

## **Cyril Sedlacko**

Jul 3, 1924 - Jul 10, 2019

BIRTHPLACE: Campbell, Ohio

## SOLDIER DETAILS

DIVISION: Army, Hos 3/513th Parachute Infantry 17th Airborne Div

THEATER OF OPERATION: European

HONORED BY: Daughter Mandy Oberyszyn

## BIOGRAPHY

Cy joined the U.S. Army in 1943. During WWII, he was a paratrooper with 17th Airborne Division. He fought in the Battle of the Bulge and later parachuted in to Wesel, Germany. He was honorably discharged in December 1945 having earned the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart among other awards. He began his 30-year career with the Ohio National Guard in 1949. He retired from the guard in 1979 as the state Recruiting and Retention Officer having earned the rank of colonel. Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame- Class of 2009: Mr. Sedlacko has risen from humble beginnings as the son of an immigrant, to a distinguished career in the military. He is a member of the National Guard Association, AMVETS, the American Legion, the Catholic War Veterans, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the 37th Division Veterans Association. Cyril was instrumental in reviving the 37th Division Veterans Association that was nearly extinct. He currently serves as Secretary/Treasurer. The 37th Division has assisted widows and family members in ensuring military burial details are arranged and has aided in the reintegration of National Guard troops returning home from overseas deployments. He is a former volunteer with United Way Campaign and the Boy Scouts of America, Dan Beard Council, where he received the Appreciation Award. In May, 2004, Mr. Sedlacko arranged for 40 veterans of the 37th Division and 60 of their family members to attend the dedication of the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.