

We need YOUR Active Support – Help the Cause

LIBERTY VETERANS HONOR GARDEN (LVHG) – This project was conceived in the fall of 2007 and it was voted in by The Cleveland Cultural Gardens Federation (TCCGF) in October of 2007 with the site assigned and accepting JVCOCC as the sponsoring organization. Immediately following this vote, the JVCOCC notified the City of Cleveland various departments, the Mayor's Office and Council members of the project since there were different opinions about the appropriateness of the LVHG amongst Cleveland's Cultural Gardens. Hearing no objections from the City of Cleveland the JVCOCC obtained the volunteer services of Landscape Architect Vytas Dautartas to develop the preliminary design. Some opponents within the TCCGF challenged the appropriateness of the October vote and another vote was taken in March of 2008 and it affirmed the October 2007 vote, including allowing 5 years to develop the garden. The JVCOCC forged ahead with the design and at the 2008 Veterans Day Ceremony at the City of Cleveland Rotunda, the concept of the Garden was introduced with a description in the events program. No one from the City of Cleveland objected. The preliminary design was presented at the February 2009 JVCOCC Installation Dinner. After approval by the Design and Preservation Committee of TCCGF and the organization's board, a letter was sent requesting the City to process legislation to designate the site for the LVHG. The Parks Director sent back a letter in April 2009 (more than 1-1/2 years after notice to city) indicating that they will not grant JVCOCC the site because the LVHG is not a nationality garden. This decision was arrived without the respect to even review with JVCOCC the LVHG design. We did an open records request and found that in an October 2007 internal e-mail among administrators there was concern about different opinions about the LVHG and suggesting a meeting to address it but no action is shown in the record nor anyone at JVCOCC was notified of this. Since Park's letter, JVCOCC has communicated numerous times with the City of Cleveland, including three in person appeals to Mayor Jackson directly, and council President Martin Sweeney, requesting a formal meeting to address the issue, but none was offered. To aggravate issues, a Vice President of TCCGF who had opposed the LVHG all along, was so insensitive to the Veterans that on the day before Veterans Day 2009, he brought a prepared resolution to take the garden site away and vote the Veterans out of TCCGF. This same resolution has been raised in January 2010 and it is on for February.

WE ARE THE DEFENDERS OF THOSE WHO NO LONGER HAVE A VOICE OR A CHOICE AND THEIR LOVED ONES

HELP - With the inaction of the City of Cleveland and the resolve of some at the TCCGF to not honor their commitment, the JVCOCC is seeking support from the Veterans and Citizens electors of Cleveland to bring forth an initiative petition and place the issue on the ballot. To volunteer as committee members for this petition drive or collect signatures, please contact us at: JVCOCC P.O. Box 32700 Cleveland, OH 44132, by telephone (216) 373-7799 or e-mail at info@jvcocc.org

MEMORIAL DAY 2010 - The Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland needs donations and volunteers to help with decorating the gravesites and with the Ceremony. Please contact MDAOGC P.O. Box 32700 Cleveland, OH 44132 Tel. (216) 373-2625 info@mdaogc.org www.mdaogc.org

Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County

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Vietnam Veterans of America
Waves National
82nd Airborne Division Association

85th Anniversary Installation and Awards Dinner

Monday, February 1st, 2010 7:00 p.m.

100th Bomb Group Restaurant
Cleveland, Ohio

HONORING

Michael Polichuk

Judge Felix T. Matia/Chester J. Koch
2009 Outstanding Veteran of the Year Award Recipient

Charles H. Kiessling, Sr.

Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County
Incoming 2010 President

JVCOCC Organization's Message

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.

Calendar of Events 2010

(Details at www.jvcocc.org)

We encourage all veterans, active duty, reserves, National Guard, families and fellow citizens to join in observing the following events

February 24th - **Dessert Storm End of War Ceremony**
Southwest Asia Veterans

April 30th - **End of Vietnam War Ceremony**
Vietnam Veterans of America

May 15th - **Armed Services Outstanding Patriots**
AUSA with JVCOCC

May 30th - **Memorial Day Commemoration**
Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland and Tri-C West

June 14th - **Flag Day, U.S. Army Birthday and Naturalization Ceremony**
JVCOCC - Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

July 27th - **End of the Korean War Ceremony**
Korean War Veterans

November 11th - **Veterans' Day**
JVCOCC

December 7th - **Pearl Harbor Ceremony**
Pearl Harbor Survivors

MISSION - Establish a garden to honor all of our nation's defenders who gave their lives not only in the defense of our country but also to bring freedom to many nations around the world. It is appropriate to establish the garden among Cleveland's Cultural Gardens since the people of many of the nations represented in the Cleveland Cultural Garden chain now enjoy their freedom due to the sacrifice of those to be honored here. It is also to be an expression of gratitude to their families, those who served with them and their families. This site will assure our current and future defenders, as well as their families, that their service and sacrifice and their contributions to preserving our culture and the cultures of the world will not be forgotten and cherished forever.

LOCATION - 710 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, near the Northernmost and West point of the Cleveland Cultural Garden Chain with a prominent view as well as an ample area to honor past and future generations of our nation's defenders and hold ceremonies in remembrance of their sacrifice.

CONCEPT - A tree will be planted in the Liberty Veterans Honor Garden for each century in which our nation has lost its sons and daughters in battle. There will be four trees initially planted, one for each of the 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st centuries. A monument near each of the century trees, will identify and describe to the viewer the significance of the events where many made the ultimate sacrifice and moved veterans and citizens to memorialize the sacrifice of those who gave their all and those who served. A tree will be planted in the Liberty Veterans Honor Garden to honor all of our allies who gave their lives while fighting alongside us on our soil and throughout the world. A monument will identify the defining events and describe to the viewer their contributions. The plaza, a flat globe of the world, will have all the countries. The walkways and plaza area will be built from stone obtained from countries throughout the world and where our nation's defenders have served and died delivering freedom and preserving the world's cultures. The paving stones will be inscribed to identify the nation of origin. A garden Center Monument of unique and significant design will be installed to express the citizens and veterans gratitude to our nations defenders whom we lost in battle and to their families. It will allow future generations to continue to honor those who serve and served and help them never to forget those who came before them. A separate monument will introduce the visitor to this site and the WWI Veterans Liberty Row Memorials along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (originally dedicated as Liberty Boulevard in memory of those who died during WWI).

Words to be inscribed in the center monument will relay this message

"We will hold you dear forever for the memory of your sacrifice nurtures the spirit of our nation and the hope for freedom and peace throughout the world.

Your lives were the ultimate contributions to the preservation of the cultures expressed in these Cleveland Cultural Gardens"

CONTIGUOUS PROJECT – Restoration of the 800+ WWI Memorial Trees with markers at their bases originally dedicated in 1919 in honor of those killed from Greater Cleveland Ohio during WWI. This restoration and separate project is referred to as the WWI Liberty Row Veterans Memorials and it is also being sponsored by the JVCOCC. The marker medallions will be cast from bronze that will be made from re-using the bronze plates that were at the "Fountain of Eternal Life" at Mall "A" in downtown Cleveland (by the Marriott Hotel and Cleveland Board of Education Building) prior to its rededication to all who died from Cuyahoga County starting with the Spanish American War and up to and including the most recent and current Persian Gulf Wars.

*** REMEMBERING AND HONORING ***

*** THOSE WHO SERVED ***

Proposed Design

Liberty Veterans Honor Garden

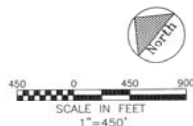


*THEY WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES DEFENDING FREEDOM
MADE THE ULTIMATE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CULTURES
OF THE WORLD AND FOUND EXPRESSED
IN THESE CULTURAL GARDENS*

710 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Rockefeller Park/Cleveland Cultural Gardens

Sponsored by

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Guest Speaker

ROBERT W. WAGNER

Lieutenant General Ret.
United States Army

Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner is a native of Independence, Ohio and a 1970 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He also obtained a Master Degree in Industrial Relations from Purdue University. He retired in January 2009 after a distinguished 38 year career with the United States Army. His service included tours in Vietnam and

OPERATION JUST CAUSE in Panama. An Airborne, Infantry, Ranger with extensive Joint and Special Operations assignments, including Commanding General of SOCSOUTH in Panama and SETAF in Italy, and Deputy Commander of United States Joint Forces Command, his last assignment was Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Bob and his wife of 37-years have retired in Independence.

MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED - Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses
United States Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School - United States Army
Command and General Staff College - National War College

FOREIGN LANGUAGE(S) Spanish

LAST ASSIGNMENTS - Jun 00 Nov 02 Commanding General, United States Army
Southern European Task Force (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy; Jan 03 Nov 05 Deputy
Commander, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Dec 05 Nov 08
Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg,
North Carolina

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ASSIGNMENTS - Platoon Leader, C Company, 1st
Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) United States Army,
Vietnam Aug 71 - Dec 71; Operations Officer, Advisory Team 33, United States
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Dec 71 - Jul 72; Commander, 1st Battalion
(Ranger), 75th Infantry, OPERATION JUST CAUSE, Panama Dec 88 Jul 91.

US DECORATIONS AND BADGES - Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with
Oak Leaf Cluster); Distinguished Service Medal; Defense Superior Service Medal (with
Oak Leaf Cluster); Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Bronze Star Medal (with 2
Oak Leaf Clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Medal
Army Commendation Medal; Combat Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge
(with Bronze Star); Ranger Tab; Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge

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

JOINT VETERANS' COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

JUDGE FELIX T. MATIA / CHESTER J. KOCH
2009 OUTSTANDING VETERAN OF THE YEAR

Michael Polichuk

Polish Legion of American Veterans, Roosevelt Post #58

Michael was born in 1946, to Basil and Anna Polichuk in Tettngang, Baden-Wurttemberg, Germany. In 1948, the Polichuk family emigrated to Venezuela where Michael was raised and where he completed his primary education. His two sisters, Maria and Eva were born in Venezuela. In 1962, the Polichuk family was again on the move, this time immigrating to the United States of America and settling in Cleveland, Ohio. Michael attended Lincoln High School, then Kent State University, from where he graduated in 1971 with a BA degree in Spanish and Latin American Area Studies.

In July of 1971, Michael enlisted in the U.S. Army for 3 years. He received basic training at Fort Knox, KY, advanced training at the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, VA and was assigned to serve at the Missile Munitions and Command School at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, AL. While in the service, Michael traveled to Venezuela and married his schoolmate Gladys. He was discharged from the US Army in July 1974.

After his discharge, Michael worked for the Berlitz School of Languages for a short time. Later he ventured into the International Transportation field, where he is still employed. In 1991 he obtained his Federal Customhouse Brokers License, which permits him to transact imports on behalf of importers throughout the United States.

While holding a full time job and raising a family, Michael found time and dedication to serve on Board of Elders at the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church from 1982 to 2002 in the capacity of President, Treasure and Vice-President. He also found time to serve on the Board of Directors of Osnova Ukrainian Federal Credit Union from 1986 to 2006, first forming part of the Credit Committee and later as President, position he held for 11 years. He was very instrumental in the building of the Holy Trinity Church complex in North Royalton and in the transition of Osnova Ukrainian FCU to its current location on State Road in Parma.

Michael joined PLAV Roosevelt Post 58 in 1993 and attended regular meetings. In 1999 he was elected Treasurer and re-elected in 2001 and later appointed to the position, which he still holds. He attends all meetings, post functions, coffee hour/escort services for disabled veterans at Brecksville Medical Center. In 2000, for the first time, Michael attended the PLAV National Convention in Tunica, Mississippi. In 2001 at the State Convention held in Fremont, Ohio, he was elected 2nd Vice-Commander of the Department of Ohio. In February 2002, he was honored as Roosevelt Post 58 "Man of the Year 2002".

In August 2002, he was elevated to State Commander to complete the term of Ken Milenovic, who was elected National 1st Vice-Commander. In June 2003, he was knighted in the "Order of Knights and Ladies of Pulaski" of Polonia Foundation of Ohio. At the State Convention in September 2003, in Hudson, OH, Michael was elected State Commander for the term 2003-2005.

As State Commander, Michael has shown leadership and has guided the Department of Ohio in an exemplary manner. In his capacity as State Commander he was a director of Polonia Foundation of Ohio. In 2004, the Department of Ohio honored Michael as "Veteran of the Year".

In the term 2005-2007, Michael served as co-Adjutant of the PLAV Department of Ohio. In 2006 at the PLAV National Convention in Tampa, FL, Michael was elected to the position of National 2nd Vice-Commander for the period 2006-2008. Then at the Ohio State Convention held in Chester, WV, Michael was elected as Department of Ohio 1st Vice Commander for the term 2007-2009. While juggling these positions Michael found time to serve as National Editor of the PLAV News, official publication of the Polish Legion of American Veterans USA. He still finds time to participate at the coffee hour/escort service at Brecksville Medical Center assisting hospitalized veterans.

In 2008, while serving as Chairman of the PLAV National Pre-Convention Committee, Michael was very instrumental in bringing The Honorable Robert Kupiecki, Polish Ambassador the United States of America to be the main speaker at the PLAV National Convention held in Independence, Ohio. While in his positions of responsibility in the PLAV, Michael participated and participates in Memorial Day Ceremonies, Polish Constitution Day Festivities, Casimir Pulaski Memorial Commemoration Ceremonies and numerous other activities in the Polish Community. Currently Michael is serving as Chaplain in the JVOCC Board of Officers, as Vice-President of Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Acting State Commander of PLAV Department of Ohio and Treasurer of Roosevelt Post 58. Michael and Gladys have three sons, Carlos, Andrew and Michael. Their son Andrew is serving in the US Army and currently stationed in Qatar, United Arab Emirates.

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JUDGE FELIX T. MATIA / CHESTER J. KOCH
PAST HONOREES - OUTSTANDING VETERAN OF THE YEAR

1980	Ron Seman	Catholic War Veterans
1981	Stanley Sternik	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1982	Congressman Ron Mottl	Army and Navy Union
1983	Edwin M. Robins	Jewish War Veterans
1984	George M. Stricker	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1985	Robert Chaloupka	Catholic War Veterans
1986	Sam W. Berkowitz	Jewish War Veterans
1987	Richard G. France	Catholic War Veterans
1988	Casey Jaworski	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1989	Sam Rubin	Jewish War Veterans
1990	Robert G. Yuhas	Military Order of the Purple Heart
1991	Edward Sheehan	Marine Corps League
1992	Mathew Lobas	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1993	Donald R. Briggs	Vietnam Veterans of America
1994	Martha A. Kolley	United Spanish War Veterans
1995	Rich Kruzer	Polish Legion of American Veterans
1996	Robert W. Mills, Sr.	Catholic War Veterans
1997	Timothy T. (TJ) Stem	Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 15
1998	Joseph Chervin	Jewish War Veterans
1999	Holly Koester	Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chptr
2000	Kenneth P. Milenovic	Polish Legion of American Veterans
2001	Terrance Tyna	Paralyzed Veterans of America, Buckeye Chptr
2002	Chuck Ianni	82nd Airborne Division Association, John Towle - Cleveland Chapter
2003	Leonard Weinstein	Jewish War Veterans
2004	Robert Camburn	Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 249
2005	A. Steve Klosowski	Polish Legion of American Veterans
2006	George F. Qua	82nd Airborne Division Association, John Towle - Cleveland Chapter
2007	Melvin E. Lowe	Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 15
2008	Richard T. Borkowski	Polish Legion of American Veterans

JOINT VETERANS' COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY (JVCOCC)

2010 INCOMING PRESIDENT

Charles H. Kiessling, Sr.

Marine Corps League – Major S.J. Logan Detachment
National Central Division Aide de Camp (OHIO)

Charles Kiessling was born the fourth child of Martha and Oscar Kiessling at Cleveland's Lutheran Hospital. Mother was daughter to the Pastor of Salem Lutheran Church in Gretna, LA. Father was a German Merchant Seaman, who jumped ship in New Orleans when he met Martha. They got married and left Louisiana in the late 1920's for Cleveland to be near more German speaking people. His siblings include his late brother Ernst (an Air force vet), sister Annabelle and brother Ronald (a Marine vet).

Charles attended Lutheran grade schools on Cleveland's west side and graduated from Luther Memorial School. He graduated from John Marshall High School in January of 1954, enlisted in the Marine Corps that February and went to boot training at Parris Island Marine Base in South Carolina. Charles completed advanced infantry training at Camp Geiger in North Carolina and returned to Parris Island for Military Police Duty.

He was then transferred to Camp Pendleton Calif. for overseas assignment. There he volunteered for Military Police Duty with the Securities Forces Far East FMF, Pacific. He was assigned to Sangley Point Naval Station, Phillipines, for one year and then to Sasebo Naval Station, Japan for the second year. Charles returned stateside in late 1956 was discharged in February of 1957 from the Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois. He was awarded National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

After discharge, Charles was hired by the Cleveland Transit System as a Trackless Trolley Operator at Denison Station (Denison & Ridge Road) Cleveland. After Trackless Trolleys were removed from service in 1959, he then transferred to Triskett Garage to be a Bus and Rail Operator. In 1970 Charles' Superintendent recommended him for the Schedule Department by it was short lived because of a layoff in 1971 and he returned to Triskett Garage. Charles returned to the Schedule Department in 1974, there he held many positions and was appointed Director of Schedules in 1987 and he retired from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority in August 1991. He attended management courses at Baldwin Wallace College and the University of Wisconsin/ Milwaukee.

Following his retirement, in April of 1993, Charles started working part time at the Suburban Clock and Repair in Berea, Ohio in various capacities, including sales, repair, shipping and receiving. He also did computer work and data entry for the Sales and Repair Departments.

Charles married in 1957, moved into Brook Park, and raised sons Charles Jr. (a Marine Vet) and Robert. In 1999 he moved to Columbia Park, a manufactured home Senior Community. Son Charles Jr. married and raised three children, Chuck III, a Air Force vet., Jeanette and Theodore, (active duty - Marine Corps). A family with three generations of service to our country.

Charles has been a member of the Marine Corps League since 1956 when he was signed up by his brother as a Charter Member of the Cleveland Detachment (later merged with the Major S. J. Logan Detachment) and held many offices in the detachment. He also served at the Department of Ohio as Commandant and now serves as the Department Paymaster. While at the Department he was on the committee that started the Dept. of Ohio, MCL Youth Fitness Program in 1960, which won an award from the Freedoms Foundation. He was the coordinator for the meets that were held in Cleveland and Columbus then moved to Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware until it was discontinued in 2004 due to lack of participation by the schools. Major General Walter Churchill Sr, from Toledo was the Ohio Dept. member took the program to our national organization where it continues to have meets in San Diego, California.

Charles also serves as treasurer of the Memorial Day Association of Greater Cleveland.

We wish Charles success in continuing to lead the JVCOCC in service to veterans, their families, our men and women in uniform, our country and communities as well as supporting his family and the Marine Corps League.

Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County

OUTGOING OFFICERS - 2009

Charles H. Kiessling, Sr., *President*
Marine Corps League - Major S.J. Logan Detachment

Frank Anderson, *1st Vice President*
Paralyzed Veterans of America –Buckeye Chapter

Joseph I. Mendise, *2nd Vice President*
Korean War Veterans Association

Gary Rezabek, *Secretary*
Southwest Asia Veterans / 82nd ADA

Rimantas Ray Saikus, *Treasurer*
82nd Airborne Division Association - John Towle Cleveland Chapter

Michael Polichuk, *Chaplain*
Polish Legion of American Veterans

Jim Quisenberry, *Chaplain*
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Joint Veterans' Commission of Cuyahoga County

PROGRAM

Assembly & Salute Colors: **Gary Rezabek – SFC Ret. U.S. Army**
Secretary JVCOCC

Master of Ceremonies: **Thomas G. Sweeney, Vietnam Vet. U.S. Army**
Principal, The Thomas Sweeney Group, Inc.

Pledge of Allegiance: **All attendees**

National Anthem: **Lisa Padro-Baire**

Invocation: **Reverend George Hankins, Chaplain**
Cleveland VA Medical Center

Introductions: **Head Table, Veteran's Organizations &**
Auxiliaries, Guests, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Recognition: **JVCOCC Past Presidents and Past Recipients of**
Judge Felix T. Matia/Chester J. Koch Award

Greetings: **Rimantas Ray Saikus**
Treasurer & Past President JVCOCC

Guest Speaker: **Robert W. Wagner, Lt General Ret. U.S. Army**

Friend's Tribute: **Ken Milenovic**
Veteran and Past PLAV National Commander.

Outstanding Veteran of the Year: **Michael Polichuk, Honoree**
Judge Felix T. Matia/Chester J. Koch Award

Acceptance: **Michael Polichuk**

Installation of New Officers: **Vernon Kramer, Past President**
Delegate - Reserve Officers Association

Acceptance Remarks: **Charles H. Kiessling, Sr.,**
Incoming President JVCOCC

Announcements: **Rimantas Ray Saikus**
Liberty Veterans Honor Garden

Benediction: **Reverend George Hankins, Chaplain**
Cleveland VA Medical Center

*** Salute Colors / Dismissed ***