

# Shelby Township Press Release

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## **Shelby Township dedicates 2016 Memorial Day Ceremony to veteran**

Residents, military veterans and families are invited to Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, at the Veterans Memorial located just outside the main entrance to the municipal building at 52700 Van Dyke Avenue.

This year's ceremony will be dedicated to Ed Young, a U.S. Air Force veteran who resided in Shelby Township for more than 40 years. Young died April 28 at the age of 85.

"Ed and I were real good friends for a long time," said Veteran Events Coordinators Phil Randazzo. "We met the same year the township's original Veterans Memorial went up."

Young enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and would serve his country for eight years before retiring as a decorated staff sergeant. Prior to his death, Young also served as an emergency services volunteer for Shelby Township and its surrounding communities.

"I have a lot of respect for Ed and all of his accomplishments, so I think it's fitting to dedicate this year's ceremony to him," Randazzo said. "The ceremony will be more personal, especially for loved ones of Ed and I think it will be very moving for other residents to witness and be a part of."

The ceremony will feature guest speakers, local dignitaries, a 21-gun salute, and patriotic tunes from the Lakeside Assembly of God choir.

"I would like to thank Mr. Randazzo for organizing this event as well as all of our men and women from Shelby Township who have served and continue to serve to protect this country," Supervisor Rick Stathakis said

"We're expecting a large crowd this year," Randazzo said. "I would love to have as many residents we can come out and honor our veterans together."

For more information about Shelby Township's Memorial Day Ceremony, please call Mr. Phil Randazzo at (586) 739-4046.

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