## Fulton County Focus

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## Veteran of the Year/Killed in Action (KIA) Ceremony



Pictured from left to right: Crystal Bennett, Director Fulton County Veterans Service Office, Floyd Franks, Veteran of the Year, and Ernie Gory, President of Fulton County Veterans Commissioners.

The Fulton County Veterans Commission hosted a celebration to announce the Veteran of the Year as well as to honor nine families of Veterans who were killed in battle during the Vietnam War. An invocation and benediction was given by Father Patrick Rohen, retired Chaplin. Retired Common Pleas Judge James Barber led the Pledge of Allegiance and the keynote speaker was decorated Army Vietnam Combat Veteran Ted Mathes. Mathes gave a moving and inspiring speech of his experiences in surviving combat in Vietnam as well as dealing with cancer as a result of his contact with Agent Orange.

Floyd Franks was honored as the Fulton County Veteran of the Year, and six of the nine families of the Fulton Veterans KIA were in attendance receiving the Certificate of Honor and lapel Pin from the U.S. Vietnam War Commemorative





## Fulton County Blogs on Historic Courthouse Renovations

Exciting things are happening inside the historic Fulton County Courthouse as it undergoes a major renovation! Toni Schindler, Marketing and Communications Director started a blog to document the renovation process as demolition continues, and transformation occurs. You can read the blog by visiting the front page of the Fulton County Website <a href="https://www.fultoncountyoh.com">www.fultoncountyoh.com</a>. Schindler hopes to post updates on a monthly basis. "So far, this project is off to a great start and we've had very few setbacks or overages," states Schindler.

Construction on the courthouse began in October 2018 and will include significant renovations including the restoration of the Common Pleas courtroom, replacement of the aged cooling and heating systems, security and technology updates, a new ADA compliant elevator and more.







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