

**In Support of HB 406, Honor & Remember Flag Bill**  
**Written Witness of David Hart - 5/13/2020**

My Grandad served in the Army during WW-I, my Dad served in the Army during WW-2, I served in the Army during the Cold War. My Dad always flew the US Flag in the front yard of our farm in Brookville, Ohio. He instilled a sense of honor and respect for the flag in his 7 children. Both mom and dad were also sure to take us to the visit the cemetery on Memorial Day weekend and Remember our deceased family and fallen heroes. I have tried to instill this same sense of Honoring and Remembering in my three boys.



I am a strong advocate for the State of Ohio adopting the Honoring & Remember Flag and passing HB 406. This flag is a visible sign for the family of the fallen, but also a reminder to all of the sacrifice made for our freedom and the importance of taking care of those that remain. My skydiving team, Team Fastrax is blest to jump an 1,100 square foot exact replica of the Honor and Remember flag.



We have collected 500 signatures of Fallen Hero Families on the Flags during our skydiving performances all over the nation. The very first signature was of Paul Zanowick after jumping it into their annual Rocky's Run 5k in Miamisburg on Memorial Day Weekend. **Honor & Remember** - Cpl Paul "Rocky" Zanowick, United States Marine Corps, Hometown - Miamisburg, Ohio. Born 12/31/1987 - KIA 6/3/2011 (Southern Afghanistan's Helmand province).



Unfortunately, some warriors serve their country but succumb to visible and/or invisible wounds as a result of PTSD. The trend of veteran suicide is alarming. One of our Purple Hearts that participated in our Warrior Weekend took his life April 22 of this year. **Honor & Remember** - SPC Brent "Hoss" Hendrix, United States Army, Purple Heart Medal, Injured in Rawah, Iraq, Hometown - Forest City, NC, Born on Veterans Day, 11/11/1984 - **Suicide, 4/22/2020 (Cincinnati, Ohio)**

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