Ohio • Saturday June 3, 2023

Fred Valerius Ed. D., Spokesperson and Co-Originator Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial Committee

Initial Memorial Committee (2017):
John Carboy, Fred Valerius, George Bryans and John Wayne.

Additional members since the passing of John Carboy in September 2019:
Fred Fitzsimmons, Frank Montgomery, Barney M. Landry Jr, Jack Burns, Randy Miller and Ralph Terbrueggen, former Chair of Fairfield Township Parks Committee.

We have been aided by Gregg Stagg, Lou Silverberg, John Prazynski and Joyce Valerius

Thanks to the Butler County Historical Society, Ohio Chapter Honor & Remember, for providing names of the service men killed in action.



The Day's Events Veterans Memorial Dedication Program

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Preliminary: Parade

Parade Line-up Begins:

(Location Bridgewater Falls, JC Penny Princeton Rd. side lot) 12:15 PM

Parade Begins: 1:00 PM Crosses Princeton Rd. Enters Lakewood Neighborhood.

Parade Ends at Fairfield North Elementary School at 1:15 PM

Gathering Song:

"What A Wonderful World" played by trumpeter Aengus Gillespie, Senior at Fairfield High School

Program

1:30 PM Opening Remarks:

Master of Ceremonies, Adrian Whitsett, Channel 9 WCPO *Good Morning Tristate* Anchor and United States Marine Corps Veteran.

Welcome: Michael Berding, President, Fairfield Township Trustees

Invocation:

Mark E. Wilson, Senior Pastor, Fairfield North Baptist Church

Recognition of Veterans in Attendance

Introductions

Public Officials and other Dignitaries

Veterans Memorial Project Committee

Sponsorship Level Donors to the Memorial

Entrance of Team Fastraxx and U.S. Flag

Rise at the Entrance of Honor Guard:

Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Liberty Township Post #681

Raise the Flag to the "Star Spangled Banner"

Sung by Senior Master Sergeant Christin M. Foley, Superintendent of the Air Force Band of Flight, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Joseph McAbee, Member, Fairfield Township Trustees

Primary Presentation:

The Importance of this Veterans Memorial:
Speaker: Adolf Olivas, Esq., Butler County Juvenile Court and Gold Star Parent of Cpl. Nicholas Olivas

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

Local State of Ohio Legislative Representatives, Fairfield Township Trustees, Veterans Memorial Committee, Fairfield Community Foundation Representatives. Preliminary Remarks by State Senator George Lang

Unveiling of Center Core Memorial:

John Prazynski, Air Force Veteran and Gold Star Parent, recognizes local service men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Recognition of Gold Star Families:

Shannon Hartkemeyer, Vice President, Fairfield Township Trustees

Place Wreath Donated by

Rose Hill Cemetery:

Members of Gold Star Families

Reflection:

"Over The Rainbow" sung by Kay Mc Cabe student at Fairfield High School and Miami University.

Unveil the Service Branch Monuments and

Raise the Service Branch Flags:

Military Branch Representatives, Memorial Committee Members and sponsors

Unveil and Present the

Purple Heart Monument:

Tony Kohl, Military Order of the Purple Heart and Local Purple Heart Recipient

Next Steps for the Veterans Memorial:

Dr. Fred Valerius, Memorial Committee Spokesperson and John Guidugli, President/CEO, Hamilton and Fairfield Community Foundations

Lower the National Flag

"Taps" by Fairfield High School In-coming Senior Aengus Gillespie

Exit of Honor Guard

Closing Comments

"God Bless America"

Sung by Senior Master Sergeant Foley

Program Ends:

Invitation to come forward and view the Memorial

Reception

Fairfield Township
**VETERANS
MEMORIAL**

DONORS AT THE SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

Army Flagpole

Aurgroup Credit Union

Army Monument:

Co-Sponsor:

Ameritas Financial Services

Air Force Monument and Flagpole and World War I Bench:

Barney M. Landry Jr.

Coast Guard Monument and Flagpole:

Joseph and Susan McAbee

Marine Corps Monument and Flagpole:

John Carboy Family

Navy Flagpole:

Dick and Marian Niehaus

Navy Monument:

Vietnam Bench:

Carl and Peggy Meyer

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Mr. Matt Wendeln
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Currently Registered Fairfield Township Veterans

Ricardo Adames
US Army

Norman Beck
US Army

Keith Becker
U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal

Christopher Benagh
US Navy
Petty Officer 2nd Class

James Bengue
US Navy
Seaman

Jacob Boothe
US Army
Private First Class

Dora Bruno
US Army

William Bryan
US Air Force
Airman First Class

John Burns
US Air Force

Larry Burr
US Army Corporal

Jason Byron
US Marine Corps
Sergeant

Jeffrey Byron
US Marine Corps
Corporal

Christopher Campbell
US Army
Sergeant

John Carboy
US Marine Corps

John Centers
US Army, US Air Force
Staff Sergeant

Daniel Charron
US Air Force
Senior Master Sergeant

Hugh Cornett
Air Force
Corporal

Shawn Cowan
US Air Force
Senior Airman

Aaron Cowan
US Marine Corps
Sergeant

Larry Davis
US Army
Specialist Fifth Class

Michel Davis
US Coast Guard

Julia Deans
US Army
Master Sergeant

Stephanie Dodd
Air Force
Sergeant

Charlie Dodd
Air Force
Corporal

Kenneth Fields
US Army
Sergeant

Frederick Fitzsimmons
US Army
Private

John Gadberry
US Marine Corps
Corporal

Douglas Garrison
US Air Force
Corporal

Johnny Gleason
US Marine Corps
Sergeant

Thurl Golden
US Army
Private First Class

Steven Guckenberger
US Navy
Petty Officer Third Class

Jessica Harp
US Army

Chad Harris
US Army
First Sergeant

Garrett Hawkins
US Army
Private

Kenneth Hemmings
U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal

Paul Johnson
US Marine Corps
Sergeant

James Kraus
US Army
Sergeant

Barney Landry
Air Force
1st Lieutenant

David Lutz
U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal

Mark Lykins
US Navy
Petty Officer Second Class

Dean Manning
US Army
Sergeant

David Mast
US Army
Captain

Robert Mast
US Army
Staff Sergeant

Adam McCarrick
US Marine Corps
Sergeant

Chase McConnehea
US Navy
Petty Officer Second Class

Daniel McKinney
US Air Force
Sergeant

Vince Gerald McVay
US Army
Specialist Fourth Class

Carl Meyer
U.S. Marine Corps
Corporal

Currently Registered Fairfield Township Veterans

Albert A. Miller
US Army
Private First Class

Joseph Miller
US Air Force
Senior Master Sergeant

Jesse Montgomery
US Air Force
Captain

James Moore
United States Navy
Sergeant First Class

Cam Mullins
US Marine Corps
Corporal

Edward Obermeyer
US Army
Specialist 4th Class

Dennis O'Connor
US Army
Staff Sergeant

Troy Pennington
US Navy
Petty Officer Second Class

Victor Preston
US Army
Corporal

Ryan Ragle
US Army
Sergeant

Jason Reagan
US Army

Ryan Ritchey
U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant

Matthew Ruben-McCarrick
U.S. Marine Corps
Sergeant

Thomas Ryan
US Army
Sergeant

Neal Sackenheim
US Army
Sergeant

Michael Scarth
US Army
Specialist Fifth Class

Ronald Schaller
U S Air Force
Captain

Douglas W. Seebohm
US Army
First Sergeant

Douglas Seebohm
US Marine Corps
Corporal

Walter Severance
US Army
Specialist Fifth Class

Homer Severance
US Navy
Seaman

Lenny Sims
US Army
First Sergeant

Lenny Sims
US Army
First Sergeant

William Sizemore
US Army Sergeant

William Sowder
US Army
Sergeant

Edward Sparks
US Army
Sergeant

Gregory Staggs
US Navy
Petty Officer 2nd Class

Linda Swink
US Air Force
Tech Sergeant

Von Swink
US Army
Master Sergeant

John L Taylor
US Army
Corporal

James D. Van De Velde
US Air Force
Staff Sergeant

Jerome Waller, Jr.
U.S. Navy
Sergeant

James Walsh
US Army

John Wayne
US Army
Specialist Fourth Class

Daniel Whitney
US Army

Kenneth Wilson
US Army
Corporal

James Kenneth Wirsing
US Air Force
Staff Sergeant

Paul Zulock
US Army
Sergeant

Apologies for any errors or omissions to this list. To correct, or add to, this list of honored veterans, please visit our website and enter, or re-enter, your honoree's name and information.

Master of Ceremonies

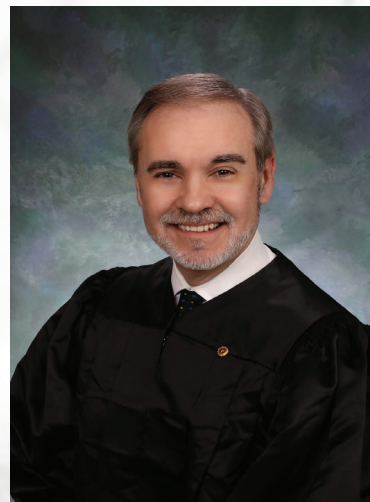
ADRIAN WHITSETT became an anchor for WCPO Channel 9 Good Morning Tristate in October 2020. Adrian was born in Hawaii and came to Cincinnati



after anchoring and reporting in Orlando, Florida and Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from the University of Nebraska after serving four years in the US Marine Corps. Adrian was assigned to the 2nd Light Armored Renaissance Battalion providing support in Kuwait and Iraq in 2003. He volunteers mentoring Veterans transitioning back to civilian life and particularly enjoys doing stories on local veterans. His wife is a graduate of nearby East Central High School in Dearborn County, Indiana and they have one son.

Primary Presenter

ADOLFO OLIVAS is the Gold Star Parent of Army Corporal Nicholas H.Olivas who was killed by a roadside bomb on May 30, 2012 in Zahray, Afghanistan.



He is a first generation American born of Cuban parents in Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. Olivas joined the staff of Legal Aid in 2005, as a Senior Attorney responsible for the supervision of Family Law advocates in the Hamilton office and representing

children in the Juvenile Court as Attorney and Guardian ad Litem. Before joining Legal Aid, Mr. Olivas was a trial attorney of 25 years with extensive experience in a variety of areas. In addition, Mr. Olivas served as Mayor or Vice Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Ohio, from 1985 until 2002.

Mr. Olivas is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a BA in Political Science (1978), and a Juris Doctorate from the College of Law (1981). He is an adjunct faculty member at Miami University, where he teaches Communications and Criminal Justice courses. He has three adult daughters and is married to Theresa Meiser.

Invocation by
Pastor MARK E. WILSON



Senior Pastor Wilson received his call into the ministry in 1982. He became Senior Pastor at North Fairfield Baptist Church on Gilmore Road in February 2005. Married 42

years, Pastor Mark and his wife Brenda have been blessed with a son, daughter, and grandson. He has offered the Invocation at several Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial events.

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Featured Vocalist
Senior Master Sergeant CHRISTIN M. FOLEY



Senior Master Sergeant Christin M. Foley is currently serving as the Superintendent for the United States Air Force Band of Flight at

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base She is a native of Cleveland, Ohio.

In April, 2002, Sergeant Foley joined the Air Force and was assigned to the USAF Band in Washington, D.C. There, she performed for many dignitaries including President George W. Bush. She was a featured vocalist with nationally renowned country and pop artists and has represented the Air Force singing the National Anthem for various military, sporting and civic events.

Throughout her career, she has completed eight deployments in support of AF Southern Command, Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Inherent Resolve, Freedom Sentinel, Spartan Shield, and the Resolute Support mission.

Vocalist
KAY MCCABE

Kay is completing her Junior year at Fairfield High School but she is also a full-time student at Miami University in the College Credit Plus Program.



She was a member of the Fairfield Show Choirs for five years and has become a notable solo artist and songwriter.

Kay graced us with her talents at the Groundbreaking Ceremony in 2020 and at last year's Memorial Day Observance. She performed the National Anthem at the 2022 Mini Heart Marathon in Cincinnati.

TRUMPETER AENGUS GILLESPIE just completed his junior year at Fairfield High School.. He has been in Fairfield bands since the sixth grade.

Heros Park

is Located at Heroes Park, 6116 Morris Rd. at the intersection with Millikin Rd. Conceptual Design by: Laser Imaging and Design of Lebanon, Ohio



Video on YouTube: Fairfield Township Veterans Memorial 3 Donation Final

Website: www.fairfieldtwpvets.com or our Facebook page

Donations should be made on-line to the Veterans Memorial Fund at www.fairfieldcommunityfoundation.org or by check to the Fairfield Community Foundation, 5350 Pleasant Ave. Fairfield, OH 45014.

For Donor information contact Katie Braswell at 513-829-6355.

John Carboy Classic Golf Outing to Benefit the Memorial: Thursday September 7, 2023 at Walden Pond Golf Course. For information, contact Fred Fitzsimmons

Fairfield Community Foundation

Our Mission:
To enhance and strengthen the quality of life for citizens of Greater Fairfield.



The Fairfield Community Foundation was incorporated in 1999 as a not for profit by a group of dedicated Fairfield and Fairfield Township residents.

In July 2022, the foundation became an affiliate of the Hamilton Community Foundation. As an affiliate, the Fairfield Community Foundation benefits from the administrative support, guidance, and philanthropic expertise of the Hamilton Community Foundation. The Fairfield Community Foundation board will continue to advise and oversee the grants awarded to the greater Fairfield community

Fairfield TWP Veteran's Memorial Fund:
This fund was established to provide charitable dollars to construct a perpetual monument to the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen of Fairfield Township.

Donations toward supporting the construction and maintenance of the Fairfield Veterans Memorial should be made to the Fairfield community Foundation 5350 Pleasant Ave. Fairfield OH 45014 or on-line at www.fairfieldcommunityfoundation.org.

Katie Braswell V-P
of the Hamilton Community Foundation
and administrative contact for the Fairfield Community Foundation.
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