

## Biography of William Schmidt

Bill Schmidt graduated from Rayen High in Youngstown, Ohio and went into the army and served as a rifleman with the 100th Division. Captured in battle Jan. 1, 1945 he was a prisoner of war until the close of WWII.

After the war, Bill attended and graduated Capital University. He then attended Seminary in Bexley. As a Pastor he served in Lutheran Churches until his retirement.

He served eight years on the National Board of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, serving as National Commander 2000-2001. He has served as Commander of the Ohio Department and now serves as the Commander of Ohio Chapter #1, centered in the Columbus area. Bill has been on the Mayor's Advisory Board for 2 terms. He has lived in Columbus for the last 16 years.