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**ASSOCIATION OF THE
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Welcome You To

Armed Forces

“OUTSTANDING PATRIOT”

AWARD DINNER

Saturday – May 15th , 2010 - 5:00 p.m.

100TH BOMB GROUP RESTAURANT
Cleveland, Ohio

ASSOCIATION OF THE U.S. ARMY

AUSA is the professional association of America's Army since 1950 and chartered as a private nonprofit, educational and professional organization working to support all aspects of national security while advancing the interest of America's Army and the men and women who serve, Active, National Guard, Reserve, Civilians, Retirees and family members.

As the premier voice for America's Soldiers, we are a dedicated team committed to building the best professional and representative association for the world's best Army

NEWTON D. BAKER CHAPTER PAST PRESIDENTS

HON ROBERT H. JAMISON	1957-1958
BG LOUIS B. WOLF	1963-1964
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MR. FRANK TESCH	1975-1976
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U.S. COAST GUARD

OUTSTANDING PATRIOT HONOREE

Brian Joel Wickens

Intelligence Specialist Second Class (E-5 IS2)



Petty Officer Wickens joined the Coast Guard on 31 Oct 2006 and upon graduation from boot camp was assigned to Station Noyo River located in Fort Bragg, California.

PO Wickens qualified as a watch stander and boat crew member before departing to Intelligence Specialist "A" school in January of 2008.

While serving at Station Noyo River, PO Wickens married his wife Carlie Wickens after nearly 7 years of courtship.

On 16 May 2008, PO Wickens graduated as a member of the first Intelligence Specialist "A" school in the Coast Guard, and received orders to the Ninth Coast Guard District staff in Cleveland, OH.

In July of 2009, PO Wickens advanced to PO 2nd class. On 04 Aug 2010, PO Wickens and his wife welcomed their first child, Joel Isaac Wickens. PO Wickens is a native of Currituck, North Carolina (the Outer Banks) and holds a BA in History from UNC-Wilmington.

OHIO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

OUTSTANDING PATRIOT HONOREE

Justin L. Piper

Sergeant (E-5)



Sergeant Piper entered the Ohio National Guard in April 2001 and served with the 372nd Maintenance Company until the summer of 2004 when he was cross-leveled to the 211th Maintenance Company. He served with the 211th in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from January to December of 2005. Sergeant Piper was stationed at Camp Anaconda, Iraq where he worked in the Maintenance Support Team attached to the 457th Transportation Battalion performing direct support

level maintenance on 1786 wheeled vehicles. They achieved an Operational Readiness Rate of over 97% for which he was awarded the Army Achievement Award. Sergeant Piper's contribution to the Ohio National Guard, the United States Army, and our country is second to none. His dedication to duty, professionalism and leadership were key assets to the success of the 211th Maintenance Company mission. Sergeant Piper continues to step up and lead by example in his current assignment in Bravo Company, 237th Support Battalion, Youngstown, Ohio. Sergeant Justin L. Piper is a 2000 graduate from Ashtabula Harbor High School and also completed the Army Warrior Leadership Course in January 2009. He is currently attending the Basic Non-Commissioned Officers Course specifically geared towards maintenance operations. He is also pursuing a college degree in American Sign Language, an avocation inspired by his cousin Benjamin Ratell who is deaf. He also serves as a Trustee in his local VFW, Post 943. He is married to Jennifer.

JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Army and Navy Union

Association of the U.S. Army

Catholic War Veterans

Jewish War Veterans

Korean War Veterans Association

Marine Corps League

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Navy Seabee Veterans of America

Paralyzed Veterans of America



Polish Legion of American Veterans

Reserve Officers Association

Southwest Asia Veterans

Ukrainian American Veterans

United Spanish War Veterans

Vietnam Veterans of America

Waves National

82nd Airborne Division Association

JVCOCC was established in 1935 to bring together the energies of the various Veterans organization, work on common goals and commemorations. It 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 undertaken the establishing of a Liberty Veterans Honor Garden among the Cleveland Cultural Gardens.

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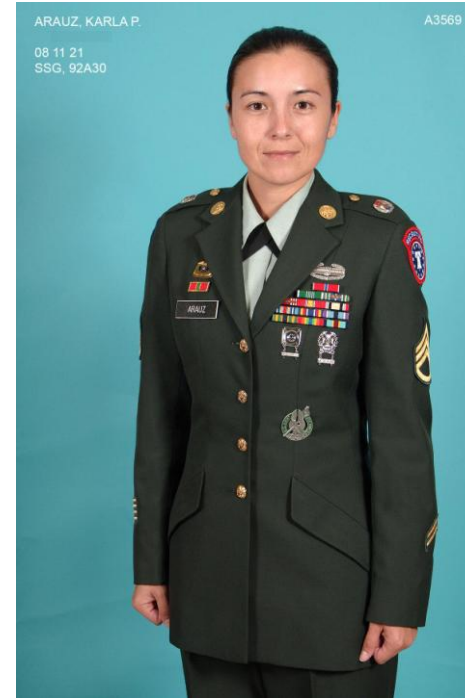
At this moment in our country we have over 24 million veterans but our numbers are rapidly dwindling. We share a unique bond in that most have shared in the sacrifice or have a great understanding of it. Also there is an extension of us veterans, our families and friends, most of whom also have a personal 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 of 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 can guarantee an outcome worth the legacy that we share.

**JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
PAST PRESIDENTS**

**** *We salute these distinguished veterans for their exemplary service* ****

1957-58	Judge Arthur H. Day	Army & Navy Union
1958-59	William J. Gill	Catholic War Veterans
1959-60	Arthur Pink	Marine Corps League
1960-61	Cecil Whitcomb	Legion of Valor
1961-62	Robert Grogan	United Spanish War Veterans
1962-63	Morris Morgenstern	Jewish War Veterans
1963-64	Dr. E. J. Guzik	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1964-65	John T. Corrigan	Army and Navy Union
1965-66	Judge Norman Fuerst	Catholic War Veterans
1966-67	Frank D. Celebrezze	Marine Corps League
1967-68	David T. Matia	Legion of Valor
1968-69	Leo Chimo	United Spanish War Veterans
1969-70	Harry Jaffe	Jewish War Veterans
1970-71	Theodore Holtz	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1971-72	Bernard J. Stuplinski	Army & Navy Union
1972-73	Judge Robert J. Grogan	Catholic War Veterans
1973-74	Robert C. Keller	Marine Corps League
1974-75	Judge Jame F. Kilcoyne	Legion of Valor
1975-76	John T. Patton	United Spanish War Veterans
1976-77	Harry Marshall	Jewish War Veterans
1977-78	Edward F. Rybka	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1978-79	Anthony J. Celebrezze	Army and Navy Union
1979-80	Ron Seman	Catholic War Veterans
1980	Robert S. Valerian	Army and Navy Union
1980-81	Edward Sheehan	Marine Corps League
1981-82	Edwin M. Robins	Jewish War Veterans
1982-83	Edmund Goodwin	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1983-84	James S. Carnes	Army & Navy Union
1984-85	Joseph V. Klubert	Catholic War Veterans
1985-86	Thomas C. Westropp	Marine Corps League
1986-87	Rich Kruzer	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1987-88	Matthew J. Hatchadorian	Army and Navy Union
1988-89	Robert L. Bloom	Jewish War Veterans
1989-90	Richard G. France	Catholic War Veterans
1990-91	Mathew Lobas	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1991-92	Norman E. Lewis	Military Order of the Purple Heart
1992-93	Edwin M. Robins	Jewish War Veterans
1993-94	Ron Kimmel	Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 15
1994-95	Denny Frangos	Navy Seabee Veterans
1995-96	Ken Milenovic	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1996-97	Frank Anderson	Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chapter
1997-99	Sean S. Ennis	Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 15
1999-00	Louise E. Koballa	WAVES National, Unit 133
2000-01	Roman Rakowsky	Ukrainian American Veterans
2001-02	James D. Quisenberry	82nd Airborne Division Association John Towle-Cleveland Chapter
2002-03	Edwin M. Robins	Jewish War Veterans
2003-05	Vernon Kramer	Reserve Officers Association
2006-07	Bohdan Samokyszyn	Ukrainian American Veterans
2007-09	Rimantas Ray Saikus	82 nd Airborne Division Association, John Towle, Cleveland Chapter

**U.S. ARMY
CLEVELAND RECRUITING BATTALION
OUTSTANDING PATRIOT HONOREE
Karla Pauline Arauz
Staff Sergeant (E-6)**



Staff Sergeant Arauz entered the United States Army on 18 August 2000. Her first duty assignment was Fort Hood, Texas.

She deployed to Egypt for Operation Bright Star 2001/02. In September 2004, still assigned to Fort Hood, Texas, she worked as the Battalion S2 and deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) II where she earned the Bronze Star for support.

In August 2005, she deployed to Louisiana to provide humanitarian relief in support of Joint Task Force Katrina. In September 2007 she again deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) IV performing Security Escort Convoy missions and worked as a squad leader and Assistant Convoy Commander.

In April 2008, she was assigned to the Cleveland Recruiting Battalion and has earned the gold recruiting badge for excellence.

In November 2009, she was named Cleveland Recruiting Battalion Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year.

WOUNDED WARRIOR
OUTSTANDING PATRIOT HONOREE
Timothy Allen Martin
Specialist (E-4)

Timothy Martin joined the Army at the age of 17 in February of 2004, just a couple of months after his father's retirement from the Army with 22 years of service and considered following in his footsteps. He was assigned to the 3rd Brigade 71st Cavalry 10th Mountain Division and deployed to Afghanistan in January of 2006. He was wounded in combat on October 29th of 2006 from an RPG blast and a ricochet AK-47 bullet, he received a Purple Heart that December and later the Army Commendation Medal with Valor plus others. Initial treatment and recovery was in country and then he rejoined his unit stateside in May of 2007 and shortly thereafter was shipped to a Wounded Transition Unit. He was honorably discharged on June 22, 2008.



Since then Tim has focused on bringing normalcy to his life from the effects of combat. After a couple of years of significant struggles, he has overcome some of the major hurdles. The entry into his life of his fiancé, Dara L. Mize, he considers the pivotal event in achieving the turnaround and her support for continued recovery. Tim is going to pursue a college degree this fall in an area that will allow him to help those who served, are serving and their families.

In the meantime he has been committed to helping his fellow comrades in arms who have and are also struggling with the trauma of combat. He is also helping them in navigating the benefits applications process and encouraging them to seek medical help through the VA. He has made himself available during any hour of the day for those he has an opportunity to help, especially during their times of greatest need. He gains great satisfaction from helping his fellow veterans and those serving and considers it his duty.

Our mission is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors.



www.woundedwarriorproject.org the needs of the wounded warriors.

Our programs and services are structured to reflect our goal to make this the most successful, well adjusted generation of wounded warriors in our nation's history. Wounded Warriors who are well-adjusted in mind, well adjusted in body, and economically empowered.

Thus, our programs are focused on:

- Mind
 - Project Odyssey
 - Online Combat Stress Recovery Program
 - Family Support
- Body
 - Adaptive Sports Programs
 - Soldier Ride
 - Hospital Outreach
- Economic Empowerment
 - Track Program
 - Transitional Training Academy
 - Warriors to Work

Background on other Wounded Warrior Programs

AW2 or Army Wounded Warrior Program is an internal program to assist Army Wounded in their transition while in the service.

The Wounded Warrior Regiment is the Marines version of AW2.

Our mission is to honor and empower Wounded Warriors.

We do this through:

- raising awareness and enlisting public support for the wounded;
- fostering peer networks where wounded warriors can aid and assist one another; and
- providing unique, direct programs and services to meet



ALBERT M. WHATMOUGH

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD

CSM Albert M. Whatmough enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard in January 1986. He graduated from Akron St.Vincent-St.Mary High School, and completed his Army Basic Training at Ft. Knox, KY as an Armor Crewman. At the 3rd Squadron, 107th Cavalry he served as tank driver, loader, gunner and tank commander on the M48, M60, M1 and M1A1 series tanks. He was Instructor and Course Manager at the Ohio National Guard State Military

Academy, 145th RTI. At Company D, 1st Battalion 107th Armor, in 1991 was Platoon Sergeant, then became its First Sergeant. He served as 16th Engineer Brigade Operations Sergeant Major for Joint Task Force Chiriqui, Honduras. In 2000, he became Command Sergeant Major of the 1st Battalion, 107th Armor, later reorganized as 145th Combined Arms Battalion (Heavy). CSM Whatmough has had two combat tours in Iraq. First one in 2004, as Command Sergeant Major for 6,800 soldiers, airmen and U.S. Army Contractors on Forward Operating Base Endurance near the city of Mosul and the second one in 2007, as Command Sergeant Major of the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, with an authorized strength of 3,680 soldiers. The 37th IBC T supported operations in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. In March of 2009 he was selected to serve as the State Command Sergeant Major for Joint Forces Headquarters Ohio, with an end strength of 11,611 soldiers.

CSM Whatmough is a graduate of the Primary Leadership Development Course, Tank Commanders Course, U.S. Army Observer Controller Course, Basic and Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Battle Staff Course. In 2004, he graduated from the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. CSM Whatmough holds a bachelor's degree in Management Information Systems from the University of Akron and is enrolled in a Master's of Science Program at Central Michigan University.

Among CSM Whatmough's awards are the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (1st Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Commendation Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), Army Achievement Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster) plus many others. CSM Whatmough's decorations include: Order of Saint George (Armor).

CSM Whatmough is married to Diana Whatmough, a U.S. Army Contractor and assistant to the State Director of Family Programs, they reside in Akron, Ohio. They have two children, daughter Tarah who is attending Ohio Dominican University, and a son Jeffery, a junior at Archbishop Hoban High School, in Akron.

ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY & JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Armed Forces Outstanding Patriot Award Dinner 2010

PROGRAM

- Master of Ceremonies: **Richard DeChant** – Executive Director
Veteran Programs & Services
Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)
- Presenting of Colors **Color Guard**
U.S. Army Cleveland Recruiting Battalion
- Pledge of Allegiance: **All attendees**
- National Anthem: **Attendees with music accompaniment**
- Invocation: **Reverend George Hankins, Chaplain**
Cleveland VA Medical Center
- Introductions: **Veterans' Organizations & Auxiliaries, Guests,
Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame**
- Recognition: **AUSA and JVCOCC Past Presidents**
- Guest Speaker: **Albert M. Whatmough , Ohio National Guard**
Command Sergeant Major
- Outstanding Patriot Award: **AUSA – Ron Schwachenwald, Chapter President**
JVCOCC – Ray Saikus, Past President & Treasurer
- Announcements: **Rimantas Ray Saikus, JVCOCC, MDAOGC**
- Benediction: **Reverend George Hankins, Chaplain**
Cleveland VA Medical Center

*** Salute Colors / Dismissed ***