



The Eyes of Freedom will be coming to our community by R & L Carrier, the official carrier of the traveling memorial. The sixty foot truck is wrapped with images of the paintings which it proudly carries. When it arrives it will be escorted by a motorcade of law enforcement vehicles and thundering motorcycles.



The traveling tribute will be hosted at New Lexington High School through sponsorships by local veteran posts, community corporations, local merchants and private individuals. The levels of sponsorship are as follows:



Platinum: \$1000 and more

Gold: \$500 - \$999

Silver: \$250 - \$499

Bronze: \$50 - \$249



THE ARTIST'S DREAM

Anita Miller was living in Columbus, Ohio when she heard of the tragedy of the Lima Company in 2005. Like so many people in Ohio, her heart tore for the families of the fallen. Two months later, she awoke in the middle of the night with a vision of the completed Memorial. Anita could vision the Memorial in the Ohio Statehouse Rotunda. Anita worked for the next two and a half years to make it a reality. In May 2008, the Lima Company Memorial was unveiled in the Statehouse Rotunda, just as the vision foretold.

New Lexington High School is very excited and honored to bring this tribute to our school. The paintings will be on display for the public and for students throughout the entire county to view.

Exact times and dates to follow. For more information you may contact **Kay Stickdorn** at **740-343-4197** or kay.stickdorn@nlpanthers.org



PERRY COUNTY

WELCOMES



A Traveling Memorial to Marines

Lima Company

3/25

November 10-13

2018

Hosted by

New Lexington

High School





The Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines is a Marine infantry reserve unit based in Columbus, Ohio.

The 25th Marine Regiment was formed during WW II. The 25th Marines were activated in 1943. The unit was deactivated at the conclusion of WW II.

In 1962, it was reactivated as a Marine Corps Reserve Unit.

The Unit was never deployed during the Vietnam conflict.

The Marines of Lima 3/25 did reactivate to support Operation Desert Storm. Their deployment to Iraq began in 2005. The job of these Marines was to teach and equip Security Forces.

The first few weeks in Iraq were uneventful for the Marines, thus gaining them the nickname of “Lucky Lima” or “The Lucky Ones.”

But then death came, and it came in abundance. The Lima Company became one of the most heavily engaged units of Operation Iraqi Freedom. From April to August of 2005, The Lima Company lost over 20 men to bombs and ambushes.

We proudly salute the young men painted on these large canvases. These are the men of Lima. They are the Eyes of Freedom.

Please view YouTube video: The Eyes of Freedom (Our History-2014) for information.



**MARINE CORPORAL
MIKE STRAHLE**

In 2005, Mike was part of the Lima Company that was deployed to Iraq. In May, his vehicle was struck by an IED, critically injuring him, while killing six of his squad members.

He now travels with the Eyes of Freedom Memorial across the nation.

He feels as if he is still with his men by telling the people about these Marines in this breathtaking tribute to the

Men of Lima.

**Eyes of Freedom
Memorial**

REMEMBER LIMA

**The Lima Company
Memorial:**

The Eyes of Freedom

is a remembrance for all who have answered the call of service. The Memorial now travels to tell the story of love and sacrifice, as a reminder of the great price men & women are willing to pay for their country.