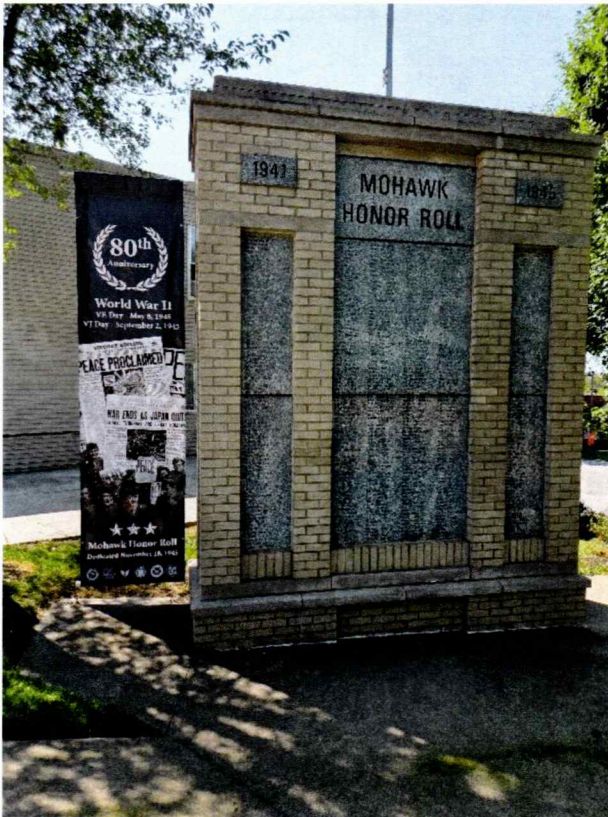


A Celebration

***80th Anniversary of the end of WWII
VE Day – May 8, 1945
VJ Day – September 2, 1945***

***80th Anniversary of the Dedication
of the
Mohawk Honor Roll Memorial
November 18, 1945***



Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm

Veterans Service 11/09/25

Pre-Ceremony Music Queen City Sisters
Laney McCormick, Julie Wartner & Melanie Woodruff

Master of Ceremony
Michael Wolber, CW04 USN Retired
Son of Honoree, John F. Wolber

Invocation CH (COL) Randy Fannin
US Army Reserve, Retired

Posting of Colors
The Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard
Cincinnati Chapter
Sons of the American Revolution

Pledge of Allegiance Audience Member

National Anthem Queen City Sisters

Speaker Dr. Jeff Zalar
UC, Associate Professor of History

Mohawk Memorial News Johanna Meng

Wreath Ceremony Audience Member

Reading of the Fallen 10 Names plus One
Michael Wolber

Taps Queen City Sisters and
Beth Fischer, Bugles Across America

God Bless America Queen City Sisters

Retiring the Colors SAR Color Guard

Benediction CH (COL) Randy Fannin

Post Ceremony Music

Queen City Sisters

Event Chairpersons

Johanna Meng, *Daughter of Honoree*
Paul Collett, Veteran, *Son-In-Law of Honoree*

About our Program Participants

Speaker: Dr. Jeff Zalar, UC Associate Professor

Dr. Jeff Zalar served in the United States Marine Corps from 1987–91. He is a veteran of Operation “Just Cause” in Panama in 1989–90 and the Gulf War in Kuwait in 1990–91. He is now Associate Professor of Modern German and European History at the University of Cincinnati. Every other year since arriving at UC in 2012, he has taken students enrolled in his course on the Second World War to museums and battle sites in the United Kingdom and France, including Omaha Beach on the Normandy Coast. He lives in Mount Washington, where he is a member of American Legion Post #484.

Music: Queen City Sisters



A part of our Veterans Day Programs since 2019! The Queen City Sisters are an a cappella women's trio that dazzles audiences with their tight harmony arrangements of songs from the 1930s through the 1950s. The group was formed in 2013 based on the desire to bring a touch of old Hollywood glamour to Cincinnati. They are employed to sing on the Cincinnati Dinner train. Jackie Stevens (soloist and Queen City Sister) relocated earlier this summer to San Antonio, Texas to be closer to family. She has been a part of our programs since 2013. We wish her well!

Some Notes...on the today's Music

Alexander's Ragtime Band is a Tin Pan Alley song by composer Irving Berlin released in 1911. It was featured in the 1943 film *Stage Door Canteen*, contributing to its WWII popularity.

I'll Be Seeing You, published in 1938, music by Sammy Fain & lyrics by Irving Kahal.

Sentimental Journey, published in 1944, the music was written by Les Brown and Ben Homer and the lyrics by Bud Green. Doris Day recorded it for Columbia Records in 1944.

Comin in on a Wing and a Prayer, published in 1943, music by Jimmy McHugh and lyrics by Harold Adamson. The song is the origin of the English idiomatic phrase "a wing and a prayer", which alludes to reliance on hope in a desperate situation.

Accentuate the Positive, a 1944 song by Harold Arlen and Johnny Mercer.

Chaplain: Col. Randy Fannin, Retired

Rev. Randy Fannin is a retired ordained Christian minister and a Board-Certified Chaplain with the Association of Professional Chaplains. In service, Chaplain Fannin was deployed as the US Army Chaplain supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom (2004-2005) and Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan (2008-2009). In March, 2024 he assumed command of the Southwest Ohio Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Memorial Team. The SW Ohio VFW Memorial Team is one of Greater Cincinnati's most in-demand honor guards providing military honors for deceased veterans. Randy and his wife Karen live in Loveland. They have three married children and ten grandchildren.

Color Guard:



The Nolan Carson Memorial Color Guard Of the Cincinnati Chapter Of the Sons of the American Revolution

The Cincinnati Chapter's Ceremonial and Historical Unit consists of 15 plus members of the Cincinnati Chapter-Sons of the American Revolution, outfitted with Revolutionary War era uniforms, muskets, and accoutrements.

Bugler: Beth Fischer, Bugles Across America



Beth Fischer has been a part of the Mohawk Honor Roll's Veterans Day Service since 2016.

Beth is a granddaughter of a WWII Army Veteran and POW. The

daughter of a Korean War Navy Veteran and a sister of a Desert Storm, Air Force Veteran. She is humbled and honored to give back to the Veterans of our community who sacrificed so much for our freedom as a civilian volunteer for Bugles Across America.

Important Program Supporters to Thank

Mike Wolber, Master of Ceremonies for 12 years.

Charles & Tammy Barnett,

Owners & Caregivers of the Mohawk Honor
National Flag Company.

Brad Collett, Paul Collett & Johanna, Banner designers.

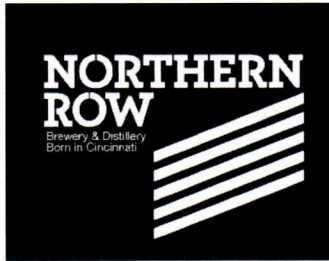
Johanna Meng, Veterans Day Program booklet.

Important Program Supporters to Thank

Karen Feichtner, Home Baker.

John Walter & Officer Chip Todd, chairs/barricades.

City Church OTR, Michelle Santora, loaning us chairs.



A great big Thank You goes to Northern Row Brewery & Distillery for being our rain/snow/sleet site and for hosting our reception with a delicious menu! Josh Lively, Joe Maas and Dave Berger.



A special Thank You goes to Decal Impressions our banner supplier.



Hamilton County Veterans Commission

The donation we received in 2024 was used to fund some of last year's and this year's program. In our proposal we included the following project.

A Special Project

Getting to know more about the Mohawk Honor Roll's Veterans

Our researcher, Monica Williams-Mitchell a librarian who has done family research for over 40 years. She has a special interest in Cincinnati and in World War II. Although not from the Mohawk neighborhood, her grandfather served as a Captain in the U.S. Army in both the European and Pacific theaters during WWII.

We asked her to gather and summarize basic information about the 608 Men and Women on the Mohawk Memorial.

The information we assembled comes primarily from draft registration records, muster rolls, death records, and newspaper articles from the 1940's. Occasionally city directories, census records, immigration records and other sources were also consulted. For some service members, despite our best efforts, no information has come to light.

Question:

When were the Honorees of the Memorial born?

<u>Decade</u>	<u># of Vets</u>
before 1900	7
1901-1910	70
1911-1920	260
1921-1928	219
unknown	<u>52</u>
	608

<u>Birth</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>Age in</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>Age in</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u># of</u>	<u>Age in</u>
<u>Year</u>	<u>Vets</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Vets</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Vets</u>	<u>1942</u>
1901	5	41	1911	17	31	1921	39	21
1902	4	40	1912	19	30	1922	38	20
1903	2	39	1913	17	29	1923	36	19
1904	3	38	1914	24	28	1924	31	18
1905	4	37	1915	20	27	1925	25	17
1906	8	36	1916	19	26	1926	36	16
1907	9	35	1917	38	25	1927	13	15
1908	16	34	1918	23	24	1928	1	14
1909	7	33	1919	38	23			
1910	<u>12</u>	32	1920	<u>45</u>	22			
	70			260			219	

Note: 1942 was the peak enlistment year.

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Mohawk Honor Roll - Summary of Honorees Birthplaces

<u>Birth Place</u>	<u># of Vets</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u># of Vets</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u># of Vets</u>
Cincinnati	361	Alabama	1	Germany	2
Rest of Ohio	<u>53</u>	Connecticut	1	Italy	2
Total Ohio	414	Iowa	1	Philippines	1
		Maryland	1	Romania	2
Kentucky	71	Montana	1	Yugoslavia	1
Tennessee	14	New Jersey	1		
West Virginia	6	New York	1	Birthplaces	
Indiana	5	Oklahoma	1	Unknown	60
Kansas	4	Oregon	1		
Michigan	4	Pennsylvania	1		
Virginia	4	Rhode Island	1	Total	<u>608</u>
Illinois	2	South Carolina	1		
Missouri	2	Washington	1		
		Wisconsin	1		

Mohawk Foundation

Your continued support is vital to the upkeep and continued improvements of the Memorial; the ability to hold Veterans Day Services each year where the professional program participants received stipends; the printing of programs and signage.

Donate to: Mohawk Memorial Foundation:

c/o Paul Collet 9530 Benchmark Ln. Cincy, OH 45242

Email: annah.meng@gmail.com & paulecollett@hotmail.co

As a result of this research effort, one more Mohawk Honoree, Millard L. Marrs was found to have died in service to our country. The Mohawk Committee will act to honor him by adding a gold star to his name on the Memorial.



Millard L. Marrs
Air Corps

★ Millard L. Marrs

Sgt. Millard Marrs was inducted into service in October 20, 1942, receiving his training at Lowry Field, Colorado, and Fort Meyers Florida. He was sent overseas as a machine gunner in the Air Corps in March 1945.

Sgt. Marrs was born in Bristol, Washington County, Virginia on January 21, 1921. He graduated from Fairmount High School (Indiana) in 1941 and was employed, prior to his induction, by Joe W. Payne, as an interior decorator.

On July 19, 1945 in The Fairmount News (Fairmount, Indiana) the family receives word that Sgt. Millard L. Marrs, reported missing over Germany since April 12, 1945 has been listed as killed in action on that date. Sgt. Marrs survived by his wife Jane, son Robert, age three and a daughter, Judy, age eighteen months. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marrs of Cincinnati, Ohio. Eight brothers, two sisters: Sgt. William Marrs, an aviation engineer in Germany; Cpl. John P. Marrs recently discharged after serving five years in the Army; Cpl. Robert B. Marrs, with the Air Force in Homestead, Florida; Francis, in Gary, Indiana; Georgia Ann, Buddy, Charles, Harry, Donald and Joseph at home.

★ **Millard L. Marrs**

On May 8, 1949, in a Cincinnati Enquirer article, thirty bodies of WWII heroes from Europe aboard US Army transport Haiti Victory are being returned to the United States. Of the thirty heroes returned; twenty-one men were from Hamilton County and the other nine were from Northern Kentucky. Sgt. Marrs was among those returned. On Thursday, **June 23, 1949** in the Fairmount News (Fairmount, Indiana). Sgt. Millard L. Marrs funeral was to be held on Sunday, June 26, 1949 at the Fairmount Methodist Church with military rites.

Sources: The Cincinnati Post, Sept 26, 1944 (photo); The Fairmount News (Fairmount, Indiana), July 19, 1945 & June 23, 1949. The Cincinnati Enquirer, May 8, 1949.

Summary of the Mohawk Honor Roll's Fallen in Service **Veteran and their resting Place**

Ervin Anderson

Buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Gilbert Cooper Jr.

On Wall of the Missing, Manila American Cemetery Taguig City, Philippines.

William N. Dollenmeyer

Buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands.

Russell Halm

Buried in the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium.

Melvin A. Hickman

In 1950, St. Mary's Cemetery, St. Bernard, Ohio.

Joseph L. Huber

On the Tablets of the Missing (Court 3)

National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii.

John L. Kaminsky

On the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial in New York City.

Robert J. Mullaney

Buried in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii

Ray W. Shottinger (on Fallen 10 Plaque as Roy W. Schottinger)

Buried in the Brittany American Cemetery in Montjoie Saint Martin, France.

John Thurneck

Buried in the North Africa American Cemetery in Tunis, Tunisia.

Millard L. Marrs

In 1949, Park Cemetery, Fairmount, Indiana.

In Memory of Those Who Did Not Return

1941



1945

**They Gave Their Lives in World War II
“Rest To Their Ashes-Peace To Their Souls”**

In Honor and Memory of the “Fallen 10”

We keep the stories of the Fallen 10, before us.

As you read their stories, edited from previous programs.

Please note: Where they died, yes across the World!

The listing of their family members and

The list of siblings who are also serving.



Ervin Anderson

Private Ervin Anderson, 27 of the Fifth Marine Division, husband of Mrs. Mabel Anderson, father of Darlene, aged 2 and son of Lafe Anderson was killed in action on Iwo Jima March 2nd 1945. Private Anderson is buried in the Honolulu Memorial Cemetery in Hawaii.

(Cincinnati Post, May 30, 1945 & WWII Memorial.com)

Ervin Anderson's name has been added to main Honor Roll on the last plaque.



Gilbert Cooper Jr.

Staff Sergeant Gilbert V. Cooper Jr. died July 9th 1944. His unit was the 389th Bomber Squadron, 312 Bomber Group, Light. He is considered Missing in Action and is memorialized on the Wall of the Missing, at the Manila American Cemetery in Taguig City, Philippines.

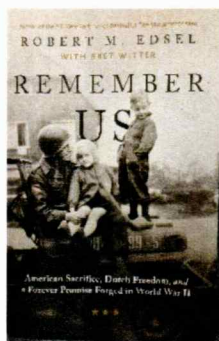
(Cincinnati Enquirer, August 30, 1944 and www.abmc.gov.)

In Honor and Memory of the “Fallen 10”



William N. Dollenmeyer

T/Sgt. William M. Dollenmeyer, 30, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Dollenmeyer was killed in Germany on April 7th, 1945. He was an infantryman. Two brothers are in service, Henry with the Navy in Norfolk, Virginia and Joseph, with the Army in Texas. T/Sgt. Dollenmeyer is buried in the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten, Netherlands. (Note: Joseph Dollenmeyer is listed on the Honor Roll) (Cincinnati Post, April 25, 1945 & www.abmc.gov)



The author of the book, Remember Us, Robert Edsel has a website for and process for introducing the Dutch families tending the graves of the Americans buried in the Netherlands to the soldier's families. I have confirmed that William Dollenmeyer's grave has been adopted by a Dutch family.



Russell Halm

Corporal Russell L Halm, 22 a tank corpsman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Irwin Halm was killed in France January 17th 1945. He previously had been reported missing. Besides his parents, a brother, Wilmer Halm and a sister Mrs. Bernice Kuhlman, both Cincinnati residents, survive him. He is buried in the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Belgium. (Cincinnati Enquirer June 2, 1945 & www.abmc.gov)

In Honor and Memory of the "Fallen 10"



Melvin A. Hickman

T/Sgt. Melvin A. Hickman, 23, husband of Mrs. Mildred Hickman and son of Walter Hickman is presumed by the War Department to be dead. A fortress engineer-gunner, he had been listed as missing over Holland since March 6, 1944. He was buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in St. Bernard on April 4th, 1950.

(Cincinnati Enquirer, March 16th 1945 & www.fold3.com)

Of the "Fallen 10" only Melvin Hickman is buried in Cincinnati. Flowers are placed on his grave on Memorial Day & Veterans Day from the Mohawk Honor Roll Committee.



Joseph L. Huber

Seaman, First Class, Joseph Louis Huber was killed in action in a Japanese suicide plane raid on the destroyer USS Callaghan in July, 1945 (the last Destroyer sunk by kamikaze aircraft in WWII). His widow Mrs. Anna Huber has been informed. He was the father of William Joseph, 4 and Jo Ann 8. Seaman Huber had been reported missing in action. Mrs. Huber, formerly of Hamilton, Ohio has three brothers and a brother-in-law in the service. Seaman Huber is memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing (Court 3) at the Honolulu Memorial Cemetery in Hawaii.

(Note: his brother, Thomas Huber, Jr. is on the Honor Roll)
(Cincinnati Times Star, October 10, 1945 &

www.abmc.com)

In Honor and Memory of the "Fallen 10"



John L. Kaminsky

John Lawrence Kaminsky, 30 Radarman Third Class, who was reported missing in action August 7, 1943 now is known to have lost his life in the sinking of the USS Plymouth, Navy gunboat, off the coast of North Carolina Aug 5th 1943. The Navy Department reported his death to his wife, Mrs. Ann Kaminsky. Radarman Kaminsky was the father of three children, Janice 8; Billy, 7 and Ann Louise 4. His mother, Mrs. Catherine Kaminsky, lives in Columbus, Ohio. Radarman Kaminsky is listed on the Tablets of the Missing at the East Coast Memorial in New York City. (Cincinnati Post, October 5, 1943 & www.abmc.gov)



Robert J. Mullaney

PFC Robert J. Mullaney, 23. Son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas J. Mullaney was killed in action with the Fourth Marine Division on Guam; his parents were informed by the Navy Department. In addition to his parents, Private Mullaney leaves four brothers in the service, Corporal Thomas in Army Intelligence, PFC William stationed in San Francisco; PFC Raymond just returned from service with the Marines in the Pacific, and Seaman 2nd class Leonard stationed in Honolulu. PFC Robert J. Mullaney is buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii. (Note: All 4 of Robert's brothers are on the Honor Roll) (Cincinnati Enquirer, Sept 16, 1944 & www.findagrave.com)



Ray W. Shottinger

On Memorial Roy W. Schottinger

Private First Class, Ray W. Shottinger enlisted in the army on May 17, 1943, when he was 18 as a private. He attained the rank of private first class before his death in 1944. He is survived by his father Henry and his sister, Mae Naomi. His final resting place is in the Brittany American Cemetery in Montjoie Saint Martin, France.

(www.findagrave.com- Memorial & www.abmc.gov)

In Honor and Memory of the "Fallen 10"



John Thurneck

Private John F. Thurneck, 30 son of Mrs. Anna Thurneck received official notice from the War Department of her son's death August 27th 1943, in a train accident in North Africa where he was stationed with the Army Infantry. He leaves his parents and three sisters, Hilda, Bertha and Mrs. Delores Otto. Private John Thurneck is buried at the North Africa American Cemetery Tunis, Tunisia.

(Cincinnati Post September 29, 1943 and www.abmc.gov)

The Fallen 10, Bronze Plaque was Dedicated **on May 28, 1946** **Cincinnati Enquirer**

Plaque To Be Dedicated ***By FVW Post Thursday***

A bronze memorial plaque to 10 heroes who gave their lives in World War II will be dedicated at 2 p. m. Thursday at McMicken Ave. and Ravine St. by the Mohawk Indians Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, George F. Schaeetzle, Commander, announced yesterday.

Perpetual care of the plot on which the Mohawk Honor Roll also is situated will be turned over to the post at the ceremonies. Walter C. Beier of the Mohawk Business Men's Association will make the presentation speech, and Henry Schmidt, Chairman of the Honor Roll Committee, will present the entire project to Schaeetzle.

A parade at 2:15 p. m. will include members of the post, the auxiliary post, the Allied Veterans of World War II Post, a Boy Scout troop under John Schneider, the Mohawk Business Men's Association and the Mohawk Honor Roll Committee.

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WORLD WAR TWO 1941 - 1945



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