

## Phase 2 of Memorial Flag Project

### includes wall of dedicated pavers

Those who attended the Memorial Day ceremony at North Royalton Cemetery witnessed a very moving event. The ceremony which is held every year to honor those who gave their lives so that we may live in freedom, was made extra special this year with the dedication of the Memorial Flag Project, which was spearheaded by the Lions Club. The Memorial Day dedication included Opening Ceremony remarks by Mayor Bob Stefanik; Col. Nicholas E. Phillips USAF (Ret.); and Lions Club Members.

Following the raising of the flag of the United States by the North Royalton Police Honor Guard, the National Anthem by members of the NRHS Band, and the

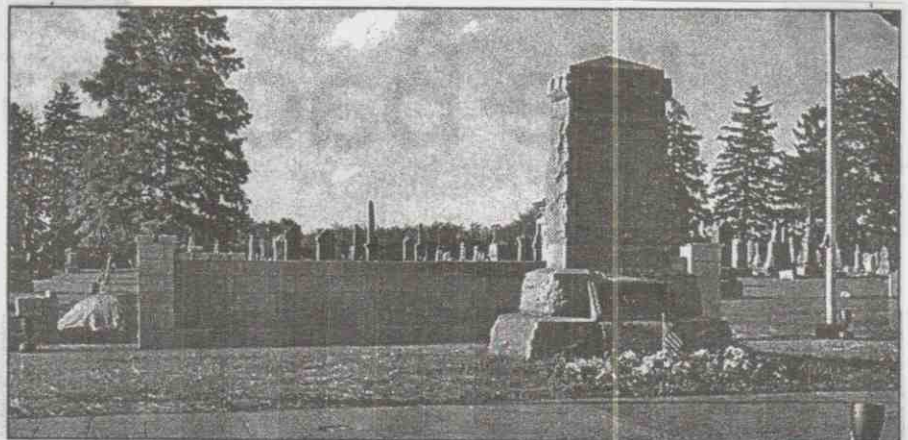
Invocation by LCDR. Randy Williams, Chaplain United States Navy, the Dedication of the Memorial was made by Mr. Fred DeAnna, USMC, on behalf of the North Royalton Lions Club, to Mayor Bob Stefanik for the City of North Royalton.

The ceremony also included the raising of representative flags in honor of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, and POW/MIA. The ceremony also included a firing of Military Salute by USMC Marine Corps League, and the playing of Taps by Mr. Michael Wos and members of the NRHS band.

In addition to the costs incurred by the Lions Club to construct this project, many volunteers also helped make it possible to complete Phase 1 of the project in time for the May 26 dedication. Some of the volunteers include Mayor Bob Stefanik; the North Royalton Fire and Police Depts; the Service Dept.; Ed Swim and the North Royalton Cemetery and Park Crew for helping to finish the landscaping; the North Royalton schools for seating, stage and podium; the NRFD for the sound system and shelters; NRHS band members who volunteered for

the ceremony; the US Marine Corps League for Service Representatives, Armed Forces Recruiters; Donors of the flag poles and flags; Costa & Sons Decorative Concrete; Terry and Betty Prah; Tri-County Concrete; Tom Denk Construction; Tom Fashempour; Tom Koch, Royalton Supply; Kristi Smith, Valley City Building Supply; Charles Svec Inc.

The Lions Memorial Flag Project has now begun Phase 2, which includes the construction of a walkway, a wall of dedicated pavers behind the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Monument, and landscaping. Engraved pavers are available to be placed at the memorial site. The cost of a 4x8 paver is \$50, and an 8x8 paver is \$100. Anyone interested in purchasing a paver or would like to make a donation, will find more information on the Lions Club website, [www.northroyaltonlions.org](http://www.northroyaltonlions.org).



Wall of pavers was built behind the Grand Army of the Republic Monument