



# Charles L. Murray



Parade Grand Marshal 2018

## Worthington Memorial Day Parade



Charles L. Murray was born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Upon graduation from high school, he enlisted in the US Army in October 1955. He served in Japan, France, Thailand, Vietnam, Germany and various posts throughout the United States. His last assignment was as active Army Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Ohio Army National Guard. He retired in November 1988 with the rank of Sergeant Major.

Upon retirement he went to work at the Chalmers VA Outpatient Clinic here in Columbus. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2398 and American Legion Post 239 in Worthington. He serves on the Honor Guard/Burial Detail for both organizations.

He is a long time member of the Woodworkers of Central Ohio. Last year the Woodworkers donated over 4,000 wooden toys to fifteen charity organizations, including Fisher House at Wright Patterson AFB. Since February 2011, he volunteers at the Central Ohio Furniture bank. To date the Woodworkers have built over 10,000 four drawer dressers, 5,000 single bed frames, and numerous kitchen tables.

In 2007 he became an early volunteer with the Honor Flight program when it started in Springfield, OH. The organization is in its twelfth year with hubs in 42 states and 124 cities. To date he has been a guardian on fifty six flights with Honor Flight Columbus. Columbus has taken almost six thousand World War II, Korean and Viet Nam veterans to see their memorials in Washington DC.

He and his wife of 55 years live in Dublin, Ohio. They have three children and seven grandchildren.