



Parkman Paragraphs

Memorial Day 2012 Edition

2012 Parkman Salute to **Carl Boucher Wilson**

**also a bicentennial salute to our
Parkman Veterans of the War of 1812**

2012 Memorial Day Special Edition Parkman Paragraphs

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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**

Special Thanks for the continued support of the
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Pastor Rod Edwards, Parkman Congregational Church
and the various participants who helped to make our
Parkman Memorial Day Parade a success.

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

Don't forget to check out the Parkman Website for the many summer and fall events this 2012.



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Memorial Day 2012

Carl Boucher Wilson

2-22-1922 to 8-8-2010

By: Ed Wilson



Carl Wilson, posed with his parents James and Katherine Wilson, while wearing his formal Navy Dress Blues.

The family of Carl B. Wilson would like to thank the Parkman Township Trustees for remembering and honoring our beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Carl was born on February 22, 1922, in Nelson Ohio. The only boy with five sisters, Carl moved when he was fifteen to a farm on Nash Road in Parkman Township.

At the age of twenty and a draft notice for the Army in the mailbox his buddy Bill Wilthew (who was home on leave from the Navy) talked him into joining the Navy on October 14, 1942. Few people knew that Dad was not a good swimmer

and could only doggy paddle but it was enough to get him into the Navy.

Basic Training took place at the Great Lakes Training Facility in Illinois. Dad was assigned to serve on submarines after Basic's, but was disqualified due to being claustrophobic. He then went to gunner's school in Gulfport Mississippi. After he graduated from gunner's school he was assigned to being a gunner on merchant ships based out of New York. The Navy placed guns and gun crews to defend against air attacks on commercial ships during World War II.

Making 10 conveyes across the Atlantic Ocean delivering military supplies from the United States to various ports in Europe and North Africa. On each convoy he and his crew where on a different ship. On one convey he witnessed the ship in front of him strike a mine and sink. During the end of the war his ship transported German POW's from Italy to England and to the United States.

Carl was honorably discharged on October 5, 1945 at the rank of Gunners Mate 2nd Class, he returned to Parkman to his wife and one year old daughter.

Carl married Betty Hopkins, also a resident of Parkman Township. They married in her family home, across from the Parkman Community House the old Sitko house, on October 18, 1943.

Carl and Betty purchased land at the corner of US 422 and Reynolds Road in 1947 where Betty currently lives and where they raised three children, Judy, Jim and Ed.



Carl worked as a welder at Silica Sands outside of Garrettsville for four years upon his return from serving his country. He then worked as a welder for Taylor Winfield in Warren Ohio for 33 years.

Carl retired in 1984 and enjoyed his retirement by going to swap meets, selling and buying items throughout northeast Ohio and growing different types of flowers in the summer. He served on Parkman's zoning board and the zoning board of appeals. Carl and Betty are long time members of Parkman Congregational Church.

Carl had one son (Ed) who continued on the tradition of serving his country in the US Air force. He also has two grandsons currently serving in the US Army, Kristopher and Kevin Wilson both have had several tours of duty to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The family remembers Dad putting on his Navy uniform proudly and marching in this very parade. According to Dad each year the uniform shrank more and more while hanging in the closet.

The photo on the cover and to the right are both with Carl leading the Parkman Parade in the 1960's. If you notice, the parade route began from Lower Cemetery and ended up at Overlook back then.



Our family would like to ask you to take this time and remember all of the Veterans who have proudly served this great country.

It is a big honor to say "thank you" to them and to their families.



As we remember and honor Carl Wilson let's also remember and honor those Parkman Veterans who served two hundred years ago in the

War of 1812

<u>Veterans Name</u>	<u>Cemetery Location</u>
Cox, John M.D.	Gates
Gates, Jacob	Gates
Bennett, Harden	Lower
Brown, Thomas	Lower
Day, John	Lower
Donaldson, James	Lower
Donaldson, Samuel S.	Lower
Dunn, Alexander	Lower
Farrington, Edward	Lower
Ford, Elijah, Col.	Lower
Hickok, Ira	Lower
Hopkins, Wm. A.	Lower
Howland, Silas H.	Lower
Jolly, Wm.	Lower
McCall, Larry	Lower

McClintock, Martin	Lower
Mead, Isaac	Lower
Moore, Nathaniel	Lower
Norton, Henry	Lower
Parker, John	Lower
Parkman, Robert B	Lower
Smith, Ransom	Lower
Waterman, Ira	Lower
Webster, Ira	Lower
Williams, Russell	Lower
Young, Mary L.	Lower
Young, Walter G.	Lower
Young, Wm. B.	Lower
Baldwin, Augustine R.	Overlook
Owen, Samuel	Overlook
Taylor, David	Overlook