

## March 29<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Day – Northeast Ohio

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7:00 p.m. with 6:15 Social

### City of Garfield Heights Civic Center

5407 Turney Road  
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

#### GUEST SPEAKER

### ROBERT W. WAGNER

Lieutenant General  
Retired

United States Army



Lt. Gen. Robert W. Wagner is a native of Independence, Ohio and a 1970 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He also obtained a Master Degree in Industrial Relations from Purdue University. He retired in January 2009 after a distinguished 38 year career in the United States Army. His service included tours in Vietnam and OPERATION JUST CAUSE in Panama. General Wagner is An Airborne, Infantry, Ranger with extensive Joint, Airborne and Special Operations assignments, including command of an Airborne Battalion and a Brigade in Panama. Two tours in the Pentagon on the Joint Staff. 22 years on Airborne status. 10 years overseas duty. 13 years as a General Officer including Commanding General of SOCSOUTH in Panama; SETAF in Italy with responsibilities in Europe and Africa; Deputy Commander of United States Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, VA; and his last assignment as Commanding General of United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Bob and his wife of 37-years, now living in their 20th home, have retired in Independence.

**MILITARY SCHOOLS ATTENDED** - Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses  
United States Marine Corps Amphibious Warfare School - United States Army  
Command and General Staff College - National War College

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE** Spanish

**LAST ASSIGNMENTS** - Jun 00 to Nov 02 Commanding General, United States Army Southern European Task Force (Airborne), Vicenza, Italy; Jan 03 to Nov 05 Deputy Commander, United States Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Virginia; Dec 05 to Nov 08 Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, North Carolina which included the Army's Special Forces, Rangers, Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations and Special Operation Aviation Regiment and other units.

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS ASSIGNMENTS** - Platoon Leader, C Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) United States Army, Vietnam Aug 71 - Dec 71; Operations Officer, Advisory Team 33, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Dec 71 - Jul 72; Commander, 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry, OPERATION JUST CAUSE, Panama Dec 88 Jul 91 including command of the combat parachute assault to seize Torrijos and Tocumen airfields.

**US DECORATIONS AND BADGES** - Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Army Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster); Bronze Star Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters); Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Medal; other awards and medals; Combat Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge (with Bronze Combat Star); Ranger Tab; and Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge

**CIVIC ACTIVITY** - General Wagner is a volunteer Co-Chairman of Our Community Salutes of Northeast Ohio, a community program that, with private donations, annually recognizes and honors approximately 400 graduating high school seniors from every public, private and charter high school in Ohio's eight northeast counties who are enlisting in the military. This year's event will be held on May 7th 2013 at the Cleveland State University Student Center. ([www.ocscle.org](http://www.ocscle.org))