



City of Westlake adopts U.S. military unit

By a unanimous vote of Westlake City Council, the city of Westlake has adopted Bravo Company 2nd Brigade of the 101st Division, Battalion Special Troops Brigade, a military unit of the United States Armed Forces. The adoption program is sponsored by America Supporting Americans, a non-profit organization that links individual units in all branches of the service with communities across the country.

The city will partner with the Westlake Kiwanis Club in support of Bravo Company. Westlake joins Valley View as the only two Ohio cities currently participating in the program along with 73 other municipalities in 17 states.

The adoption of Bravo Company has a unique Westlake connection. The incoming commander, Captain Nicole E. Ussery, is a 1997 graduate of Westlake High School and is the only WHS female graduate to attend and graduate from the United States Military, West Point, New York. Bravo Company has been twice deployed to Iraq.

How you can help

“We are looking forward to getting the whole community involved in this project,” said Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough, “as a way to honor our service men and women and acknowledge the sacrifices they make to defend our freedoms.” The mayor has issued a proclamation designating June 25 as Bravo Company Day in the city of Westlake and is encouraging all citizens to support the program.

To become a part of this citywide effort:

Address cards, letters and notes of thanks to Bravo Company.

Drop correspondence in a collection box at one of the following locations:

- **City Hall lobby, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.**
- **Community Services Department, 29694 Center Ridge Road,**
- **Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.**

For additional information, log on to <http://www.asa-usa.org/site/PageServer>