

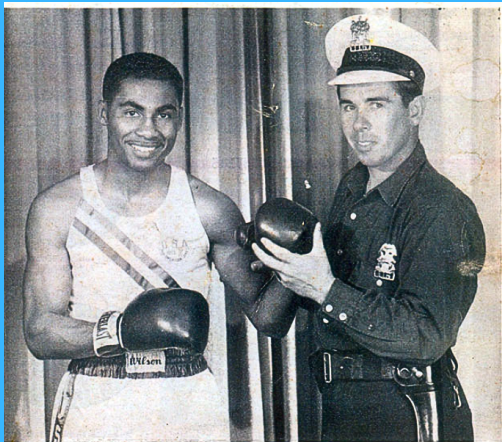


The Toledo PAL Story

The Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League (P.A.L.) was established in the early 1950s by Toledo Police Officers Ramon "Buddy" Carr, Howard Tripp, local businessman Abe Ludacer and others. The goal was to provide a place where Toledo's youth could learn athletic skills and be mentored by some of Toledo's finest. The goal was to keep kids off the streets and out of trouble. During that time, Toledo P.A.L. operated from the Police & Fire gym on the 2nd floor of the Safety Building. Though other sports were included, boxing would be the main attraction. Through the 1950s and early 1960s, only some gyms in the country could match Toledo's record for producing outstanding amateur boxers.



Legendary Toledo Police Sergeant (Ret.) and Boxing coach Raymond "Buddy" Carr



Olympic Gold Medal winner Wilbert McClure and Coach Buddy Carr in Rome Italy 1960

For over a decade, the Toledo P.A.L. boxing program was one of the most successful amateur programs in the country, winning many team championships over the years and training many outstanding young boxers. Most notable, 1956 National Golden Gloves Champion, Vince Doniero; 1959 National A.A.U. Champion, Fred Griffin; 1961 National Golden Gloves Champion, Roy McMillian; 1962 National Golden Gloves Champion, Edward Ellis; and 1960 Olympic Champion, Wilbert "Skeeter" McClure.

In 1996, the Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League, Inc. was officially incorporated and joined the more than 17,500 national P.A.L. chapters now providing services. For over 70 years, Toledo P.A.L. is now one of the oldest community/police organizations in the nation that has produced a broad range of positive sports programs and recreational and extracurricular activities for children ages 8 to 17.

Today, The Toledo Lucas County Police Athletic League, (P.A.L.), sponsors many sports activities throughout the year, including Baseball, basketball, golf, tennis, soccer, summer camps and more. Over the years, P.A.L. programs have expanded to include educational opportunities, vocational guidance, tutoring, and computer skills. Among the many programs and activities available today, P.A.L. is the only program that provides daily interaction with police officers in the community. It's not unusual to find present-day P.A.L. volunteers, coaches, and police officers who once participated in P.A.L. as children. Most of today's P.A.L. kids come from minority and low-income families.

Toledo P.A.L.'s goal is to deter children from harmful influences and enhance their self-esteem, confidence, and leadership abilities within the community. P.A.L. coaches provide positive role models for children as they develop into adulthood.