



# Memorial Day Special Edition Parkman Paragraphs

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## 2006 Parkman Memorial Day Parade.

We wish to thank all of our Active Duty and Veterans throughout all eras of our country's existence for all of the sacrifices that they have made to give us our freedoms and continue to make our country a safe place to live. May our future generations understand these sacrifices from our Veterans and appreciate the quality of life created for them.

On behalf of the Parkman Trustees and the Parkman Chamber of Commerce

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Parkman Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops #76  
Cardinal Marching Band

Parkman Congregational Church SS Edward Lucy Catholic Parish  
and the various participants who helped to make our  
2006 Parkman Memorial Day Celebration a success.

Pollari Family (thanks for the story of Richard Pollari)

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Best wishes to everyone for a fun and safe summer  
and don't forget to give THANKS to a Veteran.



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## Richard O. Pollari

Community Website: [www.ParkmanOhio.com](http://www.ParkmanOhio.com)

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## Richard Pollari

1922 to 1944

Richard Pollari was the oldest son of Richard and Aino Pollari. He was born in 1922 and was the oldest of six siblings. Richard John, Emily, Eleanore, Kaarlo and Edwin all moved with their parent into Parkman in 1937 on the farm on Hosmer Road (where today the O'Reilly family now live). The farm was rented from its owner Mr Roper. In 1939, the family moved once again to another farm on Old State road owned by John Oberlin. They raised pigs chickens and some dairy. The Pollari farm did the common operations of most farms at that time.

Richard graduated from Parkman High School in 1940 (the photo is from his senior class picture at the Parkman Community House) and had several small jobs until he was drafted into the Air Force in 1942. After training at several air bases, his B-17 crew went overseas. Their full compliment of operations were successful and they decided to volunteer for one more flight on October 3, 1944. The plane was hit and went down over Munich Germany. Several of the crewmen were saved, but Richard was killed.

The National WWII Memorial in Washington DC has Mr. Richard Pollari on the honor list  
[https://www.wwiimemorial.com/Registry/plaque\\_wardept.aspx?honoreeID=1121948](https://www.wwiimemorial.com/Registry/plaque_wardept.aspx?honoreeID=1121948)

**National Archives & Records Administration**  
**War Department Files**  
**T SG Richard O. Pollari**  
**ID: 35318007**  
**Branch of Service: U.S. Army**  
**Status: Killed In Action**



Parkman Trustees also honored Mr Richard Pollari at our 2006 Memorial Day Parade and he was added onto the Parkman Memorial Day Honoree plaque found inside the Parkman Community House.

**Thank you Mr. Richard Pollari**  
**for your honorable service**  
**to our country!**

Special Thanks to the Parkman Historical Society  
for sharing the story about Richard and his family.



## World War II history - Bombing of Munich

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombing\\_of\\_Munich\\_in\\_World\\_War\\_II](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bombing_of_Munich_in_World_War_II)

The bombing of Munich (Luftangriffe auf München) took place mainly in the later stages of World War II. Munich was, and is, a significant German city, as much culturally as well as industrially. Augsburg, thirty-seven miles to the west, was a main centre of diesel engine production (and still is today), and was also heavily bombed during the war. Although some considerable distance from the United Kingdom, Munich is not a difficult city to find from the air, mainly due to its size, and possibly its proximity to the Austrian Alps to the south-east as a visual reference point. Munich was protected (initially) by its distance from the United Kingdom.

Munich was considered a special target of allies bombings also for propaganda purposes, in that it was the "movement's capital city", Nazi Party's birthplace