

NEWS RELEASE From Mayor Dean DePiero

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PARMA MAYOR RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FROM AMERICAN LEGION

(PARMA) – Parma Mayor Dean DePiero has received the Red, White and Blue Award from the American Legion's 13th District representing all of Cuyahoga County.

"I am both honored and humbled to receive what is considered to be one of the most prestigious awards of the American Legion," said Mayor DePiero. "It reflects our community's strong partnership with the American Legion and other veteran and civic organizations across the region."

According to the American Legion, the Red, White and Blue Award is presented to groups or individuals who provide a true spirit of patriotism and who are instrumental in supporting and showing by example patriotic leadership to area citizens. The award was presented by 13th District Commander Bob White.

"The patriotism of which we speak has been put into action by Mayor DePiero," said Commander White. "The most recent example is the groundbreaking for Parma's soon-to-bebuilt VA Health Clinic on Brookpark Road that will serve thousands of veterans in need. The mayor was definitely instrumental in making that happen."

The award presentation to Mayor DePiero came during the organization's annual summer convention. Commander White says the American Legion's 13th District currently has approximately 8,500 members.

According to its website, the American Legion was chartered and incorporated by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic veterans organization devoted to mutual helpfulness. It is the nation's largest veteran's service organization, committed to mentoring and sponsorship of youth programs in local communities, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to fellow service members and veterans.

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