



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
“A SALUTE TO VETERANS”
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
6:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL ANTHEM**
- 4. PRESENTATION OF COLORS**
- 5. SILENT MEDITATION**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO AGENDA**
- 7. MESSAGES FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**
- 8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL FOR FIRST READING ADOPTION UNDER SUSPENSION OF RULES**
 - a) R2011-0310: A Resolution recognizing the service and sacrifice of the military and intelligence personnel serving in the Vietnam War; recognizing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speakers: Ray Saikus and Patrick McLaughlin

- b) R2011-0311: A Resolution recognizing and expressing gratitude for the service and contributions of all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Video presentations by elected officials

- c) R2011-0312: A Resolution supporting the Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket and the efforts of the Cleveland Municipal Court and its partner agencies to address the special needs of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard who become involved with the criminal justice system in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speakers: Judge Lynn McLaughlin-Murray and Ed Ferenc

- d) R2011-0313: A Resolution recognizing the service of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students in honoring veterans by cataloguing more than 1,300 veterans' graves at All Souls Cemetery to ensure their continued proper and dignified upkeep, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Sponsors: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally

Speakers: Emily Robinson and Dave Csank

9. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Veterans Administration
- b) Cuyahoga Community College
- c) Fisher House
- d) Veterans Services Commission
- e) Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument

10. PRESENTATION OF AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

11. RETIRE COLORS/ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETINGS

COMMITTEE OF THE

WHOLE (BUDGET HEARINGS):

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2011
1:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

COMMITTEE OF THE

WHOLE (BUDGET HEARINGS):

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011
4:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

REGULAR MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011
6:00 PM / COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0310

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally	A Resolution recognizing the service and sacrifice of the military and intelligence personnel serving in the Vietnam War; recognizing March 29 as Vietnam Veterans Day in Cuyahoga County; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council is holding a Special Meeting on November 1, 2011 to honor veterans and to recognize the programs and services available for veterans in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 1973 the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam was deactivated and the last 2,500 combat troops were withdrawn from South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, thirty-seven years ago, March 29, 1974 was declared Vietnam Veterans Day by Presidential order with the support of Congress; and

WHEREAS, 58,253 members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Vietnam gave their lives between 1955 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, 153,363 members of the U.S. Armed Forces serving in Vietnam were wounded between 1955 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, 2,646 military personnel were considered Prisoners of War or Missing in Action in Vietnam and related theatres as of 1973; and

WHEREAS, 1,666 Vietnam era military personnel are as yet unaccounted for in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,594,000 active military personnel served in South Vietnam between 1955 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, approximately 3,403,000 active military personnel served in Southeast Asia between 1955 and 1975; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who served with dedication, honor, and pride during the Vietnam War, both in country and in support of those in harm's way, deserve the eternal gratitude and respect of this nation; and

WHEREAS, many Vietnam veterans continue to suffer the effects of the physical and emotional wounds connected to their service during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, in the midst of domestic social upheaval during and after the Vietnam War, the welcome that many veterans received upon returning home was not the welcome they deserved; and

WHEREAS, at this 2011 Special Meeting honoring veterans, the Council desires to ensure that the selfless sacrifice, brave service and enduring dignity of those who served during the Vietnam War is never forgotten;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council recognizes and honors Vietnam Era Veterans for their service to our country in the military during the Vietnam War and for the sacrifices they made in the pursuit of freedom worldwide.

SECTION 2. March 29, beginning in the year 2012 and every year thereafter, in perpetuity, shall be recognized as Vietnam Veterans Day in Cuyahoga County as an official day of recognition and an expression of continued gratitude for Vietnam Era Veterans.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to acknowledge the contributions made by Vietnam War Era Veterans during the month of November, a month in which we celebrate Veteran's Day. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

Journal CC004
November 1, 2011

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0311

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally	A Resolution recognizing and expressing gratitude for the service and contributions of all veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard in Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council is holding a Special Meeting on November 1, 2011 to honor veterans and to recognize the programs and services available for veterans in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard have honorably served our country and the causes of freedom and democracy both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to civilian life, our brave veterans continue to contribute to the prosperity and advancement of our county, our state and our nation as a whole in the realms of business, education, law enforcement, medicine, science and technology, governance and other public service; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County benefits from the inclusion of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard in our communities; and

WHEREAS, at this 2011 Special Meeting honoring veterans, the Council desires to acknowledge and express its gratitude for the many contributions made by veterans in Cuyahoga County, both in military service and in civilian life;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council officially recognizes and thanks all Cuyahoga County veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard, past, present and future, for their service to our country in the military and for the contributions they make to Cuyahoga County communities.

SECTION 2. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees

that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to recognize and express gratitude for the contributions made by all veterans in Cuyahoga County during the month of November, a month in which we celebrate Veterans Day. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

Journal CC004
November 1, 2011

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0312

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally</p>	<p>A Resolution supporting the Cleveland Municipal Court's Veterans Treatment Docket and the efforts of the Cleveland Municipal Court and its partner agencies to address the special needs of veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard who become involved with the criminal justice system in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council is holding a Special Meeting on November 1, 2011 to honor veterans and to recognize the programs and services available for veterans in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and National Guard may experience special issues that may contribute to their involvement in the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Municipal Court has created a Veterans Treatment Docket, one of only three in the State of Ohio, to address those special issues that veterans may face; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2011, Judge Lynn McLaughlin-Murray presided over the first cases heard on the newly created Veterans Treatment Docket; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission (VSC) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) have partnered with the Cleveland Municipal Court in supporting veterans who become involved in the criminal justice system in Cleveland and Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the Veterans Treatment Docket, the Cleveland Municipal Court has also initiated the Veterans Treatment Docket Mentoring Program to support the veteran through their readjustment to civilian life, to assist the veteran with navigation through the court, treatment, and VA systems, and to act as a friend and ally;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council recognizes and supports the mission and actions of the Cleveland Municipal Court Veterans Treatment Docket in ensuring that veterans are provided the wraparound services needed to help them readjust to civilian life.

SECTION 2. The Council recognizes and supports the mission and actions of the Cleveland Municipal Court Veterans Treatment Docket Mentoring Program; and the volunteer veteran mentors in the program who assist and guide veterans who have come into contact with the criminal justice system.

SECTION 3. The Council acknowledges the contributions of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Services Commission and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs who have partnered with the Cleveland Municipal Court to provide services and support to veterans.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to acknowledge the efforts of the Cleveland Municipal Court, the Volunteer Veteran Mentors, the VSC and the VA during the month of November, a month in which we celebrate Veterans Day. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

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November 1, 2011

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2011-0313

<p>Sponsored by: Councilmembers Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon and Connally</p>	<p>A Resolution recognizing the service of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School students in honoring veterans by cataloguing more than 1,300 veterans' graves at All Souls Cemetery to ensure their continued proper and dignified upkeep, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Council is holding a Special Meeting on November 1, 2011 to honor veterans and to recognize the programs and services available for veterans in Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, in May 2011, Villa Angela-St. Joseph (VASJ) High School students, under the direction of teacher Gary Minadeo, went to decorate veterans' graves at All Souls Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, VASJ senior Kaja Kijauskas and her classmates were moved by how many government-supplied headstones were hidden, sunken and overgrown with grass; and

WHEREAS, All Souls Cemetery agreed to better tend the graves if the VASJ students would build a catalog of veteran's headstones; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Kijauskas organized a group of VASJ students who, during the summer of 2011, volunteered their time and catalogued more than 1,300 government headstones at All Souls Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the service of these VASJ students will ensure that the tombstones and legacies of veterans buried at All Souls Cemetery will be properly honored; and

WHEREAS, at this 2011 Special Meeting honoring veterans, the Council desires to recognize these VASJ students for their exemplary service on behalf of those who served our country;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. The Council recognizes and honors the actions of VASJ students Kaja Kijauskas (2012), Amanda Gornik (2012), Carmen Johnson (2013), Jordan Walker (2013), Casey Timko (2014), Jacob DiDonato (2014), Ed Beuck (2014), Connor Gail (2014), Malia Harvey (2014), Brijae Journee (2014) and Kovas Kijauskas (2015) in ensuring the proper and dignified upkeep of veterans graves at All Souls Cemetery by voluntarily cataloguing more than 1,300 headstones; and the VASJ administration, faculty and staff for their witness and support of altruistic service to others.

SECTION 2. The Council recognizes and honors the VASJ students, administration, faculty and staff for modeling the core value of service to others.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order to acknowledge the efforts of the VASJ students during the month of November, a month in which we celebrate Veterans Day. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective upon the signature of the County Executive.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

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Clerk of Council

Date