



GAHANNA VETERANS MEMORIAL

Memorial Day

May 31, 2004

1:00 p.m.

BRICK DEDICATION PROGRAM

WELCOME

John Corby, 610 WTVN Radio

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

*256th Combat Support Hospital (Army)
MEPS, Taylor Road Armory*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Andrea Shokery, Erica D'Alessandro, Kristen Jones,
Kevin Shelton, Rashida Grant, Robbie Hayes,
Thai Sribanditmongkol, and Alex Kip,
Gahanna Lincoln High School*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Gahanna Senior Citizens

INVOCATION

Father Paul Noble, St. Matthew Catholic Church

DEDICATION OF BRICKS

John Corby, 610 WTVN Radio

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY DEDICATION

Becky Stinchcomb, Mayor, City of Gahanna

MEMORIAL WREATH PLACEMENT

*Frank Treadway, Veterans Memorial Committee; Bob Stallings,
Commander, VFW Post 4719; and Malcolm Glasgow, Commander,
American Legion Post 797*

MOMENT OF SILENCE



The City of Gahanna and the entire Gahanna community are committed to honoring the men and women who have served our country through military service. We are currently accepting submissions of short stories about the personal military experiences of the veterans whose names appear on the bricks at the Gahanna Veterans Memorial. These stories can be humorous or heart-wrenching, about topics ordinary or extraordinary, and take place in times of peace or war. Some of these stories will be published in local newspapers and all will be featured in an upcoming book. If you are interested in submitting a story, submission forms can be obtained through the City of Gahanna, Parks and Recreation Department. We are also asking that you provide a non-returnable photograph of the veteran who is the subject of the story, if possible.

Feel free to e-mail any questions to rthurman@insight.rr.com or call 614-855-5456.

**American Legion Post 797 is
hosting a cookout at the
VFW shelter house immediately
following the ceremony.**

Today we gather together
Beneath flags as they wave
To proclaim that these flags honor
The real American brave

They fought for their Country
As man has throughout time
Except that these were soldiers
Defending your country and mine

On Memorial Day we gather
To pay them our respect
Let's pass this word to others
It's what they would expect

I'm sure that they would do it
If it were me or you
To show we didn't die in vain
But for the red, white and blue.

Let's pass on to our children
So that we never forget
What all these soldiers died for
We'll always be in their debt



Let's pray for all their families
Great pain they had to bear
Some sacrificed a loved one
They need to know we care

So as the bugler plays out Taps
With its sweet and eerie sound
Pray for fallen soldiers everywhere
Resting in sacred, hallowed ground.

Take home with you a sense of pride
You were here Memorial Day.
Celebrating the way Americans should
On this solemnest of days.