

2022 ASHTABULA COUNTY FAIR VETERANS APPRECIATION CEREMONY



T-51 MUSTANG FLYOVER

Performed by John Williams of Titan Aircraft



Thomas J. Lucas Jr.



Oh say, can you see
By the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
At the twilight's last gleaming?

Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watched
Were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare
The bombs bursting in air
Gave proof through the night
That our flag was still there

Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave

O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave?

Flag Raisers: Catarina Powlish; Luke Stevens; Zachary Lewis; Cohen Bidwell



The Young Marines

Color Guard: Nathan Dickinson; Autumn Hostetler; Nathaniel Hostetler; Dysin Jerina

Luke Sawicki



Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Missing Man presented by Mary Sawicki





YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A TABLE TO MY RIGHT, PLACED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO ITS PURPOSE - IT IS RESERVED TO HONOR OUR MISSING COMRADES IN ARMS.

THE EMPTY PLACE REPRESENTS AMERICANS STILL MISSING FROM EACH OF THE SIX SERVICES: ARMY, MARINES, NAVY, AIR FORCE, COAST GUARD, AND SPACE FORCE. THIS HONORS CEREMONY SYMBOLIZES THAT THEY ARE WITH US, HERE IN SPIRIT.

SOME IN THIS STADIUM WERE VERY YOUNG WHEN THEY WERE SENT INTO COMBAT; HOWEVER, ALL AMERICANS SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ANSWERED OUR NATION'S CALL AND SERVED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN A SPECIAL WAY. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN THE MEANING OF THE ITEMS ON THIS SPECIAL TABLE.

THE TABLE IS ROUND - - TO SHOW OUR EVERLASTING CONCERN FOR THOSE STILL MISSING.

THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE - - SYMBOLIZING THE PURITY OF THEIR MOTIVES WHEN ANSWERING THE CALL OF DUTY.

THE SINGLE RED ROSE, DISPLAYED IN A VASE, REMINDS US OF THE LIFE OF EACH OF THE MISSING, AND THEIR LOVED ONES AND FRIENDS OF THESE AMERICANS WHO KEEP THE FAITH, AWAITING ANSWERS.

THE BURNING CANDLE AND VASE, TIED WITH A YELLOW RIBBON, SYMBOLIZE OUR CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO ACCOUNT FOR OUR MISSING.

THE SLICE OF LEMON ON THE BREAD PLATE IS TO REMIND US OF THE BITTER FATE OF THOSE CAPTURED AND MISSING IN A FOREIGN LAND.

A PINCH OF SALT SYMBOLIZES THE TEARS ENDURED BY THOSE MISSING AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO SEEK ANSWERS.

THE BIBLE REPRESENTS THE STRENGTH GAINED THROUGH FAITH TO SUSTAIN THOSE LOST FROM OUR COUNTRY, FOUNDED AS ONE NATION UNDER GOD.

THE GLASS IS INVERTED - - TO SYMBOLIZE THEIR INABILITY TO SHARE THIS EVENING'S TOAST.

THE CHAIR IS EMPTY - FOR THEY ARE NOT WITH US..... (MOMENT OF SILENCE)

Veterans Appreciation Day
Guest Speakers

Retired Army First Sergeant
Nicholas Church



Retired Army Major General
Deborah Ashenhurst



Veterans Service Commission
Director



The Veteran's Promise

I, state your name _____ do
promise to continue to preserve the discipline and values
imparted in me by the United States military.

I promise to honor the memory of our brothers and sisters
lost, both on and off the battlefield.

I promise to continue to faithfully support and defend the
Constitution of the United States against ALL ENEMIES,
foreign and domestic.

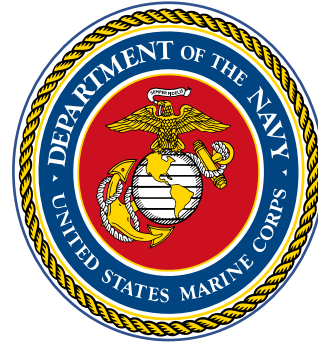
I promise to never quit and never surrender, for I am a
United States Veteran

Through this promise, I renew my commitment to the
United States of America, my family, friends, and
neighbors, so help me God!

MILITARY BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES



Carol Hoyt



Tim Dibble



Mark Baker



MILITARY BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES



Lonnie Stamper



Donald (Marti) Burnham



Guy Korvig



God Bless the U.S.A
Janna Hitchcock



If tomorrow all the things were gone, I worked for all my life. And I had to start again, With just my children and my wife. I'd thank my lucky stars To be living here today, 'Cause the flag still stands for freedom And they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, Who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you And defend Her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God Bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota, To the hills of Tennessee. Across the plains of Texas, From sea to shining sea. From Detroit down to Houston, And New York to L.A. Where's pride in every American heart, And it's time we stand and say

That I'm proud to be an American, Where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, Who gave that right to me. And I'd gladly stand up next to you, And defend Her still today. 'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land, God Bless the U.S.A.

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