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Veterans Day 2009

Wednesday – November 11th - 11:00 a.m.



CLEVELAND CITY HALL

601 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114



DAVID R. CALLAHAN

CAPTAIN

**Chief of Staff, Ninth Coast Guard District
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

Captain David Callahan assumed his current duties as the Ninth Coast Guard District's Chief of Staff in June of 2008. Prior to reporting to Cleveland, Captain Callahan was Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL, responsible for all Coast Guard aviation training and aviation operational capabilities development.

A native of Littleton, Colorado, Captain Callahan graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1982. He was assigned to fixed and rotary wing flight training at the Naval Flight Training Command gold in 1985. His first assignment, Coast Guard Air Station New Orleans, quickly

pressed him into service during one of the busiest hurricane seasons on record in the Gulf of Mexico. In 1994, he served as Coast Guard Liaison to NATO staff and Naval Intelligence Branch member, Allied Forces Southern Europe, Naples, Italy, enforcing United Nations sanctions against former Yugoslavia during the Bosnian Conflict. In 1995, Captain Callahan was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Kodiak, Alaska, where he served as Chief, Alaskan Patrol section (ALPAT), leading a group of 17 aviators conducting shipboard deployments in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. He also served as Chief of Air Station Kodiak's Enforcement of Laws and Treaties section, planning and conducting maritime law enforcement in one of the Coast Guard's largest and most active areas of responsibility. In 1997 he was assigned as Chief, HH-65A Training Branch at Coast Guard Aviation Training Center, Mobile, AL; and from July 1999 to June 2002 he was assigned to Coast Guard Air Station Savannah, GA as the Operations Officer followed by Executive Officer. From June 2002 to June 2004, he has served as Commanding Officer of USCG Air Station New Orleans, the Coast Guard's busiest all-helicopter air station. He completed Senior Service School resident studies and graduated with honors at the Air War College, USAF Air University, Maxwell AFB. In 2005, as Commanding Officer ATC Mobile, Captain Callahan was recognized for his leadership of Coast Guard aviation forces during and after Hurricane Katrina. His command served as the aviation hub for the entire Katrina response, became the largest operational air station in U.S. Coast Guard history, and played a key role on the Coast Guard's rescue of over 30,000 people in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Captain Callahan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management, a Masters degree in National Security Studies, and is a 2005 graduate of the Air War College. Captain Callahan's military awards include the Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (2), the Coast Guard Commendation Medal (4), the Coast Guard Achievement Medal (3), the Commandant's Letter of Commendation (2), and the NATO Medal for Yugoslavian operations. Captain Callahan is married to the former Kathi Good of Sequim, Washington.



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CLEVELAND'S ROTC The WOLFPACK BATTALION

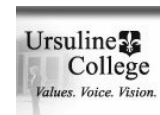
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JOHN CARROL UNIVERSITY
ROTC CADET STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE
Christopher Majewski
“2009 EXCELLENCE”



Christopher Majewski is from Cleveland, born and raised. He is the son of Craig and Joan Majewski and graduated from Midpark High School in 2008.

Upon Graduation, he joined the United States Army National Guard. During the fall of 2008 he attended Basic Training in Fort Benning,

Georgia to become an infantryman.

Shortly after returning from Basic Training he enrolled at John Carroll University, where he currently attends school. He is currently in the ROTC program at John Carroll University, learning and training to become an officer in America’s finest, the United States Army.

He has set his goals to obtain a bachelor’s degree in business administration from John Carroll University and become an officer in the Army. He plans on serving 20 years in the military and becoming a fire fighter.

He has always made it his personal mission to help and better people. He uses his current experiences and knowledge and helps out at various nursing homes in which he gathers knowledge from the veterans who have set foot in the service before him.

He plans on staying in the Cleveland area hoping to use his leadership skills and knowledge to better the community and to make a difference.



PATRICK V.
POWERS
LIEUTENANT COLONEL
Commander, U.S. Army Recruiting
Battalion—Cleveland

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Patrick Powers graduated from Bowling Green Senior High School in 1987. He graduated from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Science in History and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery in 1991. In 1997 he re-branched Special Forces. In 2005 he earned a Master’s degree from the US Army Command and General Staff College.

His military education includes the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Ranger School, Airborne School, Static Line Jump Master Course, SERE (High Risk), Special Forces Officer Qualification Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Special Operations Training Course, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course, Special Forces Combat Diver Qualification Course, and the US Army Command and General Staff College.

LTC Powers assumed his current position as Commander of the Cleveland U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion in July 2009. LTC Powers’ previous assignments include: Ammunition Platoon Leader, 1-15 Field Artillery, 2d Infantry Division, Camp Casey, Korea; Fire Support Officer 3-504th Parachute Infantry Battalion and Executive Officer A Battery, 3-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Commander Operational Detachments-Alpha 331 (Assault) and 335 (Sniper), as well as Battalion Adjutant, 1-10th Special Forces (Airborne), Panzer Kaserne, Stuttgart Germany; Commander Fort Bragg Special Forces Recruiting Detachment, US Army Special Operations Recruiting Company; Executive Officer Doctrine and Training Division, US Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Joint Operations Center Chief as well as Coalition Director, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Afghanistan; Commander, Bravo Company, 3d Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina; He advised the Iraqi Special Operations Brigade for two tours as Commander, Task Force RAPTOR, Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force – Arabian Peninsula (Iraq); Chief of Future Concepts Division, US Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

LTC Powers’ awards and decorations include: the Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Meritorious Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with four Oak Leaf Clusters), Army Achievement Medal, Joint Meritorious Unit Award (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Valorous Unit Award, National Defense Service Medal (with star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Afghan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War On Terrorism Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Ribbon (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), NATO Medal, Recruiter Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Special Forces Combat Divers Badge, Combat Infantrymen’s Badge, Ranger Tab and Special Forces Tab.

CITY OF CLEVELAND

Fred Szabo

“2009 EMPLOYEE MILITARY VETERAN OF THE YEAR” HONOREE

The Base Cleveland Veterans Committee is proud to announce that Fred Szabo, a 37 year employee of the City of Cleveland, as the recipient of the 2009 Employee Military Veteran of the Year award. Fred is a career employee of the City of Cleveland, employed as the Commissioner of Cleveland Hopkins International Airport since August of 2001.



The Commissioner was selected for his commitment to the families of the soldiers, sailors, and airmen whose lives were lost in defense of our military mission throughout the world. Since September 11 2001 the remains of more than eighty soldiers, sailors, and airmen have been returned to their families through Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. The Commissioner has ensured that an appropriate level of respect was shown on their arrival by coordinating a color guard from Airport Fire Department, Cleveland Police, and the Transportation Security Administration. He provided access to the secured areas of the airport for the military and family members of the returning troops so that their remains can be received with honor and respect.

He is responsible for the supervision of 380 Hopkins Airport employees, an annual budget of approximately \$50 million, and

manages airport operations, security and maintenance responsibilities, including the implementation of Federal Security Directives and FAA Regulatory mandates. He is an Affiliate member of the American Association of Airport Executives.

In prior assignments with the City of Cleveland, Mr. Szabo served as the Assistant Director of Public Safety, chairman of the Mayor's Flats Safety Task Force, Administrator of Cleveland's Drug House Task Force, Acting Commissioner of Cleveland Emergency Medical Services, Executive Administrator to the Director of Public Safety, and Administrator of the Office of Professional Standards for the City of Cleveland, and developed Cleveland's Civilian Police Review Board. He had served as Chief Law Enforcement Planner for the Cleveland Regional Office of the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration and as Executive Director of a suburban multi-jurisdictional enforcement unit in the Cleveland area.

Mr. Szabo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminology from Bowling Green State University and pursued a Masters of Public Administration degree at Cleveland State University. He is the recipient of three National Association of Counties Achievement Awards for the development of innovative law enforcement projects and is a frequent guest lecturer at Cleveland State and Kent State Universities.

Mr. Szabo served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era and attained the rank of First Lieutenant. Major assignments included service as a Battalion Adjutant, Brigade Operations Officer, member of a General Court Martial Board, Investigating Officer for special courts martial and an armor Platoon Commander.

Mr. Szabo has served on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Substance Abuse Initiative, and was a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (IACOLE) serving as Treasurer for 14 years.

JOHN CARROL UNIVERSITY **ROTC CADET STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE**

Julie Mae Bruder

“2009 EXCELLENCE”



Julie Mae Bruder was born and raised in Canton Ohio. After graduation from high school she joined the Ohio Army National Guard as a light wheeled mechanic.

After serving in that position for two years she then transferred over to the aviation battalion 3/ 238th Aviation Battalion where she still serves today.

She is currently a MSIV cadet in ROTC and in May 2010 she will not only graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Nursing but be commissioned as a 2LT in the Ohio Army National Guard as well.

Her plans after graduation, include passing the NCLEX boards and attend flight school in Fort Rucker, Alabama.

Then after she returns home to work full-time at the Cleveland Clinic as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit and then gain her Master's degree in nursing in anesthesiology.

She looks forward to the opportunity to fly for the National Guard and serve as a platoon

leader in a flying unit in hopes of one day being deployed with them as a pilot.

JOHN CARROL UNIVERSITY
STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE
Christopher Vecchio
“2009 EXCELLENCE”



Hometown: Twinsburg, Ohio

Army Service Period: February 20, 1999-February 20, 2004

Military Units: 428th Quartermaster Company, 319th Quartermaster Battalion, United States Military Academy Preparatory School, HHC 1-107 Armor Battalion.

Also worked as a defense contractor from February 2004-August 2008 for Group 4 Falck/SSS.

Military Awards: Army Service Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal.

Pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Economics; will graduate in May 2010. Plans on pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics.

Chris is a member of the Math Club at John Carroll and is an active member of Amnesty International. After getting his Ph.D. in economics, he plans on working for the United Nations, the World Bank, the Department of Defense, or the State Department.

THE JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY
CITIZEN HONOREE
Timothy M. Daley
“2009 IN SERVICE TO VETERANS AND COMMUNITY AWARD”



Tim and his wife Mary Louise have been married for seven years and reside in Cleveland's Collinwood Community. He attended Cleveland's Public Schools and graduated from John Hay High School in 1985. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Political Science in 1990 from Cleveland State University, he is an Alumni member of the Beta Upsilon Chapter Sigma Tau Gamma Fraternity. He earned a Masters in History from John Carroll University in 2008. His thesis "Meet Me at the Fair" concerned the Northern Ohio Sanitary Fair which was held in Cleveland, Ohio in Feb. 1864 and produced a profit of \$78,000 for local war relief work. This work was the basis of a paper entitled "Yes, Virginia There Were Other Sanitary Fairs During the Civil War" which was presented at the 10th Conference of The Society for Women and The Civil War held at Chambersburg, Pa in 2008.

He is a senior member of the Masonic youth organization known as DeMolay and is an adviser on the jurisdictional staff for the state of Ohio. A member and leader in the Masonic fraternity for over 20 years, is currently serving as an officer in Lake Erie Consistory for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Cleveland and is the Executive Director of the Cleveland Masonic Library & Museum.

A lifelong student of history he has been a Civil War Antiquarian and Lecturer since 1988. Engaged in the study, collection, and preservation of Civil War artifacts, he provides historical talks together with living history presentations and projects which include displays of period objects to numerous civic, educational, fraternal and religious organizations. He began his affiliation with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in 2002 as a Docent and a program leader. He executed the research, development and acquisition of the Monument's Ohio Historical Marker.

Timothy was employed with the Cleveland Clerk of Courts Office for over 18 years, his last promotion being to the post of Supervisor of Records Management in 2008. In October of 2008 he came to the Monument as its Executive Director. In this capacity he has developed a community outreach program and has conducted and coordinated research which has identified and documented nearly 100 names of those from Cuyahoga County who served in the USCT's and State units, but who are not on the wall. These names are set to be added. Professional affiliations include the American Association for State and Local History, the Masonic Library & Museum Association, Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums, The Society for Military History and The Society for Women and The Civil War. A member of numerous historical organizations, he currently holds Associate membership in the James A. Garfield Camp #142, Sons of the Union Veterans, Ohio Department, and soon hopes to become a regular member, having recently documented an ancestor who is a Civil War Veteran

Passionate in his love of history he considers himself truly fortunate to be a part of such a historical Monument, which is a Victorian treasure in the heart of downtown Cleveland.

THE JOINT VETERANS COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

VETERAN HONOREE

Thomas J. Farkas

“2009 IN SERVICE TO VETERANS AND COMMUNITY AWARD”



Tom, 84, lives on the Westside of Cleveland (37 yrs). While working for Great Lakes Construction and Cleveland Transit, he cared to the needs of his ailing wife, Maria, until she died in 2008 after 53 years of marriage. Tom attended North Olmsted Schools and in 1942, Lakewood School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1942, recruit training at Camp Pendleton CA. He was a platoon Sgt., F Co, 2BN 26 Reg., 5th Div. in the Second World War where he was on a L.S.T. that landed on Iwo Jima. He also served in Hawaii, Camp Tarawa, then served in occupation of Japan. Also served in the 2nd Mar Div. at Camp LeJuine, NC. During the Korean War he was recalled to serve as a Drill Instructor at MCRD, San Diego, CA, and served aboard the USS Fitch, USS Worcester, Amphibious Operations, US Coast Guard Reserve, and Gray Armory, Cleveland Ohio.

Among the Medals and awards he received as a Marine is the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Marine Corps Action ribbon, USN-USMC-USCG Presidential Unit Citation Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Marine Good conduct Ribbon, 2nd USMCR Ribbon, USMC Expedition Ribbon, American Campaign Ribbon, WW II Victory Ribbon, Asiatic – Pacific Ribbon, WW II Occupation Navy Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon and was Honorably Discharged

He is committed to community, school and veteran

programs in Northern Ohio area, that places this veteran in a class respected by all. He is a major contributor insuring honors to deceased veterans as a member of the Joint Veterans Honor Guard. As a member of the Joint Veterans Honor Guard, has participated as member of the Firing Squad at 54 Memorial Services during this past year as well as on National Holidays, Flag Raisings and Burials. Currently he is a member of DAV Chapter 116, he serves as a executive committeeman providing sound leadership guidance.

Tom served as lecturer at many schools in the Lakewood school district. Provided financial support to VFW Post #387 and DAV Chapter #116 and PLVA Post 30. Served as Chaplain at JVCOCC at its meetings. Also, serves as Parade Marshall DAV Chapter #116 Memorial Day Parades.

Tom chaired the design and construction of the City of Lakewood Veterans Memorial, collection of \$43,000 in donations and contribution of \$40,000 in Pro Bono construction work.. He also monitored the work and led the planning of the Dedication Ceremony.

Tom has been Nominated to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Tom has also served as rescuer for homeless animals, with over 150 abandoned cats and dogs to his credit. Fundraised as well as contributed to the Animal League of Cuyahoga County.

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WEST CAMPUS STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE

Angela Hoefke

“2009 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP”



U. S. Army Reservist SGT Angela Hoefke has just completed her fifth year of service with the Army. She also just returned home to Northern Ohio in February 2008 following a 15 month tour of duty in Iraq where she served with the 192nd Quartermaster Company from Milan, Ohio as a wheeled mechanic specialist, ensuring that U. S. supply and troop convoys were mission ready. SGT Hoefke's awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, National

Defense Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/ “M” Device, the Army Service Ribbon, the Armed Forces Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Marksmanship Qualification Badge - Sharpshooter w/ rifle, and the Army Driver and Mechanic Badge w/ Mechanic Clasp.

SGT Hoefke continues to serve in the 192 Quartermaster Company and is currently employed with Lockheed Martin in Cleveland. She is also enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College where she is pursuing studies for a career in nursing. She has been active in student-veteran issues and recently selected to serve on the Veterans' Advisory Task Force for Congresswoman Marcia Fudge.

A 2005 graduate of Lakewood High School, she also attended Magnificat and Bay Village High School. SGT Hoefke continues to reside in Lakewood. She is the eldest of eight siblings with three brothers, two sisters and one step brother and sister.

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
METRO CAMPUS STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE

Jill Foster

“2009 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP”



Jill Foster was born in Cleveland, Ohio and is currently enrolled at Cuyahoga Community College Metro Campus as a part-time student pursuing a nursing degree.

In her role as a student veteran leader, Jill has stepped up to serve as the Secretary to the College's Veteran's Today Club, which now numbers some 200 student veterans. In addition, she is also a volunteer at Lakewood Hospital.

Jill served five years in the U.S. Navy as a Dental Technician and later received an Associate of Arts degree in

General Studies from Lorain County Community College.

She has recently lost her job as a medical secretary but wishes to continue an active medical profession where she can provide a positive experience for patients during their hospital stay.

She currently resides in Lakewood and enjoys drawing, painting and walking. She has one daughter, Alecia, who is a nurse at the Cleveland Clinic.

Veterans Day 2009

Welcome	Martin L. Flask , Director Cleveland Department of Public Safety Chairman – Base Cleveland Veterans Committee
Introductions:	Richard DeChant – Master of Ceremony Executive Director - Veteran Programs & Services Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C)
Presenting of Colors	Color Guard Cleveland Department of Public Safety
National Anthem	Stew Hastings , Esq. - Assistant Director Cleveland Department of Law
Invocation	Reverend George Hankins , Chaplain Cleveland VA Medical Center
Introduction of Mayor	Gary Singletary , Assistant Director of Law Base Cleveland Veterans Committee
Comments and Award	Frank G. Jackson , Mayor of the City of Cleveland “Employee Military Veteran of the Year Award” Honoree – Commissioner Fred Szabo
Acceptance	Fred Szabo , Commissioner Cleveland Hopkins International Airport
Acknowledgments	Richard DeChant
Greetings	Charles H. Kiessling , President Joint Veterans Commission of Cuyahoga County (JVCOCC)
Guest Speakers	David Callahan , Captain United States Coast Guard Patrick Powers , Lieutenant Colonel - Commander U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, Cleveland
Recognitions & Proclamations	Charles H. Kiessling Rimantas Ray Saikus JVCOCC John Schupp Cleveland State Univ. Richard DeChant Tri-C Lt. Ryan Teague John Carroll University
	“Service to Veterans and Community Award” Citizen Honoree – Timothy M. Daley Veteran Honoree – Thomas J. Farkas “Student Veteran Award” Honoree – Jeff Deluca “Student Veteran - Excellence in Leadership Award” Honorees – Brian Bobo, Jill Foster, Angela Hoefke “Student Veteran & ROTC Veteran Cadets Awards” Honorees – Christopher Vecchio; ROTC Honorees- Julie Mae Bruder, Christopher Majewski
Closing Remarks	Martin Flask
Benediction	Reverend Joyce Barrow Simmons , USMC Veteran Cleveland Clerk of Courts
Amazing Grace	Public Safety Pipes and Drums Cleveland Department of Public Safety
Taps	Edwin Zelek , Polish Legion of American Veterans
Volley	Gung-Ho Detachment 650 , Marine Corps League

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY
STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE

Jeff Deluca
“2009 EXCELLENCE”



Jeff entered the Marine Corps on January 3rd 2002, he served with the 1st Battalion 3rd Marines Division, he was discharged on January 3rd 2006.

Deluca is an Iraq War Veteran and served in Operation Phantom Fury (battle for Faluja). He was injured 12 dec 2004 during combat and while getting a fellow soldier out of harms way. He lost most of his unit and lived through some very challenging personal times upon returning home.

Jeff entered Cleveland State University in the fall semester 2008 and its Support in Education for the Returning Veteran (SERV) program.

Currently he is a sophomore at CSU with a GPA- 3.8, and 52 credit hrs attained.

He has been recognized for his English 101 capstone essay- this essay has been published by CSU.

Jeff has requested to join the National Honor Society National Chapter in the Summer of 2009

Deluca's major is Computer Information Science

Expected graduation- Spring 2011

CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EAST CAMPUS STUDENT VETERAN HONOREE

Brian Bobo
“2009 EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP”



While serving the Air Force from 1992 -1999, completing his college education was the goal of Brian Bobo. Like so many people “life got into the way” and the years flew by. Now he was wondering if obtaining that goal would be a possibility. Spring term 2007, Brian decided to put his businesses on hold and go back to school.

It was a seven years hiatus since he had stepped foot into a classroom, and now coming back as a full-time student seem extremely overwhelming. Choosing Cuyahoga Community College was an easy decision for Brian.

As a participant in the VA's Chapter 31 Vocational Rehabilitation Program, Brian believed that by attending Cuyahoga Community College he would use fewer funds from VA, which in turn would allow others to be served through this program.

Brian's “can do” attitude caught the eye of Tri-C personnel and he was asked to work as Work-Study in the Office of Student Affairs.

While taking classes, he was fortunate enough to be involved in some exceptional organizations, and worked with some extraordinary individuals. These opportunities outside the classroom allowed Brian to grow and develop.

He is the recipient of the Ohio All Academic Team scholarship and was named the Eastern Campus Student of the Year, 2009. Brian has since graduated with honors with an Associate of Human Resource Management.

He is currently working toward his undergraduate degree in Human Resource Management. Brian was recently hired as a full time employee with Cuyahoga Community College in the Human Resource Department.