

Bill Schmidt graduated Rayen High School, Youngstown in 1943. He served as a rifleman in the 100th Division and was captured Jan 1, 1945, and was in a German prison labor camp until the end of the war. He graduated from Capital University and from the Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary [both in Bexley] and served as a Pastor in Lutheran churches for 38 years.

He has been a member of the American ex-Prisoners of War since 1979 and has served as a Chapter Commander both in Memphis and Columbus. He served on the National Board of the AX-POW organization for eight years, one year as the National Commander. He presently is the Ohio State Commander as well as the Ohio Chapter #1 Commander.

Bill is on the Board of the USO of Columbus where he serves both as a Board Chaplain and Volunteer. He is also a volunteer at Motts Military Museum. He is a member of AARP Chapter 252, which he also served as president for two years. He serves on the Columbus Veterans Advisory Board and served both in the Committee that planned the Veterans Plaza and the group that planned the fifth year anniversary of Dedication.

This is more than enough, but cut it down to size. These seemed to be the high points.