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**Press Release**

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# Public Library Salutes Local Veterans

## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT & 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County continues to interview veterans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II for the Veterans History Project. The project, coordinated by the Library of Congress (LOC) through the American Folklife Center, calls for Americans to play a personal role in preserving the nation's history by collecting first-hand accounts of those who defended the U.S. during wartime.

As an official partner, Cincinnati public library staff recruit veterans and volunteer interviewers, operate recording equipment and then send duplicate copies of recordings and documentary materials to LOC for inclusion in their archives and national database. The Library's Veterans History Project website at [www2.cincinnati.org/vets/](http://www2.cincinnati.org/vets/) features a database of locally recorded interviews, documentary materials, and video streamed versions of selected interviews.

**PHOTO CAPTIONS:** World War II veterans who have participated in the Veterans History Project were invited to a special reception recently held at the Main Library. See next page.

### 53<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

**Main Library**

**Monday, November 12 at 10:45 a.m.**

Mr. William T. Cosgrove of Norwood, one of nearly 200 local WWII veterans interviewed for the Veterans History Project, will give the keynote address for the 53rd Annual Veterans Day Program to be held on Monday, November 12 at 10:45 a.m. in the Main Library's Atrium (800 Vine Street). A decorated World War II veteran, Mr. Cosgrove served from 1943-1946 in the U.S. Army, 84th Infantry Division, where he attained the rank of Private First Class. A recipient of a Purple Heart and an European Theater Ribbon, Mr. Cosgrove was a German P.O.W. with fascinating stories to relate about life in the prison camp. His talk is entitled "For You the War Is Over."

Sponsored by the Friends of the Public Library, all are invited to attend this free program, which includes:

- Keynote Speaker World War II Veteran William Cosgrove
- Sheriff Leis Bagpipe & Drum Corps to open program
- The Walnut Hills Choir to sing a medley of patriotic songs
- The Lighting of the Flame of Remembrance
- The playing and singing of "Taps" will conclude the ceremony



William T. Cosgrove



World War II veteran Harvey Fangman of Hamilton.



World War II veterans (from left) Harold and Irene Johnson of Walnut Hills, Raymond Timmerman of Ft. Thomas, Hugh Daly of Park Hills, and Howard McClain of Ft. Thomas



World War II veterans (from left) Paul Webster of Cold Spring, Chester and Jacob Nelson of Melbourne (Kentucky)



World War II veterans (from left) Ralph Vance of Anderson Township, Robert Hathorn of Anderson Township, Ted Gardner of Hyde Park, Dolores Kessen of Hyde Park, Raymond Cunningham of Mt. Washington, and Herbert Swords of Pleasant Ridge



World War II veterans (from left) Harold Cook of Anderson, Charles Reeves of Loveland, Earl S lanker of HydePark, and Edward Haake of Golf Manor



World War II veterans (from left) William Haller of Bridgetown, Joe Perry of Hyde Park, and Russ Witte of College Hill



World War II Veterans (from left) James Carr of Delhi, Fielding Lee of Covedale, Alan Fothergill of College Hill, and William Hosmer, Jr. of North College Hill



World War II Veterans (from left) Lee Davis of Silverton, Elmer Golden of Springdale, Sue and Jerry Ransohoff of Clifton, and Jack Keller of North College Hill



World War II Veteran Richard Bozian of Finneytown



World War II Veterans (from left) Vernon Corbin of Mt. Airy, John Coakley of Delhi Township, Robert Doolan of Covedale, Charles Butke of Colerain Township, Jack Ringer of North Bend, Fred Kellerman of Covedale, and William Haller of Bridgetown



World War II Veterans (from left) Francis Ruggerie of Fairfield, Byron Williams of Wyoming, Fernando Hersman, Roy Norris of College Hill, and William (Dean) Versaw of West Chester