

The Veteran

D E L H I T O W N S H I P V E T E R A N S A S S O C I A T I O N

VETERAN BENEFITS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT OUR FEBRUARY 12 MEETING.

- Todd Sledge from the VA Hospital will speak about veterans benefits. Open to the public. Veterans and non-veterans welcomed. The meeting is at the Delhi Community/Senior Center 647 Neeb Road and begins at 7:30pm

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M E M O R I A L D E D I C A T I O N 2 0 0 7

2007 was an extraordinary year for the DTVA and Delhi Twp. We dedicated the Wall of Honor Monument & dedicated a new park Delhi Veterans' Memorial Park. The park and monument will forever serve to honor those who served in active duty in our Military. The Wall of Honor monument has 1471 names.

THE DEDICATION ceremony was a huge success. Crowd estimates are from 600-1000 people attended the ceremony. We would like to thank the community and citizens of Delhi for their support.

Also at the ceremony were dignitaries Congressman Steve Chabot, State Representative Mecklenborg, Former State Senator Patricia Clancy, Delhi Trustee Mike Davis, Delhi Administrator Gary Schroeder, Liaison for Senator Sherrod Brown, Travis Hines, Representative for Governor Ted Strickland, Brewster Rhoades, Benediction by Paula June Anderson LCDR, CHC,

USN, Invocation by Army Captian Randy Fannin, Hamilton County Commissioner Todd Portune, Delhi Kroger Manager Amy Bauer, Taps by

Marty Dunham, Hamilton Co. Bagpipes, 13 Color Guards, Emcee was Delhi Police Chief John Coletta.

There have been people visiting the site daily to find their name or their loved one's name.

It is very touching to witness people shed a tear when that name is found. And always it seems that a hand has to touch and rub over that name.



Wall of Honor Monument in the Delhi Veterans' Memorial Park. Names can be submitted online at www.delhiveterans.com or by calling 471-8693

All involved in this memorial project feel it was well worth the hard work when seeing this touch of emotion.

At least 100 more names will be dedicated in 2008. One of those names was a KIA. **Donald Schnee**, KIA Vietnam, will also be added to the KIA Monument at the Memorial Ceremony in May.

A R T I L L E R Y G U N

ADDITION to the Park: A 3" artillery gun will be added to the park near the Wall of Honor.

The gun will be refurbished. Rust needs to be sandblasted off and then painted. A concrete slab will be constructed at the park to hold the gun.

The gun was donated to us as a permanent loan from the

Military in Blue Ash.

Thanks for a generous donation from Donald Tobler to help defray the cost of refurbishment; as well as the donated services by the Derrick Co. for the sandblasting and Delhi Automotive for donating the painting job.

Thanks also go to Delhi

Trustee Jerry Luebbers for alerting us to the gun's availability; Delhi Administrator Gary Schroeder for his tireless work in securing the gun for Delhi; Delhi Public Works Director Bruce Raabe for the transport of the gun from Blue Ash, and for the plans and installing the gun in the Veterans Park.

YOUR BOARD

Who's your Board?

Commander Don Osterfeld: Was a Navy Airman on the USS Princeton. Served 1957-1963. Vietnam Veteran. Don has been Commander of the DTVA since June 2006. Term expires in 2008. You can reach Don at 4419 Cloverhill Terrace, Cincinnati, OH 45238 921-0469

Vice Commander Henry Armstrong: Was an Army Command Sergeant Major. Served 1943-1985. WWII

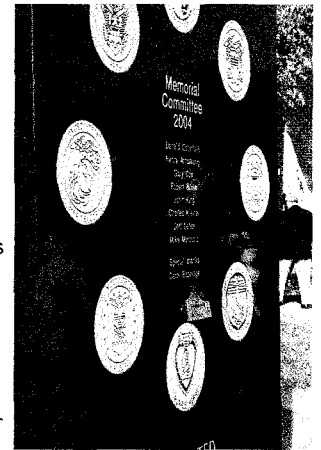
Veteran. Henry has served as Vice Commander of the DTVA since June 2006. Term expires in 2008. You can reach Henry at 5343 Pembina Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238 922-8127

Second Vice Commander Lenny Kleiner: Was an Air Force Airman 1st Class. Served 1966-1969. Vietnam Veteran. Lenny has served as 2nd Vice Commander since June 2006. Term expires in 2008. You can reach Lenny at 4142 Copperfield Ln, Cin-

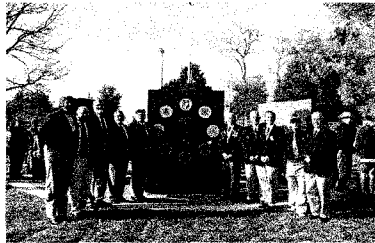
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Secretary Jeff Lefler: Is the only non-veteran of the association. Jeff's brother Cliff was KIA in Vietnam in 1969. Jeff has served as Secretary since June 2006. Term expires in 2009. You can reach Jeff at 4431 Cloverhill Terr. Cincinnati, OH 45238 471-8693

Treasurer Bob Burke was an Marine Corporal. Served 1957-1960. Cold War Veterans. Bob has served as Treasurer since June 2006. Term expires in 2009. You can reach Bob at 709 Ivyhill Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45238 922-8229.



Left: Chisholm, King, Kleiner, Cox, Armstrong, Osterfeld, Burke, Lefler, Mercurio, Morris



"Henry was an Army Command Sergeant Major and served in the in Army 1943-1985."

Trustee 1 John King: Was an Air Force Airman 1st Class. Served 1962-1965. Vietnam War Veteran. John has served as Trustee since June 26, 2006. Term expires 2008. You can reach John at 4455 Cloverhill Terr, Cincinnati, OH 45238 471-8263

Trustee 2 Gary Cox: Was a Navy 3rd Class Petty Officer. Served 1965-1969. Vietnam War Veteran Gary has served as Trustee since June 26, 2006. Term expires in 2008. You can reach Gary at 4306 Cloverhill Terr, Cincinnati, OH 45238 471-8951.

Trustee 3 Katie Chisholm: Was a Navy Chief Petty Officer. Served 1983-2004. Gulf War Veteran. Katie has served as Trustee since June 2007. Term expired in 2009. You can reach Katie at 4941 Riverwatch, Cincinnati, OH 45238 922-1552.

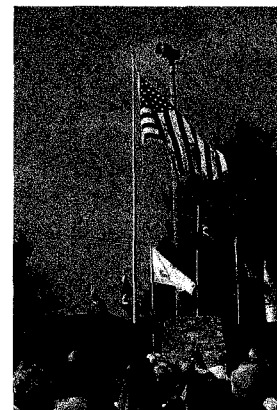
Trustee 4 Jerry Morris: Was a Marine Sergeant. Served 1964-1968. Vietnam War Veteran. Jerry has served as Trustee since June 2007. Term expires in 2009. You can reach Jerry at 5314 Teaberry Ln, Cincinnati, OH 45238 922-6949

MISCELLANEOUS

2008 ELECTIONS—not the American elections—the DTVA elections will be held on June 10. The five positions up for election are Commander, Vice Commander, 2nd Vice Commander, Trustee 1 and Trustee 2. Two year terms will begin June 26. Anyone interested to become a candidate, please contact Secretary Lefler.

NEW SIGN: There should be a new sign viewable from Neeb Road that designates the Delhi Veterans' Memorial Park. Hopefully that should be erected by Memorial Weekend.

Gold Star Family License Plate: A bill waiting for Gov. Strickland's signature that gives a special license plates to survivors of military personnel killed in a combat zone. Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, Spouses and Children of any member of the armed forces killed in a combat zone from any of the theater of wars. Ohio is the first state to list the theater of war on the license plate.



Raising of the Flag during Dedication Ceremony

CHAPLAIN AND PHOTOGRAPHER



DTVA was in need of a Chaplain. Luckily we had a good man and a well known man in Delhi that fitted the position just right. The new Chaplain has been appointed by the Board unanimously . Our new Chaplain is....drum roll please.....Al Duebber.

You best know Al as a Delhi Trustee or as owner of Duebber's Automotive Service Center and Carry Out. Al has also been a member of the DTVA since its formation. Thank you Al for accepting this position. .

Al is an Army Cold War Veteran 1969-75.

We know we have the right man for the right position

**Top: Al Duebber
Left: Jay Hepp
standing with cam-**



For those of you who don't know, the DTVA has an official photographer. That would be Jay Hepp. Jay is at all events making sure that those events and happenings are captured for posterity.

Jay and his wife Karen have donated materials and time to create a photo album of the Wall of Honor's history from ground breaking through the dedication. It was a huge and meticulous task. We owe them a big round of gratitude for this donation.

So the next time you see someone snapping photos at our events, it'll probably be Jay. Not sure, just look at his badge.

Jay is a Navy Cold War Veteran 1956-60.

DELHI KROGER

The Delhi Kroger has really been a friend to the DTVA. This is just a few things Kroger has done for the DTVA.

The Delhi Kroger has allowed us to put up a stand in front of the store to collect veteran names and collect donations. We have done this for the weekends of Independence Day and Labor Day. Kroger allowed us to have Grill Out in August. Kroger donated the buns, wieners, and beverages. For two years in a row Kroger has allowed their customers to donate at the cash registers. Kroger even matched the donation the first year. The Delhi Kroger employees held a bake sale with the proceeds going to the DTVA. Kroger also supplied all the food for our Dedication Ceremony

Big thanks go to former Delhi Kroger man-

ager Amy Bauer for all her support. Amy alerted Geoff Covert and the corporate offices of Kroger who have also been supportive in our efforts. Many thanks to the employees and managerial staff who were also supportive. And not to forget the Kroger customer who made the donations.

Amy Bauer has been transferred to the Dent Kroger store. We wish her well and we hope to continue the special relationship with the new Delhi Kroger manager Ray Brown.

The Delhi Kroger has helped raise around \$10,000 for the DTVA and that does not include the donated materials the Delhi Kroger has supplied to us.

THANK YOU-DELHI KROGER!

"The Delhi Kroger has helped raise around \$10,000"



**Top: Kroger sign
Middle: Gary Cox at Kroger Labor Day
Bottom: Crowd at Dedication Ceremony**

IDEAS NEEDED & MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

We could use a few ideas for fundraising and membership events. Funds will be needed to add more veteran names to the Wall of Honor; as well as maintenance and incidentals to the Veterans' Park. We also need funds for membership events.

On the subject of membership events. Let us know what you would like the membership to do. Would you like field trips? Membership dances? More Speakers? Programs to reach out to the troops?

Of course to do any these events, we need funds. So put your thinking caps on and let the Board know what ideas you have!

Would you like to show your DTVA colors! We have Caps, Shirts, Challenge Coins and the DVD of the Dedication Ceremony.

- Caps are just \$10 (\$12 if shipped)
- Shirts are \$20 (\$22 if shipped)
- Challenge Coins \$10 (\$1 if shipped)
- DVD of Dedication Ceremony \$15
- Members \$20 Non-Members add \$5 for shipping

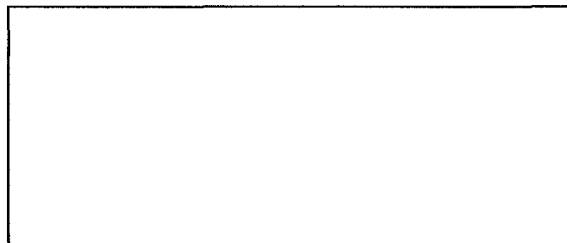
To place Orders call 921-0469 or 251-6940 or Go online and order online. To avoid shipping cost, pick your order up at our General Meetings .

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MEETINGS DATES

Our meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of every month at the Delhi Community/Senior Center on Neeb Road. Meetings begin at 7:30.

Meeting Dates for 2008

January 8	July 8
February 12	August 12
March 11	September 9
April 8	October 14
May 13	November 11
June 10	December 9

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Dedication Ceremony 2007