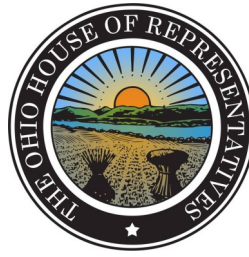


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Proudly serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland's Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre, Clark-Fulton, & South Hills Neighborhoods!

Dear District 14 Resident:

I have been reflecting on one of the responsibilities I value most as your State Representative: **making sure we remember the people whose service and sacrifice helped make our communities, our state, and our country what they are today.**

As a former American history and government teacher, I have always believed that remembering our history means remembering the **people** who shaped it — especially the heroes who walk among us and those who gave so much in service to our country and community.

That is why I was particularly honored this year to help dedicate the **SPC Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange** in Cleveland and the **Frank Herda historical marker** in Parma. Lou Shuster was an Army veteran who continued a life of service as a railroad worker, union leader, and advocate for fellow veterans. Medal of Honor recipient Frank Herda's legacy, too, is now permanently recognized in our community. These memorials ensure their stories will continue to be seen, remembered, and passed on to future generations.

My love of country is also reflected in my ongoing work on behalf of Ohio's veterans — from protecting veterans from predatory practices to helping constituents access the benefits and services they have earned. I was deeply humbled to be named the **AMVETS Department of Ohio Legislator of the Year**, an honor that strengthens my commitment to those who have worn our nation's uniform.

Memorials cannot tell an entire life story, but they can start a conversation. A sign or historical marker can remind the next generation that behind every name is a person who served, sacrificed, and helped make our community what it is today.

We owe it to them to remember — and I am proud to help keep their memories alive.

It is an honor to do that work as your State Representative — and as an American.

As always, if I may be of service, please reach out to my office. I am here to serve you!

Sincerely,

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Recently, I stopped by the All Saints Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch at Ridgewood & Ames in Parma to pick up some Fall goodies. They are open daily for your Autumnal needs.



Rep. Brennan Passes Bill to Honor Fallen Trainman

Recently, I had the honor of joining my colleague, State Representative Ty Mathews, Louis P. Shuster's son Ethan, and members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) for the unveiling of the **SPC Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange** at I-480 and West 150th Street in Cleveland.

This tribute is the result of a truly bipartisan effort. **Senate Bill 52 passed the Ohio House 96-0 and the Ohio Senate 33-0**, before being signed into law by Governor Mike DeWine. Rep. Mathews and I were proud to carry the legislation in the House of Representatives and work with the BLET to ensure that Brother Lou's life and legacy would be permanently recognized.

Lou Shuster lived a life defined by service. An **Army veteran**, he continued serving others after his military service through his career with Norfolk Southern and his leadership in the BLET. He served as President of BLET Division 607 in Cleveland and was also a strong advocate for fellow veterans. Tragically, Brother Lou was killed in a yard accident on March 7, 2023. He was just 46 years old.

The location of the memorial is particularly meaningful. The I-480 interchange is used by many railroad workers traveling to the train yard where Brother Lou worked. Every day, the sign bearing his name will serve as a reminder of his dedication to his family, his coworkers, his union brothers and sisters, and his fellow military veterans.

The legislation also reflects the tremendous advocacy of the **BLET Ohio State Legislative Board and Chairman John Esterly**, who worked for years to make this memorial a reality. BLET members and officers traveled to the Ohio Statehouse for the legislation's hearings, and Division 607 Local Chairman Pat Redmond testified in support of the bill.

I am grateful to Chairman Esterly, Brother Redmond, the BLET, Representative Mathews, and all of our House and Senate colleagues who came together unanimously to honor Brother Lou.

Honoring a veteran and recognizing a life of service should never be a partisan issue. The unanimous votes in both chambers demonstrate what is possible when we come together around something bigger than politics: honoring someone who served our country, supported his fellow veterans, and dedicated his life to his family, coworkers, and community.

I hope that every time someone passes the **SPC Louis P. Shuster Memorial Interchange**, they take a moment to remember Brother Lou for the life of service he lived.

We remember Brother Lou, we honor his military service, and we are grateful for the legacy he left behind.



Rep. Brennan Leads Effort to Memorialize Parma Medal of Honor Recipient Frank A. Herda

One of the most meaningful projects I have had the privilege of working on as your State Representative recently came to fruition with the unveiling of an historical marker honoring Parma native and Medal of Honor recipient Specialist Fourth Class Frank A. Herda at Parma Veterans Memorial Park.

For me, this project has always been about more than a marker. It is about making sure that Mr. Herda's extraordinary story—and the sacrifice he made for his fellow soldiers—are never forgotten.

Frank Herda grew up in Parma and graduated from Parma Senior High School. He entered the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served with the 101st Airborne Division. On June 29, 1968, Specialist Herda and his fellow soldiers came under enemy attack near Dak To, Vietnam. When an enemy grenade landed in their position, Specialist Herda made a decision that would nearly cost him his life. He threw himself onto the grenade, using his own body to shield his fellow soldiers from the blast.

Mr. Herda's actions saved the lives of his comrades and exemplified the highest ideals of courage, selflessness and devotion to duty. For his extraordinary heroism, he was awarded our nation's highest military decoration for valor, the Medal of Honor, by President Richard Nixon in 1970.

Mr. Herda returned home and went on to build a life of service and accomplishment. He worked as a systems analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense, pursued his love of science fiction and remained connected to his community and fellow veterans. He passed away in 2023 at the age of 76.

As a former American history and government teacher, I have always believed that preserving history means preserving the stories of the people who made it. Frank Herda's story is one that every generation of Parma residents should have the opportunity to know.

I am grateful to the community members, American Legion Post 572, and the Parma City Schools, especially Valley Forge High School, for their support of this project. I also want to thank Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter and his administration and staff for their tremendous support and partnership—not only on this project, but on so many efforts that benefit the Parma community.

This marker will now stand as a permanent reminder that heroes are not just figures in history books. Sometimes, they are our neighbors, our classmates and our fellow community members.

Frank Herda was one of our own. He was willing to sacrifice his life to protect others, and it is our responsibility to make sure his sacrifice and heroism are never forgotten. Please stop by to visit the marker to honor Mr. Herda's memory and say a little prayer for him.



State Representative Brennan Out and About in District 14's Parma, Parma Heights, and Cleveland



Wishing Mrs. Petriski a happy 104th (!) birthday; I have had the honor to represented Mrs. Dickson since 2004 as her Parma Ward 2 Councilman/President of Parma City Council/State Representative; Honored to meet acclaimed artist Hector Hernandez who recently completed one of his famous 78 Pueblos y 1 Bandera murals at CentroVilla 25 in Clark-Fulton; Thanks to the residents who attended my Coffee with Constituents at Café Blanc in Parma Heights, Love Coffee in Parma, and Kindrid Kava in Old Brooklyn; Visiting with the very festive Cleveland Ward 14 Councilwoman Jasmine Santana at CentroVilla; Joining the picket line with brave SEIU members outside of Lutheran Hospital; Honored to join MetroHealth President Dr. Christine Alexander and Amanda Pacanovsky who served on the Parma Youth Advisory Commission that I once advised; Proud to meet the very talented Ms. Teen Mexico & Ms. Teen Puerto Rico recently.