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Family pays worthy tribute to ex-soldier

BOUQUETS: To the family of Jerko "Jerry" Zovko for the memorial service for the ex-member of the Army's 82nd Airborne who died as a U.S. civilian with three co-workers in Falujah, Iraq, after an ambush by insurgents there.

The service allowed people to see the strong bond of this family with ties to Lake and Cuyahoga counties. Zovko's brother, Tom, pulled a flask from his jacket, having a last drink with his brother, and then pitched the flask to Jerry in a gesture of brotherhood.

Zovko also earned **■ Bouquets and brickbats**

we all just get along.

BOUQUETS: To Tim Warenka, president of Black Belt Consulting Group of Cleveland, who is pushing "An Evening of Lamentation and Healing on April 27 at St. Noel Catholic Church on Chardon Road in Willoughby Hills.

Hopefully, this event will be a catalyst for healing Catholic clergy.

BOUQUETS: To Damir R. Pavicic, executive director of Bridges: Mental Health Consumer Empowerment, honored this week at his organization's 13th annual Scholarship Drive Banquet, for his work with the Legislature in gaining funding for the agency.

Additional bouquets go to the Lake County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which named Bridges Organization of the Year, and Karl Hubrath, Neighboring group leader, person of the year.

BRICKBATS: To the Ohio General Assembly for failing to adopt a solution to prevent school districts from seeking property tax levies.

The Ohio Supreme Court had ruled reliance on property taxes to fund public education is unconstitutional. The procrastination of lawmakers forces citizens like Jesse Terdan of Concord Township to push school funding reform.

A group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Mentor School Board offices, 6451 Center St., in Mentor, to take aim at Columbus.

BOUQUETS: To the 75th annual Maple Festival in Geauga County.

The event is full of fun events, eats and sweets. It proved successful once again.