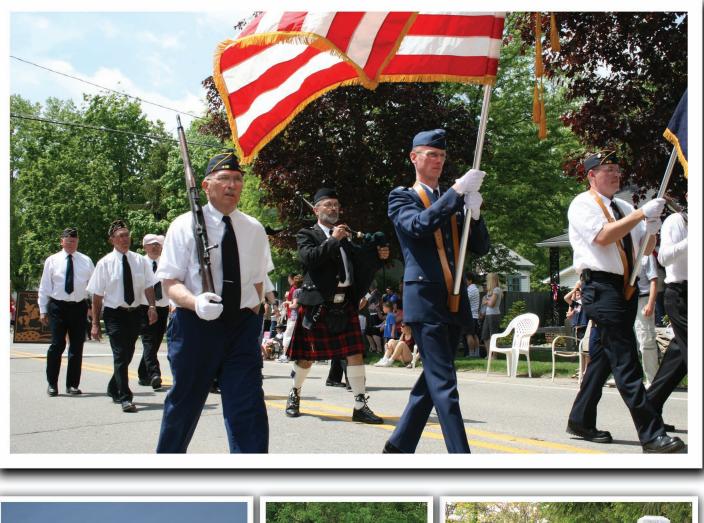
74th Annual Memorial Day Celebration Honoring Those Who Serve Past and Present





Monday, May 25, 2009 Grand Marshal Jerome Begoske

Compliments of Hartland Area Community Council - P.O. Box 113, Hartland, MI 48353

This year Hartland is proud to present the Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade 2009 Jerome Begoske

The Grand Marshal for the 2009 Memorial Day Parade is Jerome Begoske. Jerome started the Hartland Area Youth Athletic Association over thirty years ago. He had a vision for the youth in the Hartland Area, which has affected so many of the children who enjoy playing sports. He wanted to reorganize the baseball little league for his seven children and area youth when he moved here from Farmington Hills.

He got together with area residents, friends, and farmers to plow the fields, put up backstops, buy the baseball players' uniforms, have umpires, and name the organization Hartland Area Youth Athletic Association (H.A.Y.A.A.). He held the position of president for many years.



Jerome and his wife, the late Joan M. Begoske would buy candy, pop and refreshments to sell out of the back of their station wagon during the games.



There have been many changes, additions, and improvements, and all who have been a part should be proud of their service to the community. Several sports have been added through the years including baseball, basketball, football and cheerleading. Jerome's family also moved back into Hartland, and his grandchildren have been involved in H.A.Y.A.A.



So many children have been able to participate because of one man desire for kids to be able to play, whether they could afford to play or not, and the by-laws still stand today. Thank you Jerome for making your dream come true!

Jerome is a veteran and served on the USS LST-467 during World War II from 1944-1946. He was in the southwest Pacific and participated in 13 invasions from New Guinea to Leyte to the southern Phillippines. Jerome received 8 battle stars, 9 ribbons and was credited with 5 Japanese planes. His group was called "General MacArthur's Navy."

In Honor of Past and Current Veterans Who Served Our Country



Jerome Begoske Past President of HAYAA Served on the USS LST-467 During WWII (Landing Ship Tank) 1944-1946. Southwest Pacific Participated in 13 invasions. Lae New Guinea, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Hollandia, New Guinea, Toem Wakde, Biak Isle Noemfoor, Cape Sansappr, Leyte, Lingayen, Gulf, Palawan Island Southern Philippines, Tarakan Island, Visayan Island Received 8 Battle stars, 9 Ribbons and Credited with 5 Jap planes. We were called General McArthurs Navy.



Gary Zwica Killed in Action May 13, 1967 Brother of Vivian Costello



Rollin J. Roe, PFC 11/30/24 816th Aviation Engineers attached to 9th Tactical Air Force. Built first US airstrip on German Soil (Mildred Roe's Husband)



Virgil C. Biller 5/31/32 CPL Headquarters Company 6th Armoured Division (Mildred Roe's Brother)



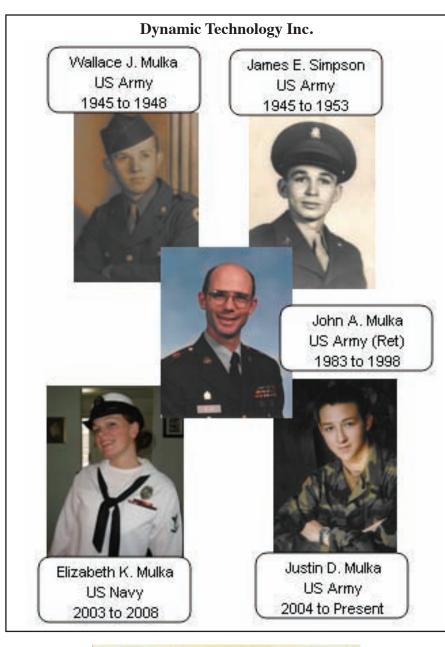
Jack G. Hippe SP/ES 69th Engineers, Delta Company Vietnam 4/14/67-4/01/68 Killed in Action



Gordon F. Roe 6/23/57 Sgt. USAF 1st Combat Communications Command Delta Team, Iranian Hostage Rescue (Mildred Roe's Son)



Gary L. Roe 7/7/48 Sgt. USAF 39th Rescue & Recovery Command Vietnam (2 tours) (Mildred Roe's Son)





Virginia Collins Carden 1925 - 1973 US Army WWII Reuben Herbert Carden 1918 - 2007 USN WWII

Parents of Dorothy Tarnowski



Bob Deschaine Served in the navy during WWII. He was the first bugler assigned to PT boats and was stationed primarily in the South Pacific (Phillipine Islands) (Grandfather of Kathie Horning.)



Tom Deschaine Served as an Army Combat Medic during the Vietnam War. Photo taken the day he received his Combat Medic Medal. Among other awards and metals he was awarded the Bronze Star. (Father of Kathie Horning.)



Dave Horning

Chief Warrant Officer 2. Currently an Army AH-64 Combat Apache Pilot stationed at Hunter Air Base in Savannah, GA. He has participated in Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and will be returning to Afghanistan late summer or early fall. Dave is a 1996 graduate of HHS. (parents Mark and Kathie Deschaine Horning)