



# *The Shako*

*The Official Newsletter of 'The Cleveland Grays'*

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## Monthly Membership Meeting

**Monday November 26, 2007**

**Social Hour starts at 6:00**

**Business Meeting at 6:45**

**Speaker's Presentation at 7:00**

**RSVP ~Voicemail or email by NOON 11-23-07**

***The Grays welcome Acclaimed author and World War II Veteran~***

***S. Joseph Krause***

**"Falling Out and Belonging: A Foot-Soldier's Life"**

"The book is actually as much a Memoir as a novel; everything I write about actually happened, taken from a journal I wrote shortly after discharge." Mr. S. Joseph Krause served as a Combat Infantryman with the 4th Infantry Division in WW II. This wartime novel revolves around the experience of a callow youth destined to join the Fourth Infantry Division in Hürtgen Forest. The narrative traces the bonded ties of six comrades in arms, three of whom are killed and three wounded.

Growing up in the Depression, the youngest of three sons in a working class family, Syd Joseph Krause, a railroad demurrage clerk, could not have had the remotest dream that he might one day go to college, much less become an English Professor (MA, Yale; Ph.D. Columbia), who would publish numerous articles on major American Authors in learned journals, also a book (*Mark Twain As Critic*) with Johns Hopkins Press and become General Editor of *The Novels of Charles Brockden Brown*—America's first professional novelist—for which he did a "Historical Essay" and "Historical Notes." Following Fulbright Professorships at the Universities of Copenhagen and Tübingen, he returned to Europe

on a number of occasions for lectures in Holland, Germany (East and West) Coimbra (Portugal), Rome, and Warsaw. What actually launched him on this career was the GI Bill of Rights, resulting from his participation in a Defining Event of the Twentieth Century, World War II, when in the fall of 1944 he joined the Fourth Infantry Division and was with an on-line Company during two of the bitterest campaigns in the Fourth's history: The Battle of Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. He wrote an account of a post-Bulge battle he was in, which appeared in a collection of *War Stories* by members of the Fourth. As he thought about how men of his generation who survived the War were passing, Krause went to a journal he'd written shortly after discharge, and decided to do this novel dedicated to the memory of survivors. Mr. Krause will favor us by reading some passages as well offering copies of his book for sale. ☆

## Vote for New By-Laws on November 26, 2007

Final revisions were completed in October, and the latest version has been posted on our website: [http://www.graysarmorymuseum.org/Docs/BYLAWS THECLEVELANDGRAYS\\_rev2007.pdf](http://www.graysarmorymuseum.org/Docs/BYLAWS%20THECLEVELANDGRAYS_rev2007.pdf)

Hard copies are also available upon request. Now is the time to vote on them during the business meeting on November 26, 2007. If you are unable to attend, please call or email your proxy vote to (216) 621-5938 if you want your voice to be heard.

## **Save the Date:**

December 10, 2007 has been set aside as the date for our annual Christmas party. Please call Katrina at the Armory if you would like to be a part of the planning committee for this event – she could use the help!