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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial, Inc. ("GCV") announced today that a formal rededication of the Center Fountain Memorial, Veterans' Memorial Plaza (formerly "Mall A") Cleveland, Ohio, will take place on **Friday, July 23, 2004**, during the hours of **11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.**

The rededication will add the names of Greater Cleveland's casualties of war spanning the 104 years from 1899 to 2003. Greater Cleveland encompasses all of Cuyahoga county. In those 104 years, Cuyahoga county has lost 5,512 sons and daughters in military service to the nation during time of war.

According to Patrick McLaughlin, GCV's president, the names of the 5,512 Greater Cleveland war casualties will be read before and following the formal ceremony, commencing at 8:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial Plaza. The Plaza is located in downtown Cleveland, off St. Clair Avenue between Key Tower and the Cleveland Board of Education Building.

The GCV requests that all downtown offices, public and private, consider extending employee lunch hours and encourage all Clevelanders to attend this unique and historic rededication ceremony.

For more information about the GCVM please review our web site, www.clevelandvetsemorial.org, a "living memorial" to the 5,512 casualties of war.

Please refer to the attachment for additional details. For further information contact:

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**INVITATION
to
Attend the**

**Rededication Ceremony
of the
Center Fountain Memorial
Veterans' Memorial Plaza
Cleveland, Ohio**

Friday, July 23, 2004

**11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
(formal ceremony)**

Names of 5,514 Greater Cleveland war casualties from 104-year period, 1899-2003, will be read before and following the formal ceremony, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Greater Cleveland encompasses all of Cuyahoga County.

Presently, the names of Greater Cleveland War casualties from World War II and the Korean War are on the Center Fountain Memorial, which surrounds Marshall Fredericks' sculpture, "The Fountain of Eternal Life", Veterans Memorial Plaza (formerly "Mall A"). We will add 1,359 names to include those Greater Clevelanders who died in military service in the other wars of the period and adding names of World War II (103) and Korean War (25) casualties who are not included currently on the Memorial.

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The casualty listing, by war, is as follows:

- 1) Spanish-American..... 1
- 2) World War I 808
- 3) World War II 3,954
- 4) Korean War 329
- 5) Vietnam War 418
- 6) Gulf War I 1
- 7) Gulf War II 3

We owe our casualties of war and their families and loved ones, the duty to remember and to memorialize. If you are able, please attend this unique and historic event.

Active Duty, Reserve, and Guard Units, as well as veterans organizations, municipal, civic, and patriotic groups are invited to bring and display their colors. Those requesting to participate must contact Sean Ennis at (216)522- 3530 ext. 3423, by no later than July 15, 2004.

For more information about the Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial, Inc. ("GCVM") please review our website, www.clevelandvetsmemorial.org, a "living memorial" to the 5,514 casualties of war.

Please help by photocopying this invitation and distributing to your organizations mailing list, member list, and all others who would want to be notified of this historic rededication.