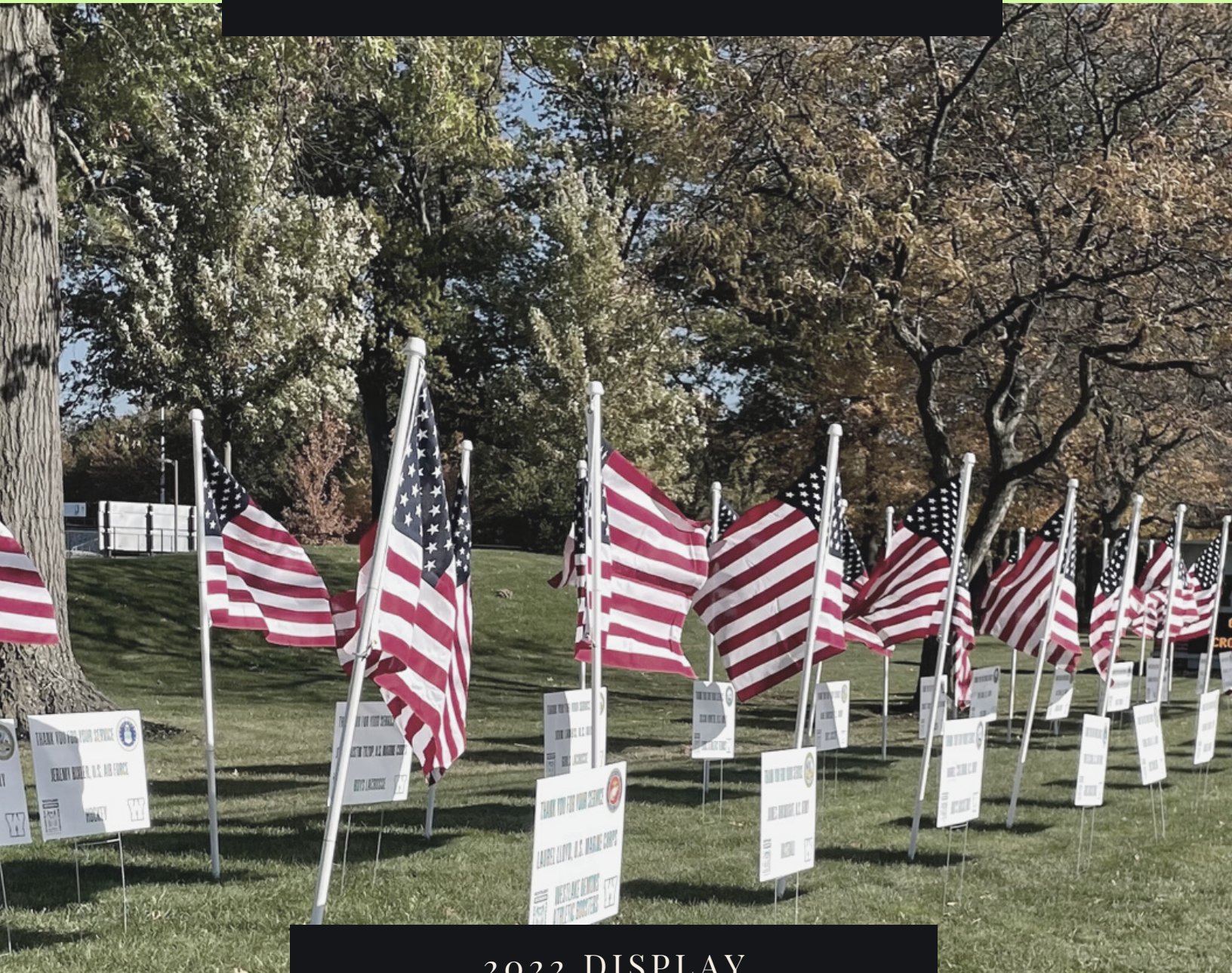


WESTLAKE DEMONS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS PROUDLY HONORS OUR

# VETERANS

RECOGNIZING THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED



2022 DISPLAY

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**Lawrence Ranallo**  
**US Marine Corps**

## **Westlake Athletic Department Honoree Lawrence Ranallo, U.S. Marine Corps**

Lawrence M. Ranallo graduated from Collinwood High School in June of 1964. Marine Corporal Lawrence (Larry) Ranallo became draft eligible on September 19, 1965 and was drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps January 6, 1966.

Larry was trained at Camp Pendleton in California. After 5 months of training, he was sent to Vietnam. Upon arrival, he was assigned to the 7th Engineer Battalion, under the combat engineers of the 1st marine division stationed North of Da Nang. He worked with several construction teams, driving a dump truck, building dirt roads leading to remote outposts, helipads to support those outposts, approach ramps for the pontoon bridges crossing rivers in the field, and driving as the lead vehicles in convoys bringing supplies to the marines up north.

Larry returned home in August 1967 and completed the remainder of the two year service at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He was discharged in January of 1968.



The Westlake Athletic Department is honored to recognize Lawrence Ranallo for his service to our country.



**Ronald R. Filkill**  
**US Air Force**



## **Westlake Demons Athletic Booster (WDAB) Honoree Ronald R. Filkill, U.S. Air Force**

### **Lieutenant Colonel, US Airforce**

Retired December 1986 (6 Years Active Duty, 24 Years Reserves)

Received the Air Force Meritorious Medal upon Retirement

Served during the Cuban Missile Crisis (1961-62)

Received the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal (1967)

Served as the Air Force Academy Liaison Office for Cleveland Area (1974 – 1980)

### **Additional Personal Information**

Westlake Resident from 1969 – Current

Married to his wife Janet for 63 years

Parents to 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls) – all WHS graduates

### **Westlake Community Service**

- Served in all staff position except Commander with VFW Post 9693 (1988 – 2021)
- Liaison Officer for Westlake for VFW Post 9693 (1992 – 2021)
- Participated in the Voice for Democracy initiative for WHS students (1988 – 1995)
- Presented Educator Recognition Awards for Westlake Teachers (1988 – 1996)
- Served as a speaker at Holly Lane Elementary School and Westlake High School for Veterans Day Recognition Programs (2000 – 2017)
- Westlake High School Demons Athletic Boosters (1978 – 1987)
- Head Coach for Little League Baseball (1971 – 1983)
- Assistant Coach for 16 – 18-year-old Baseball team to Head Coach, Mr. Westlake
- Baseball Lonnie Fay (1980 – 82)
- Head Boys Basketball Coach for YMCA (1978 – 1981)
- Assistant Coach for YMCA Swimming to Head Coach Rusty Sarge/Sage? (1974 – 77)
- Cub Scout Officer and 2-year President and Webelos Den Leader (1974 – 78)
- Westlake Elementary Flag Football Coach (1974 – 76)
- Westlake Recreation Committee Member (1979 – 1981)

The Westlake Demons Athletic Boosters is honored to recognize Mr. Filkill for his service to our country.





Tim Faska  
US Navy

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### WHS Baseball Honoree Tim Faska, U.S. Navy

Tim Faska served as a US Navy private first class on the USS Carl Vinson where he was a flight deck operator.

The baseball team is honored to recognize Tim for his service to our country.





**Glen Nelson**  
*US Marine Corp*



## **WHS Boys Basketball Honoree Glen Nelson, U.S. Marine Corps**

Glen Nelson (pictured in the center) was born in Oakland, CA on November 4th, 1986. Growing up he lived in multiple places such as South America and Houston, TX due to his father's work. In high school he played football, ice hockey, basketball and baseball and graduated in 2005.

After graduating from high school Glen attended the University Of Central Florida in Orlando, Fl. While in college Glen joined the Marine Corps Officer Selection Office which prepared him to attend Officer Candidate School. Between his junior and senior year of college he attended OCS in Quantico, VA. After his senior year of college he was commissioned a 2ndLt in the United States Marine Corps.

During his time in the Marine Corps Glen served as a Logistics Officer. Some schools he attended were The Basic School, Logistics Officer Course, and the French Language Course.

He deployed twice to Helmand Province Afghanistan where he led Marines in support of combat operations. He was promoted to the rank of Captain while on his second deployment.

In 2014 he left the Marine Corps and moved back to Orlando, Fl where he started to work at Disney and met his wife Zoe Nelson.

The boys basketball team is honored to recognize Glen Nelson for his service to our country.



**Nora Rebraca Johnson**  
**US Navy**



## **WHS Girls Basketball Honoree Nora Rebraca Johnson, U.S. Navy**

Nora Rebraca Johnson was born on August 3, 1972 in Cleveland, Ohio. Her family moved to North Olmsted and then Westlake.

She attended Parkside Middle School where she played both basketball and volleyball. She attended Westlake High School from 1987-1990 where she briefly played basketball before becoming a Debonaire and then a Demonette.

After graduating WHS in 1990, Nora enlisted in the Navy as a Radioman and worked mainly in submarine communications. She was stationed in Diego Garcia, Spain and then back in the US in Maine. It was here she was medically discharged in December of 1997.

After her time in the Navy, Nora started a career in photography where she specialized in weddings and country music events and concerts. She moved to Las Vegas in 2011 where she enjoys spending time with her mom.

The girls basketball team is honored to recognize Nora for her service to our country.





**Jerry Single**  
**US Air Force**



## **WHS Boys Bowling Honoree** **Jerry Single, U.S. Air Force**

Jerry Single graduated in 1960 from St Edward High School and enlisted in the US Air Force. He completed Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas and was admitted to Electronics and Communication Training in Biloxi, Mississippi.

In 1961, Jerry was sent to Tech Control in Honolulu, Hawaii. This was his first exposure to computers. They were large enough to walk inside! That's when he knew that this was his future.

In 1962, he volunteered for Philippines Mobile Communications and received a temporary duty assignment in Vietnam, Saigon to establish communications throughout Vietnam.

In 1964, he was assigned to Strategic Air Command Headquarters in Omaha, Nebraska as an Underground Electronics Communications Technician. He was honorably discharged later that year.

Jerry's four years in the US Air Force sent him halfway around the world and trained him for his career in technology related businesses.

Jerry is the great uncle of senior Mason Havelka and member of the boys bowling team. The boys bowling team is honored to recognize Jerry Single for his service to our country.



David Beekman  
US Army

## WHS Cheer Honoree David Beekman, U.S. Army

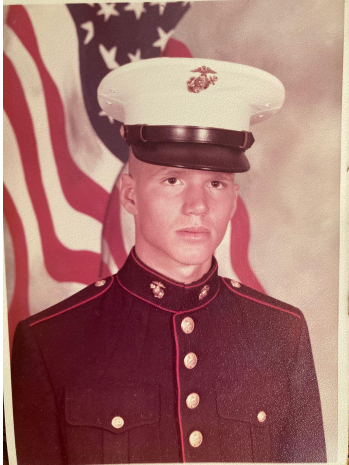
David Beekman was born June 21, 1926 in Brighton Beach, New York. He was drafted to the U.S. Army in 1944 and was a staff sergeant. During his time in the army, he fought in the Battle of the Bulge and liberated a concentration camp.

Before his departure, David's parents promised him a Torah upon his safe return. A Torah is a handwritten scroll containing all of the Jewish laws and teachings. It is written entirely in Hebrew with a quill. Of the 304, 805 letters that make up the Torah, any mistake makes the Torah unfit to use. This process of writing a Torah can take around a year, making it such a great honor to receive one.

David died in 2017 at 90 years old. He is survived by his wife, three children and 10 grand children which include four Westlake High School alumni and current cheerleading coach, Bianca Beekman.

Coach Beekman is honored to have the cheerleading team recognize David Beekman for his service to our country





**Ronald A. Filkill**  
*US Marine Corp*

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## **WHS Boys Cross Country Honoree Ronald A. Filkill**

Ronald A Filkill

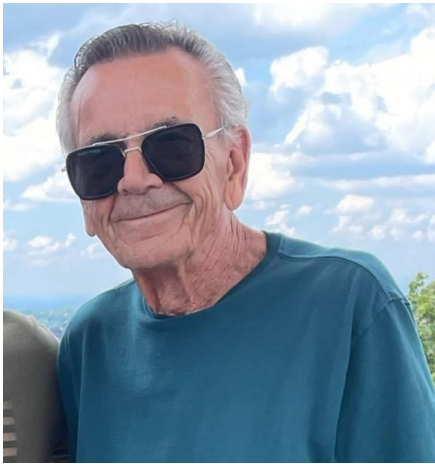
Ronald A. (Ron) Filkill is a 1978 graduate of Westlake High School. He served in the marines from 1978-1982 after graduation. He was a Lance Corporal (LCpl) and was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. Ron was a member of the Bay Village VFW

The boys cross country team is honored to recognize Ron Filkill for his service to our country.



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**William John Neff**  
**US Navy**



## **WHS Girls Cross Country Honoree** **William John Neff, U.S. Navy**

William John Neff was born on July 24, 1941 and celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday this past summer. A Cleveland area native his entire life, he graduated from Benedictine High School in 1959. He immediately entered the U.S. Navy and served from 1959-63 on the USS Growler submarine. Stationed in Pearl Harbor, Mr. Neff was deployed on many sub missions out at sea.

He married Cleveland native Charlotte Karinno on February 4, 1967 and together achieved 55 years married in 2022. Mr. Neff had a successful career as an electrician for NASA John Glenn Research Center in Brook Park for many years, and then found his calling and moved into the Vice President position of the Labor Union and represented the workers of NASA until his retirement.

After retiring, Mr. Neff was not ready to hang up his hat. In 2004, he started a successful, small, family-owned-and-operated business in Lorain with his brother Ralph Neff and daughter Angela Dudziak. Neff Brothers RV was well-known and accomplished in Northeastern Ohio.

In December of 2021, actor Mark Wahlberg and his associates bought the business out. Some of Mr. Neff's favorite memories at his business were meeting Quarterback Baker Mayfield on his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday, and when Mark Wahlberg personally called him to check up on his recovery from a slight car accident.

Circa October 2022, Mr. Neff is "officially" retired and now enjoys a good dinner out with Mrs. Neff before traveling to watch one of their many grandchildren compete in numerous sports across Northeastern Ohio, including the Lady Demon's own Aspen Neff. Her grit and weekly achievements on the outstanding Westlake Cross Country Team are what makes him so proud today.

The girls cross country team is honored to recognize William John Neff for his service to our country.

**Warren Butch Hall**  
**US Air Force**

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**WHS Football Honoree**  
**Warren Butch Hall, U.S. Airforce**



Warren Butch Hall is a veteran of the US Air Force.

The Westlake Football team is honored to recognize Warren for his service to our country.



Michael Thoms  
US Air Force

### WHS Boys Golf Honoree Michael Thoms, U.S. Air Force

Michael Thoms is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served for 6 years in the 1980's.

Michael is currently employed with the Westlake City School district where he has taught for 14 years. He lives in Wakeman with his wife, Robin, and 3 rescue dogs. Michael also enjoys spending time with his stepdaughter, Taylor.

The Boys Golf team is honored to recognize Michael Thoms for his service to our country.







**William Edmunds**  
*US Army*

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**WHS Girls Golf Honoree**  
**William Edmunds, U.S. Army**

William Edmunds served in the Army during WWII from 1943-1945.

He earned 2 Bronze Stars for his service in the war, which was given for his heroic achievement and service during combat during the war.

The girls golf team is honored to recognize William Edmunds for his service to our country.





**Carmen A. Siciliano**  
US Navy



### **WHS Gymnastics Honoree** **Carmen A. Siciliano, U.S. Navy**

Carmen Siciliano is a Vietnam War Veteran and served in the US Navy from April 1966-1970. While serving on the USS Coral Sea CVA-43 he ran the computer systems that plotted bombing missions. Carmen did two tours of duty in Vietnam, 1968-1970 and received a commendation for installing the very first material management system on the first aircraft carrier in the seventh fleet.

He attained the rank of Second Class Petty Officer E-5 and was Honorably discharged in 1970. Carmen then spent 30 years at Republic Steel/LTV Steel as the Director of Computer and Network Operations.

Carmen has been a Westlake resident for 52 years . He has two daughters and one son that are all Westlake High School graduates. He has seven grandkids total, two granddaughters that are Westlake High School Alumni, two granddaughters currently attending Westlake High School and a grandson that will be a freshman there next year.

The gymnastics team is honored to recognize Carmen for his service to our country.



**Joseph Rendziak**  
*US Marine Corps*

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### **WHS Hockey Honoree** **Joseph Rendziak, U.S. Marine Corps**

Joseph J Rendziak served in the USMC from 1963 until his honorable discharge in 1967.

He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant and was trained as a jet engine mechanic with the 2nd Marine Air Wing.

He later served with the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for four years as a helicopter crew chief.

The hockey team is honored to recognize Joseph Rendziak for his service to our country.







**Ernest Faska**  
**US Air Force**

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### **LBMS Athletics Honoree** **Ernest Faska, U.S. Air Force**

Ernest Faska is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He served in the European Theater of Operations during WWII.

Ernest retired from Marietta Corporation's Chemical Division as the Director of Purchasing. He passed away in December 2004. He was 83 years old.

The LBMS Athletic teams are honored to recognize Ernest Faska for his service to our country.





**Pat Foye**  
**US Army**

## **WHS Boys Lacrosse Honoree** **Pat Foye, U.S. Army**

Pat Foye is a Veteran of the United States Army who enlisted at the age of 17. Pat spent 3 ½ years in active duty and 20 years in the Army Reserve.

He was deployed on three different continents with service in Haiti, Bosnia, Afghanistan, Germany and Korea.

Pat retired from the Army at the age of 37 and is currently employed as a school resource officer with the Westlake Police Department

Prior to joining the Westlake PD, Pat worked for the Lakewood Police Department for 26 years, 11 years as a Detective.

The Boys Lacrosse team is honored to recognize Pat for his service to our country.





**Ron Roth**  
*US Air Force*

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### **WHS Girls Lacrosse Honoree** **Ron Roth, U.S. Air Force**

Ron served in the US Air Force from 1968-1972. He was stationed in Southeast Asia. He loaded all guns, bombs, and missiles on to aircrafts for combat missions. Upon returning home, Ron said, "I'm glad to be home! The Air Force took me all over the world."

After serving in the US Air Force, Ron worked for Highlands Trucking Company. Currently he is retired and enjoys traveling and spending time with his family

The girls lacrosse team is honored to recognize Ron for his service to our country.



Bryan Wintermantel  
US Army



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## WHS Boys Soccer Honoree Bryan Wintermantel, U.S. Army

Bryan Wintermantel is a Veteran of the U.S. Army

The boys soccer team is honored to recognize Bryan Wintermantel for his service to our country.



**Glenn Henton**  
*US Marine Corps*



## **WHS Girls Soccer Honoree** **Glenn Henton, U.S. Marine Corps**

Major Henton joined the Marine Corps in May, 1993 and attended boot camp at Parris Island. After completion of Marine Combat Training and School of Infantry he was assigned to 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. While there, he served as an O313 (LAV Crewman) and deployed with SPMAGTF to Haiti in 1994, with the 22nd MEU in 1996, and was meritoriously promoted to both Corporal and Sergeant. During this time, he was accepted to the Marine Corps Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP).

After returning from deployment, he reported to The Ohio State University to begin duty as a MECEP student. During this time, he was promoted to Staff Sergeant, completed Officer Candidate School, and graduated with a BSBA in Finance.

He was commissioned in September, 1999 and reported for assignment in Quantico. In the spring of 2001 he was assigned to 1st Marine Division, Communication Company where he served as Platoon Commander, Communication Detachment Commander for the Division Forward Command Post, and Operations Officer. During this period, he deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) I and OIF II. He was eventually promoted to Captain during this tour.

In the summer of 2004, Henton was accepted to the Special Education Program (SEP) and sent to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California. While there, Henton received a Master's of Science in Information Technology Management. In the fall of 2006, Henton was assigned to the Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity (MCTSSA) for his SEP payback. While at MCTSSA, he served in the Deployed Support Branch and deployed to Djibouti, Africa; Iraq for OIF-o8; and Afghanistan to support SPMAGTF Afghanistan. In June, 2009 he was transferred to 9th Communication Battalion. His first assignment was as Battalion Operations Officer. From January-September, 2010, he deployed to Afghanistan for OEF '10. Following the deployment to Afghanistan, he finished his tour as the Support Company Commander. During this period, he was promoted to his current rank of Major. In the summer of 2011 Major Henton was assigned to the I MEF G-6. In this assignment he served as Deputy, Operations Officer, and as the Assistant Operations Officer.

The girls soccer team is honored to recognize Glenn Henton for his service to our country.





### **WHS Softball Honoree William J. Price, U.S. Army**

Captain William J. Price is a veteran of the US Army having served in the U.S. Army under General Patton in World War II. He was often referred to as General Patton's "right hand man." He was a member of the Corps of Engineers and served all over Europe. He earned the Bronze Star and a purple heart. He was a dedicated soldier who later became the Post Commander of the Yakima Firing Center in Yakima, Washington.

Following the war he moved to Westlake with his family and remained here until his death. He served as Westlake's Building Commissioner during the housing boom and loved the community. He also coached softball. His wife was the first secretary at Bassett School and his daughter attended Westlake City Schools grades K-12. She then returned following graduation and taught in the Westlake Schools for over 30+ years. Bill Price's grandchildren and great grandchildren attended and currently attend the Westlake Schools. A very proud USA veteran!

**William Price**  
**US Army**

The Softball team is honored to recognize William Price for his service to our country.





**Thomas Telzrow**  
**US Air Force**




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### **WHS Swim & Dive Honoree** **Thomas Telzrow, U.S. Air Force**

Thomas Telzrow was a Captain in the U.S. Air Force

Thomas entered the Air Force through the ROTC program at Kent State University where he graduated in 1957. He was commissioned in May 1957 and called to active duty in September 1957. He was trained to become an air traffic controller and served as a flight facilities officer at Lincoln Air Force Base during 1958. In 1959 he served as an air traffic controller in Greenland. Tom then spent 2 years in Texas at Shepherd Air Force base where he trained junior and senior officers in air transportation.

Thomas currently resides in Westlake, Ohio.

The swim & dive team is honored to recognize Thomas Telzrow for his service to our country.



John Guercio  
US Navy

### WHS Boys Tennis Honoree John Guercio, U.S. Navy

John Guercio is a 1953 graduate of Westlake High school. After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving his country from 1953-1957.

After serving, he returned home to Westlake and married his wife Sandy. They have five children who also graduated from Westlake High school.

John was employed by the City of Westlake, serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic for 28 years, retiring in 1987. John was active in the Westlake Demons Booster Club.

He was also very active in the Westlake youth sports programs which included baseball and Westlake All Star football. John still resides in Westlake with his wife of 63 years.

The boys tennis team is honored to recognize John Guercio for his service to our country.





**Michael Nagel**  
**US Army**

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### **WHS Girls Tennis Honoree** **Mike Nagel, U.S. Army**

Mike Nagel was born January 8, 1968 in Cleveland and lived in Avon for 15 years. He graduated from Parma High School in 1986. He served in the U.S. Army from 1988 to 1990 and was stationed in Germany.

He was the Superintendent of Building Maintenance at Cleveland State University for 10 years. He was a car enthusiast and enjoyed attending car shows, loved music, and enjoyed carpentry and refinishing woodwork in homes.

Mike passed away in September, 2022. He will be remembered for his love of carpentry, his positive outlook, and his dedication to building people up. Mike was passionate about Cleveland State University and proud of the work that he and his team do to ensure that everyone has the best experience possible on the campus.

The girls tennis team is honored to recognize Mike Nagel for his service to our country.





**John Keating**  
US Army



## **WHS Boys Track & Field Honoree** **John Keating, U.S. Army**

John joined the US Army after being drafted in 1970. He served for 3 yrs from 1970-1973 as a Personnel Records Specialist, and left the service in Dec 1973 at the Rank of SP5. He served in Maryland at the HQ for the 1<sup>st</sup> US Army, and for 2 years in Germany at the HQ for the US Army Europe.

After leaving the service he got married and attended Baldwin-Wallace College and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing and Management, and also earned an MBA from Baldwin-Wallace in 1983. He has worked for several large corporations, and several small companies during the course of his career, usually in a sales and marketing capacity. He and his wife of 47 years live in Westlake, OH. They have 3 children, and 4 grandchildren. All three of their children graduated from Westlake High School.

After he retired he got involved with several Veteran organizations in Northeast Ohio. In 2017 he started as a volunteer for an organization called Purple Heart Homes. Their mission is to help aging and disabled veterans by making necessary home repairs/improvements so they can remain living safely in their own home. He is the current President of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of Purple Heart Homes. Since 2017 they have completed 33 projects for 27 Northeast Ohio Veterans, totaling over \$400,000 of repairs.

The boys track and field team is honored to recognize John Keating for his service to our country.





**Michael Johnson**  
US Army

### **WHS Girls Track & Field Honoree Michael Johnson, U.S. Army**

1SG Michael Johnson  
Ohio Military Reserve  
US Army Reserve/ Army National Guard

Michael Johnson is a Cleveland native who enlisted at age 17 as a U.S. Army Combat Engineer\Sapper.

Most recently, Michael was honored to serve with Westlake residents, Captain Matthew Eck(OH Air Force NG) and Major Jason Dancy (OH Army NG) as members of Joint Taskforce Magnus during the Covid 19 Pandemic Campaign.

The girls track and field team is honored to recognize Michael Johnson for his service to our country.





**Anthony Bucco**  
**US Navy**



## **WHS Volleyball Honoree** **Anthony Bucco, U.S. Navy**

1st Class Gunner's Mate

Anthony W. Bucco (GM 1 Bucco), served 20 years with the US Navy. GM1 Bucco served in the following operations: Desert Storm, Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Noble Eagle, and New Dawn.

GM1 Bucco was part of the Navy's Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces (MESF). MESF's primary goal is to provide anti-terrorism defense for American assets around the globe using well-trained and highly mobile security forces. Maritime Expeditionary Security Forces operate a shore and at sea and in the waters and harbors. The primary focus of MESF is to conduct maritime security operations across all phases of military operations by providing port and harbor security, and high value asset security inland, on coastal waterway and a shore.

GM1 Bucco was deployed around the world in support of both military and humanitarian security operations. Most notably, GM1's mission to Iraq where his 12-man security team received the Bronze Star medal for their bravery and excellence during 47 combat missions in hostile territories during their 12-month civil affairs deployment.

GM1 Bucco served with distinction until May 2017 when he retired from the US Navy after being selected for Chief Gunner's Mate.

The girls volleyball team is honored to recognize Anthony Bucco for his service to our country.



**Jon Gallagher**  
**US Marine Corps**



## **WHS Wrestling Honoree** **Jon Gallagher., U.S. Marine Corps**

Jon Gallagher was a Staff Sgt in the US Marine Corps and served from November 21, 1983 to June 1997 in both active and reserve status. He served as an Infantry Marine at Camp LeJeune North Carolina & 29 Palms California.

Jon's career included serving as a squad Leader, Platoon Sgt., Company Nuclear Biological Chemical Defense and specialist, S-3 Assistant Operations Chief and Battalion Career Planner. He also trained with the British Royal Marines and Norwegian Mountaineer Unit in Norway. He completed winter survival training in Bridgeport California high rockies and trained in nordic skiing while in Norway.

Jon served in special joint operations with the Drug Enforcement Agency and Border Patrol, both in El Paso, Texas and New Mexico borders to Mexico.

Jon currently resides in Westlake, Ohio and is dad to two daughters; one recent graduate of Westlake High School and another who is currently a senior.

The wrestling team is honored to recognize Jon Gallagher for his service to our country.