

**2020  
Memorial Day  
Virtual Service**

**Held at Clague Park  
Westlake, Ohio, 2014**



**“We shall remember and be ever grateful”**



**Sponsored by the  
Kiwaniis Club of Westlake**

☆ **In Remembrance** ☆

*William Sifritt    Kenneth Frisch*

*Edward Sheehan    Richard Lehman*

They were veterans and long time members of the Kiwanis Club of Westlake. William Sifritt was instrumental in organizing the Memorial Day Parade ceremony and researching the biographies of our military from Westlake and Dover. Edward Sheehan served as a Marine in WWII and fought in the battle of Iwo Jima.. Bill, Ken, Ed and Dick were true patriots and never missed a Memorial Day. We will never forget them.



TAPS

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lakes  
From the hills  
From the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is near

ECHO

Thanks and praise  
For our days  
Neath the sun  
Neath the stars  
Neath the sky  
As we go  
This we know  
God is Near

**2020 Westlake Kiwanis Officers and Directors**

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**Westlake Memorial Day Celebration  
as it appeared on video tape from 2014**

Call to order . . . . .	Norm Resko, President Kiwanis Club of Westlake
“To the Colors” . . . . .	Westlake High School Band Raymond Walcheck, Director
Raising of the Flag . . . . .	Boy Scouts
“Star Spangled Banner” . . . . .	Westlake High School Band
Pledge of Allegiance . . . . .	Audience, led by President Jennifer Rutkoski Westlake Aktion Club
Invocation . . . . .	Bob Clancy, Kiwanis Club of Westlake
Introduction of Guests. . . . .	Norm Resko
“America the Beautiful” . . . . .	Westlake High School Band
Commentary . . . . .	Major Joseph Anthony, USAF, Res., Retired Kiwanis Club of Westlake
Special Guest . . . . .	LT COL William Schlichtig, USAF Commanding Officer US Military Entrance Processing Command
Roll of Honor . . . . .	Al Smith Distinguished Past President, Kiwanis Club of Westlake
Placing of the Memorial Wreath . . . . .	Members of Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
Gun Salute. . . . .	Bay Village Post 385 American Legion
Taps and Echo . . . . .	Westlake High School Band
Benediction . . . . .	Norm Resko, President Kiwanis Club of Westlake

## The Faces of Our Heroes

We, in large part, are here enjoying our freedoms due to our soldiers from Westlake who gave their lives to protect us from those who would have it differently, our soldiers were people like us... family people with loves, jobs, hopes and accomplishments through good times and bad. They loved this country and prayed for good times for those to come after them.

Most of those heroes are little more to us now than a name on a bronze plaque in our city park memorializing their precious gift to us... their life. This collection of biographical sketches will attempt to put a face on our soldiers killed in action so we may better know and appreciate the fact they were more than just a name in the history of building our country and protecting our freedoms for us.

Let us not forget them. As Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote: "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy, forget in time that many died to win them."

### **Our Military from Westlake/Dover Who Made the Ultimate Sacrifice for Us:**

World War II    Vietnam War    Other Active Duty

**E. William Bolan:** a Westlake resident and the son of Charles and Marian Bolan. He was killed when his helicopter was shot down in Vietnam.

**Rolin Bound:** Died serving his country in the U.S. Military Service

**Franklin Carter:** a Westlake resident and a descendant of Lorenzo Carter, the first permanent resident of Cleveland, Ohio. Franklin lost his life while serving in the military in WWII.

**John Cooley:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1936. The son of Paul and Puella Cooley and nephew of Vince Cooley, local vintner and winery operator. John was an Air Force Flight Engineer and was killed when his plane crashed during a training flight in WWII.

**Joseph Deeks:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1926. His family owned and operated Deeks Farm Orchard on Center Ridge Road just east of what now is St. John Westshore Hospital. Joseph gave his life at Guadalcanal while serving in the Navy WWII.

**Charles Farrell:** was a Westlake resident who was killed while serving in the military during the Vietnam War.

**Paul Heitmeyer:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1935. He was one of four brothers in the military. Paul was a Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed in Alaska. His plane went down in the Aleutian Islands and never was found. He was declared missing and later on dead.

**Walter Hopp:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1939 and ran a small gas station at the corner of Hilliard and Wooster Roads in Rocky River. His mother made news when she took over the station and pumped gas after Walter joined the Air Force. Walter lost his life when his bomber was shot down over Europe during the WWII.

**Robert Humphrey:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1942. He was a mail clerk in an Army Headquarters Unit and lost his life when pressed into the front line duty during the all out effort in the Battle of the Bulge in WWII.

**William Lindsay:** was a student at Westlake High School and graduated from Western Reserve Academy in 1939. He realized his love of flying when he joined the Army Air Corps. Bill was killed in action in WWII.

**Richard Motsch:** a Westlake resident who gave his life as a U. S. Serviceman in Europe in defense of our country during WWII.

**Robert Porter:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1942. Bob lived next door to Robert Humphrey who was killed in the war. Bob Porter was killed at the front lines in Europe during WWII.

**Oliver Price:** was a student at Westlake High School and graduated from Western Reserve Academy in 1938. He was an exceptional athlete. His father was Mayor of Westlake. Oliver was an Air Force pilot whose plane was shot down in Europe during WWII.

**Frank Sarna:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1975. He enjoyed playing football and baseball for Westlake High. Frank lost his life at sea with the sinking of the Blackthorn in 1980. Frank is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Ramon Spooner:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1940. Ray's family owned the famed White Oaks Restaurant on Cahoon Road in Westlake. Ray was an Air Force Navigator; his plane was shot down in Europe during WWII.

**Raymond Stark:** graduated from Westlake High School in 1942. Ray joined the Navy and was assigned to a Navy LST. He lost his life when the ship was involved in a disaster enroute to its assigned theatre of operation in WWII.

**Walter Weston:** graduated Westlake High School in 1941. He was the son of Charles Weston, local nurseryman and Westlake Board of Education Clerk and Treasurer. Walter was an Air Force Meteorologist. He was killed when shot down in the China-Burma Theatre during WWII.

**Leonard Wilbert:** graduated Westlake High School in 1938. He was a Golden Gloves boxing athlete before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He gave his life in the front lines in Europe in WWII. Len was the brother of Captain Wilbert a long time member of the Westlake Police Department.

**Elmer Woehrmann:** was a Westlake resident and member of Messiah Lutheran Church of Fairview Park. Elmer lost his life while in the military during WWII.

## Civil War (1861-1865)

*Note: The City of Westlake was known as Dover during this period*

**Melvin B. Cousin:** was a private in the Ohio 42nd Infantry. He enlisted on Oct. 10, 1861 at the age of 22. Melvin died at home in Dover while on sick leave from service-connected illness, Feb. 28, 1862.

**Martin Lilly:** joined the Ohio 42nd Infantry on Oct. 10, 1861 at the age of 20 years. Martin was killed in action at Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi together with 1,776 fellow Union Troops on Dec. 29, 1862.

**John A. Clague:** volunteered in the 60th Ohio Infantry on March 14, 1864 at the age of 22. John stated his occupation as a farmer. John died in Haddington, PA. U.S. Army Hospital Aug. 12, 1864 from a service connected illness. His burial is in Glenwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA Sec g Row 5 No. 29; his next of kin was listed as a sister Victoria Clague.

**Daniel E. Dailey:** enlisted in the 103rd OVI Company "G" August 22, 1862 at the age of 21. He was a Dover farmer. Daniel died in Lexington, KY. General Hospital from a service connected illness Nov. 10, 1862. Daniel is buried in Lexington, KY.

**Ansel Jordan:** joined the Ohio Infantry, Co. G 103 Regiment Aug. 19, 1862 at the age of 24. He was a farmer in Dover. Ansel was captured by Confederate Soldiers at Dandridge, TN and sent to Richmond VA. as a prisoner of war. He was transferred to Andersonville, GA Hospital where he died in the hands of his captors on Sept. 20, 1864.

**Sanford Phinney:** was a Private in Company "E" of the 42nd OVI. He was in the Battle of Middle Creek in Chickasaw Bayou and the Arkansas Campaign. He died in Dover Ohio on Sept 25, 1862 of a service-connected illness.

**Michael Wolf:** joined Company "H" of the 124th OVI Dec. 23, 1862 at the age of 20 years. He mustered out on July 9, 1865 after his 3-year enlistment.

**Sherman Sperry:** was a Dover farmer when he enlisted in Company "F" 124th Regiment OVI Sept 1862 at the age of 18 years. Sherman was hospitalized in Nashville, TN with a service connected illness and died there April 1863.

**Christopher Drimmick:** was a Private in Company "E" 42nd OVI at 20 years of age Oct. 10, 1861. Christopher died of wounds suffered in the Battle of Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi March 18, 1863. He is buried in Mississippi River Cemetery.

**Olonso Grant:** was a Sergeant in the 6th Ohio Volunteer Calvary, Company "D". He was 26 years of age when he enlisted on Nov. 5, 1861. Olonso died May 30, 1863 at Potomac Creek, Virginia.

**Charles O'Brien:** enlisted in the 42nd Regiment Ohio Infantry Oct. 1861 at 20 years of age. Charles was wounded at Camp Patton, KY., and died there May 18, 1862.

**The community and the Kiwanis Club of Westlake would like to offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to William E. Sifritt, Lt. Governor Emeritus of Kiwanis and Edmund W. Geiger Retired Chief Westlake Fire Department 1959-1989 for obtaining, maintaining and assembling the materials for this Memorial Tribute.**

**Copies of these Soldiers Records were obtained from the National Archives Trust Fund Board in Atlanta, Georgia. It is their order to bring these brave men and women closer to us, and for future generations to appreciate and acknowledge.**

**These records are on file at the Westlake Porter Public Library.**

## **KIWANIS CLUB OF WESTLAKE**



**Dinner Meeting Every Tuesday (6:30pm) at  
Bucca di Beppo restaurant, Detroit Road, Westlake**

**Mailing Address: 25935 Detroit Rd., Box 179, Westlake, OH 44145**

***Our civic projects for the youths and families include:***

Proud Sponsor of the city's Memorial Day Parade, College Scholarships to graduating seniors, and support of the Westlake Assistance and Service programs at Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

***Our sponsorships also include:*** Ronald McDonald House, Special Olympics, Westlake Marching Band, WHBS TV.

***Our sponsored youth programs are:*** Westlake High "Key Club", Lee Burneson Middle School "Builders Club," and "Aktion Club" for the developmental and physically challenged community.

### **Parade Participants**

Westlake Police Department Color Guard  
Westlake Police Dare Vehicle  
American Legion Post 385  
Westlake Kiwanis Club  
Burneson Kiwanis Builders Club  
Westlake High School Key Club  
Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club  
Honorable Mayor Dennis M. Clough  
Westlake City Council  
Westlake School Board  
Mr. Westlake 2013-2014 Rick Grane  
Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Cub Scouts  
Indian Guides and Indian Princesses  
Westlake Fine Arts Council  
Royal Cadets  
Westlake Baseball League  
Westlake Girls Softball League  
Clague Theatre  
Westlake Soccer League  
Westlake Historical Society  
Westlake Fire Department  
Special Olympics  
Jenkins Antique and Milestone Automobiles  
Porter Library  
Westlake High School Marching Band  
James Goodwin Float  
Clown, Len Lieber

### **Honorable Mayor**

Dennis M. Clough

### **State Representative Ohio District 16**

Nan Baker

### **Cuyahoga County Council District 1**

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Michael O'Donnell, Ward 4  
Ken Brady, Ward 5  
Mark R. Getsay, Ward 6

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Westlake High School Band  
Westlake Church of Christ, Rev. Jim Yost

### **NOTE:**

The names on  
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