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Cuyahoga Heights Historical Archives

Kennedy House
4651 E 71st Street
Home of
Historical Committee
&
Boy Scouts



Village WWII Soldiers

Clockwise: Kenneth J. Kruzel died July 31, 1943 in the Pacific Islands; Leonard D. Bartczak died April 15, 1945 in the Battle of Okinawa; Robert F. Heinz died August 20, 1943 while training in Pensacola FL of an unknown bacterial infection; Chester T. Suchocki. Both Kenneth Kruzel & Chester Suchocki received Purple Heart Medals. Chester's was from the Battle of the Bulge.



Women & War

World War One * Propaganda Posters



Village Women Soldiers World War Two * Propaganda Posters



Village women that served in WWII
Seaman Anna Mae Bass;
Florence Bartczak



Cuyahoga Heights Historical Committee

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2015 Meetings

10 AM - Noon

April 4th

May 2nd

May Memorial Day

Open House 9 AM –1PM

August 1st

October 3rd

at

Kennedy House

4561 E. 71st Street

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Do You Know?

The Badge for Military Merit & The Purple Heart

The original Purple Heart award was instituted by George Washington in 1782 to reward troops for "unusual gallantry" and "extraordinary fidelity and essential service." The award was a purple cloth heart edged in silver braid, and was to be worn over the left breast of the uniform. Only three awards are known to have been issued, of which two are known to exist today.



Pre-WWII The Purple Heart as we know it today was reestablished in 1932 to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The original criteria for award of the Purple Heart as published in the War Department Circular No. 6 of February 22, 1932 states that the medal be awarded to anyone serving in the Army who had received combat-related injuries or had received the AEF's Meritorious Service Citation Certificate during WWI, the latter criteria harkening back to the intent of George Washington's "Badge of Military Merit".

Although this awards was retroactive to any soldier wounded from the Civil War on, eligible recipients were required to submit a formal application to the War Department for approval before the issuance of the medal. In 1942 the Army estimated that approximately 186,000 living veterans were eligible to receive a retroactive Purple Heart.

Approximately 78,000 retroactive Purple Hearts were awarded between 1932 and 1942. World War II is considered to be one of the deadliest military conflicts in the history of the world. Many people perished in the United States military as a result of this war. Similarly, many people were injured in this global war as well. As such, it is estimated that there are 964,409 World War II Purple Heart recipients.



The medal has three part honoring George Washington, his portrait, his coat of arms above the portrait & the back has the name of the 1st U. S. military medal.

The July issue is the end of WWI & the beginning of WWII. We thought Frank Hanousek was in the service during WWI but found as a Justice of the Peace he worked for the government in the filing of draft cards. The August issue will have 3 pages of village WWII soldiers pictures.

July's Sources: Barb Bartczak; Kristina Morgan; Irma Schab; 1941 CHHS Senior Class picture; www.purplehearts.net; www.archives.gov; toons-atwar.blogspot.com; www.2020site.org/medals/World-II-Purple-Heart; The Cleveland Press or The Plain Dealer

Committee News

The Historical Committee's next meeting will be August 1st from 10 AM till 12 noon. All meeting dates for this year are listed to the left. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings, or look at the displays at the Kennedy House. You can also schedule a time to visit by contacting any committee member or calling the village hall. We will e-mail or call you to set up a time.