

Medina Township 6th Annual Flag Day Celebration



Medina Townships 6th Annual Flag Day Observance was held Saturday, June 14th, 2014 4:00 PM at Blakslee Park. Mike Carlson honored us as Key Note Speaker and gave a beautiful, heartfelt speech. VFW Post 5137 Honor Guard presented the colors, as they have done in 5 out of the 6 years this event has been in the Township. We were fortunate to have beautiful weather to celebrate our Flag Day Observance.

Article from Gazette –

A dozen township firefighters were honored for saving three lives last month. Medina Township fire Cap. Mark Roberts and Lt. Scott Vargo presented the lifesaving awards Saturday at Medina Township's annual Flag Day ceremony. Roberts awarded firefighters Mark Radice, Sean Kavlick, Daniel Gazzo and Alex Elioff. Firefighters Chris Shuster, Mike Stopa, Michael Pieowiak, Mike Zevchek, Katherine Holland and Jason Smith received Certificates of Commendations. Three other township firefighters — Brian Mummert, Bobby Keister and Mark Radice received lifesaving awards after resuscitating a man who went into cardiac arrest while driving his car through a Home Depot parking lot on May 4.

Members of the Medina County Honor Guard give the 21-gun salute during the annual Flag Day service in Medina Township. The township retired the flag that flies outside of the maintenance garage on Weymouth Road.

More than 75 residents, emergency workers, Boy Scouts and public officials attended the ceremony on Saturday afternoon at Blakeslee Park. Ohio House Speaker Bill Batchelder presented three elementary school children with commendations from his office for their essays about what the American flag means to them.

The first place winner, Alexandria Henry from Northrop Elementary School, wrote about how the flag means loyalty, freedom and justice. Henry was presented a \$100 savings bond while second place winner, Rachel Smith from Blake Elementary School, was awarded a \$50 savings bond, while third place winner, Reece Lloyd was given a \$25 dollar savings bond.

The winner of the annual Flag Day design contest was township resident Donald Fisher, who donated his \$50 savings bond award to the townships Shop With a Cop program.

This event has been held annually for six years. At the end of the ceremony, the flag that flies outside the maintenance building was retired by Boy Scout Troop 462.

After the ceremonies, residents celebrated the 239th birthday of the U.S. Army with a cake cutting and participated in an exhibition softball game where proceeds went to the township's Shop with a Cop program.

“The flag represents everything that is good about us,” Mike Carlson of Carlson Funeral Home said in his keynote address.

“I would suggest that the next time you look at the flag that you are actually looking at us.”