



William Mirick

Parade Guest Speaker 2022

Worthington Memorial Day Parade



William Mirick-- Korean Veteran 1949-1953.

He has been married to his wife Mary for 60 years and they have two sons.

He enlisted in the Navy after graduating from High School. (Age 17)

Went to Boot Camp in San Diego, CA., Then trained as a cook before volunteering to become an Underwater Demolition Technician. (Frogman-Precursor of the Seals)

After his discharge he remained in San Diego where he taught dancing at Arthur Murray Studios for two years. During the next several years he toured Mexico with an Exhibition Dance Group.

Started working at Battelle Memorial Institute (BMI) as a technician in the Chemistry Department. While there he earned a Chemical Engineering Degree.

During his 34 year tenure he published several papers and received 7 patents. He also joined the local technical society (CDIC) and after several years was elected President. He then was the technical representative for the society to the National Society (NPCA). After representing the society for several years he was elected National President in 1986.

After retiring, he has volunteered at Riverside Hospital for the Veterans visiting Veterans program which he help start. Through his volunteer work, Bill was awarded the nationally renowned Jefferson Award in 2015, as well as the Columbus CEO volunteer of the year award in 2016 for healthcare achievement. He was also recognized by the Points of Light National Volunteer program (Nov 10, 2016).

He, along with other veterans visit local high and middle schools around Veterans Day every year, He speaks at these schools about veterans and about being one, emphasizing how imperative it is that kids understand history from veterans themselves.

He currently is a Life Member in the VFW Paul W. Tibbets Memorial Post 2398 and also a member of America Legion Leasure-Blackston Post 239.