



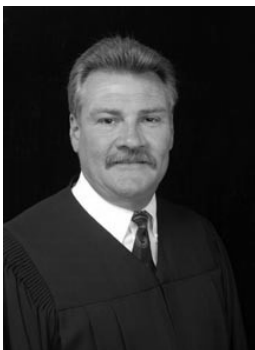
**Maywood Bataan Day 2009**  
**67<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Service**  
*10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dedication of*  
*Maywood Veterans Memorial*



Sponsored Jointly by  
**The Maywood Bataan Day Organization**  
And  
**The Village of Maywood**

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**  
**3:00 PM**  
**Veterans Memorial**  
**Maywood Park**  
**(Corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue & Oak Street)**  
**Maywood, Illinois**

## **Keynote Speaker**



**Honorable Judge James J. Gavin**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Cook County**

Judge Gavin attended District 89 grade schools, as well as Proviso East High School. After high school, he enlisted in the Army in 1974 and served with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne for three years, thus following his father, who was a WWII veteran of the Pacific Theater of War. Upon his return to civilian life, Judge Gavin continued his education, finishing with a JD from the Northern Illinois University College of Law in 1985 and joining his father as an attorney.

In 1996, he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County and currently sits in the Maywood 4<sup>th</sup> District Courthouse. He and wife Kerri have three children.

## **Programme**

### **Ceremonial Band, Navy Band Great Lakes**

Chief Harold Mahanna, Director  
2:30 PM

### **Bugle Call Assembly**

3pm

### **Massing of Color Guards Posting of Military Colors**

### **Welcome**

Edwin H. Walker IV, Major, US Marine Corps,  
Master of Ceremonies

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **The Philippine National Anthem - *“Lupang Hinirang”* The National Anthem - *“The Star-Spangled Banner”***

Led by Ellen Balmadrid

### **Memorial Prayer**

Rev. Elliot Wimbush, Pastor  
First Congregational Church of Maywood

### **Introduction of Distinguished Guests**

Col. Richard A. McMahon, Jr., President  
Maywood Bataan Day Organization

### **Remarks**

Henderson Yarbrough, Sr., Mayor  
Village of Maywood

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## **Programme, cont'd.**

### **Monument Ceremony**

DuPage Chapter of VietNow Color Guard  
Jeff Agonath, Chairman

### **Roll of Remembrance 192<sup>nd</sup> Tank Battalion**

Master of Ceremonies

### **Rifle Squad Gun Salute**

American Legion Post #690, Palatine

### **Playing of Taps**

### **Wreath Laying**

Army

Navy

Air Force

Marine Corps

Coast Guard

In Memory of Commodore Arthur Remus  
American Legion Filipino Post #509 & Auxiliary  
Philippine Campaign Survivors  
Filipino American Historical Society of Chicago  
Merchant Marine Veterans Association Chicago  
Veterans Assistance Commission of Cook County  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
George Rogers Clark Chapter, River Forest  
Village of Maywood  
Maywood Bataan Day Organization

### ***“God Bless America”***

Led by Ellen Balmadrid

### **Benediction**

Reverend Jacques A. Conway, Pastor  
Neighborhood United Methodist Church, Maywood

## **Release of Rifle Squad and Color Guards**

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jim Bashleben**—Jim Bashleben was part of the original Co. B from the National Guard Unit in Maywood. He was also a survivor of the Death March, spent time as a POW at Camp O'Donnell, survived the Hell Ships, and was a slave laborer at a condemned Japanese coal mine. After the war, Jim returned to his home town of Park Ridge, but he remained a true friend to his fellow veterans from Co. B in Maywood. In 1999, he attended the dedication of the new Veterans Memorial in Maywood and helped award a medal to Fr. Ben Morin, also of Company B. Jim passed away on July 30, 2009. We will miss him and extend our sympathies to his family and friends.

**Abel Ortega**—As this Programme was being finalized, we received word that Abel Ortega, another 192nd member (Co. A) passed away just 2 days after his 90th birthday on August 24, 2009. Abel was also a survivor of the Death March, a POW at several of the camps in the Philippines, survived a Hell Ship transfer and finally was forced into slave labor in Japan. Mr. Ortega survived his WWII ordeal and later reenlisted and fought in the Korean War. Abel was a great friend to the MBDO and provided valuable insight to the Proviso Bataan Commemorative Project website. We join his family and friends in mourning his loss.

**Commodore Arthur Remus**—Commodore Arthur Remus, District Nine Commodore, US Coast Guard Auxiliary, passed away on May 1, 2009. A veteran of WWII, he served under General George Patton as a member of the 1266th Engineering Battalion in the European Theater. In 1966, Arthur joined the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was promoted to District Commodore in 1973. Commodore Remus was a longtime friend to the MBDO and since 1999 has represented the Coast Guard during the Wreath Laying Ceremony. We join his family and friends in mourning this loss. His wife, Mrs. Janette Remus, will lay a wreath in his honor during today's Wreath Laying Ceremony.

**For additional information about *Maywood Bataan Day* or the *Maywood Bataan Day Organization*, please visit our website at**

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