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Public Service Announcement

The Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial, Inc. ("GCV") announced today that a formal rededication of the "Cleveland War Memorial: Fountain of Eternal Life," Veterans' Memorial Plaza (formerly "Mall A") in Cleveland, will take place on **Friday, July 25, 2014**, during the hours of **12:00 to 1:00 p.m.**

The rededication will add the names of Cuyahoga County's casualties of war from military service in Iraq and Afghanistan. There are 32 casualties, 31 men and 1 woman, that lost their lives in military service to the nation.

In addition, names of casualties from the following wars will be added to the Memorial: two from World War II, one from the Korean War, and six from the Vietnam War.

With the addition of the 41 names the Memorial will contain the names of 5,551 patriots that gave their lives in service to the nation from the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, and the War in Iraq and Afghanistan.

According to Patrick McLaughlin, GCV President, "Cuyahoga County has served the nation well, and paid a heavy price in defending America and that for which it stands."

Fifty years ago, in 1964 the "Cleveland War Memorial: Fountain of Eternal Life" was dedicated. The majestic 46-foot bronze figure, symbolizing mankind rising from the ashes of war, is recognized as Marshall Fredericks "most ambitious project" and perhaps his greatest achievement among many. In 1964, around the Fountain, bronze plaques were placed memorializing the names of Greater Cleveland war dead from World War II and the Korean War. Greater Cleveland encompasses all of Cuyahoga County.

Forty years later, in 2004 the GCVM, spearheaded by Vietnam veterans, rededicated the Memorial by adding the names of Cuyahoga County war dead from the Spanish-American War, World War I, Vietnam War, and the first few casualties of the Iraq and Afghanistan War. According to Robert Camburn, GCVM Vice President, "A total of 1,361 names were added to the Center Fountain Memorial in 2004 including 103 names from World War II and 25 from the Korean War that had not been included originally on the Memorial".

The 32 casualties of war in Iraq and Afghanistan come from these communities in Cuyahoga County:

- City of Cleveland 9
- City of Parma 5
- Chagrin Falls 2
- Garfield Heights 2
- North Royalton 2

- And 1 casualty from each of these communities
 - Bedford Heights
 - Brecksville
 - Broadview Heights
 - Brooklyn
 - Cleveland Heights
 - East Cleveland
 - Middleburg Heights

- North Olmsted
- Rocky River
- Seven Hills
- South Euclid, and
- Strongsville.

The casualties from earlier wars being added were brought to the GCVM's attention by family and friends, or continuing research into available records and public data.

The GCVM, a 501c3 charitable organization, is funding all costs associated with the rededication of the Memorial including the application of new bronze plaques as well as a refurbishment of all plaques, raised finishes, borders, stars and letters as well as the cleaning and re-painting of all existing engraved letters, sealed with gold litho. The Memorial's refurbishment was last performed at the 2004 rededication and will again be handled by Milano Monuments of Cleveland.

Those wishing to assist the GCVM in its work on behalf of those that **Gave All for Duty, Honor, and Country** can make tax deductible contributions to the GCVM and mail the contribution to 1111 Superior Avenue, Suite 1350, Cleveland, Ohio 44114-2500. According to GCVM Treasurer, Joseph Meissner, "your tax deductible donations are very much appreciated, as those represent the single source of funding for the work of the GCVM and its volunteers."

The public is invited to visit the GCVM's website, a "living memorial" honoring those men and women from Cuyahoga County who died in war-time service beginning in 1899 through the present war. [See www.ClevelandVetsMemorial.org](http://www.ClevelandVetsMemorial.org).

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