

died in service to their country. Everyone is invited to decorate their car, bicycle, wagon or stroller with a sign identifying themselves and march alongside Euclid's veterans and the many civic and professional groups. Due to the serious nature of the parade, participants are asked not to have signs and fliers promoting other events.

The parade procession usually starts at East 228th and Lakeshore, proceeds west on Lakeshore to East 222nd Street, and then heads south on East 222nd Street until it reaches the Euclid Veterans Memorial. A memorial service with the mayor and other dignitaries then follows.



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EUCLID VETERANS MEMORIAL

Memorial dedicated to the Euclid men and women who served in the armed forces



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A familiar landmark to many people, the Euclid Veterans Memorial sits on a small piece of land on East 222nd Street in Euclid, Ohio. It's located between Euclid Public Library and the old Euclid City Hall. The Memorial was designed by Frank Kosich, Sr. Kosich had come to Cleveland from his native Yugoslavia in 1923. For two years, he worked for several different monument dealers before opening his own shop. The shop, known as Carst Memorials, was located at 15425 Waterloo Road in Cleveland. Kosich was never far from his business, because he made his home at the rear of the shop as did many small businessmen at the time.

The Euclid Veterans Memorial was dedicated on November 11, 1953. A huge stone globe stood atop of a rectangular slab of stone. On the front side, which faces East 222nd Street, is an inscription which reads:

“Dedicated to the Glory of Almighty God and to the memory of Euclid men and Women who served in the armed forces of our country. May we never forget Their unselfish devotion to the cause of freedom.”

Below the inscription were the names of Euclid veterans who died in the First and Second World Wars along with the Korean Conflict.

The Memorial has seen a few changes since its dedication in 1953. Most notable are the names of Euclid servicemen who have died in America's wars since 1953. In 1974, an M103 heavy tank was parked near the Memorial. At 65 tons, the M103 has a 120 mm. cannon. It was designed to counter the Soviet Union's heavy tank, which was known as the Stalin. Today, young children can be seen climbing all over the M103 and hanging from the gun barrel.

In July of 1993, heavy storms roared through Euclid and the surrounding areas causing much damage. The Euclid Veterans Memorial was one of the storm's victims. The globe was knocked to the ground and the huge rectangular slab of stone that it stood atop of was also toppled and broken in several



Veterans Memorial gathering, 1967



places. The Memorial was rededicated on May 30, 1994. The original inscription on the front of the Memorial was kept but with a slight change made to the inscription on the backside of the monument, which now reads:

“This Veterans Shrine designed by Frank Kosich was originally dedicated on Veterans Day November 11, 1953. The Memorial was rededicated on Memorial Day May 30, 1994.”

The location in front of the Euclid Public Library remained the same.

The Euclid Veterans Memorial is an important part of the Memorial Day observance in Euclid each year. Graveside services at Euclid Cemetery and St. Paul's Cemetery are held in the morning. Afterward, a parade is held. The goal of the parade is to honor Euclid's veterans and remember those who