

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's 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 Philippines. 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)



# Dynamic Technology Inc.

Wallace J. Mulka  
US Army  
1945 to 1948



James E. Simpson  
US Army  
1945 to 1953



John A. Mulka  
US Army (Ret)  
1983 to 1998



Elizabeth K. Mulka  
US Navy  
2003 to 2008



Justin D. Mulka  
US Army  
2004 to Present



**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 sta-  
tioned at Hunter Air Base in Savannah,  
GA. He has participated in Operation  
Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Free-  
dom and will be returning to Afghanistan  
late summer or early fall. Dave is a 1996  
graduate of HHS. (parents Mark and  
Kathie Deschaine Horning)