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Warren was born November 10, 1940 in Brice, Ohio. He attended Groveport Madison High School graduating in 1959. He joined the Ohio National Guard in 1959. He took his basic training at Fort Knox, KY the U. S. Army Signal School of Photography, Ft. Monmouth, NJ. He served 9 years in the Ohio National Guard and obtained the rank of Staff Sgt. E-6. He was the NCO in charge of the Photography Department for Ohio's 37th Inf. Division,

The Motts Military Museum was formed because of Warren's great love of this country and great admiration for the men and women that have served in our military with courage and dignity. He started collecting Civil War artifacts in 1962. Many veterans saw Warren's collection and starting donating their artifacts, this was to become Motts Military Museum in 1988. Warren served as the official photographer for the American Freedom Train that crossed the United States with historical artifacts in 1975-1976. During this period Warren learned how to protect and display valuable historical items and documents. This information has proven invaluable in operating Motts Military Museum in a professional matter. Warren's ideal to honor veterans and also preserve our military history lead to this educational tax-exempt organization.

Warren became Founder and Director Motts Military Museum opening to the public in 1988 on Ebright Road in Groveport. It was so successful and its continued growth led to the present Museum located at 5075 South Hamilton Road in Groveport, Ohio, which open to the public in 1999 providing additional space for outdoor displays. The Museum serves as a teaching tool to many public and private schools throughout the state. We continue to accommodate many classrooms of students using the Museum's and it's many artifacts as visual aids to education all those who tour the Museum. The expansion prompted Warren to retire early as president and owner of Motts Photographic Center in December 1997. During Warren's 38 years in photography he has achieved many photographic honors and degrees as well as, President of The Professional Photographers of America International and of the American Society of Photographers. He credits his successful photographic career to the photographic training he received in the military. This training gave him the necessary basis that allowed him to achieved great heights during his photographic career.

Warren now serves as full time director of the Museum seeing to its day-to-day operation as well as lecturing throughout the world promoting patriotism. He also spreads the word of the many sacrifices that have been made by the brave veterans that have served in our military.

Warren's office walls are lined with awards of achievements obtained during his professional career, not only in photography but also in appreciation of his goal of promoting patriotism and honoring our military personal that preserve and protect our freedom.

Listed below are some organizations that Warren has served a major role in as well as some of this outstanding achievements.

President, American Society of Photographers, 1983.

President, Professional Photographers of America International, 1990.

Elected President, MiL/VETS, 1999 (Military Veterans Education Foundation.

Appointed Board of Directors of Veterans Memorial, Columbus, Ohio 2001-present.

Elected as Honorary Board Member, Ohio Military Hall of Fame 2002-present.

Appeared on TV's Arts and Entertainment channel for The Civil War Journal, on the "Mathew Brady" episode.

Article published Blue & Gray Magazine Columbus, OH. on Civil War Photographer Mathew Brady, February 1994 .

Inducted into the Groveport Ohio Madison Community and Schools Hall of Fame 1986.

Chairman of the Administrative Board, Brice United Methodist Church 1981-present.

Lifetime member Groveport Heritage Society.

President Groveport Lions Club, 1999.

Board Member Groveport Area Chamber of Commerce 1996 – present.

Awarded Lifetime Membership in the Association of Licensed Battlefield Guides Gettysburg, Pa. 1996, one of only two that have been given this honor.

Awarded honorary membership in the Air Force Association (Eddie Rickenbacker Memorial Chapter) 1990-present

Lifetime Membership in the Air Force Association.

Awarded special membership in the Charles A. Lindbergh Collectors Society 1990-present

Awarded Honorary Membership National Counter Intelligence Corps Association 1994 – present

Awarded honorary Life Membership in the Tuskegee Airmen Association 2004

A profile in "Home & Away" - AAA Magazine stating the museum was a "Unique Midwest attraction".

A feature article and cover photo in Lifestyles Magazine, "Warren Motts, and Patriot and Collector"

A feature in "Airfare" Magazine PBS Station WOSU, "Making History Come Alive", 1990

Appearing on PBS Station WOSU radio every three months since 1993 - 1997  
live call in show on Motts Military Museum and Photography.

Motts Military Museum held a special reception held for the United States Air  
Force Thunderbirds 1989.

Became jump seat qualified KC-135E 160th Air Refueling Group, Ohio  
National Guard, October 19, 1991

The Museum held a special reception held for the US Army Parachute Team  
(Golden Knights) 1997

Motts Military Museum held a special reception (1992) for Mr. Fred Crane  
(Museum Board Member), actor in "Gone With the Wind" (Brett Tarleton-1939)

Listed in Who's Who in the Midwest, 1976/77 & 1978/79 Editions

Listed in Community Leaders & Noteworthy Americans 1976, 1977 & 1978

Listed in Personalities of West and Midwest, 1977 & 1978

Selected to appear in International Who's Who of Intellectuals Cambridge,  
England, 1979

Selected to appear in Men & Women of Distinction Cambridge, England  
1979

Selected to appear in Community Leaders of the World, 1976

Honorary Deputy Sheriff Clark County, Indiana, 1976-present

Honorary Police Officer Hill Street Precinct (Hill Street Blues television show),  
1983

Commissioned a Kentucky Colonel, March 1977 & 1990

Lifetime member of Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Assn. (George  
Washington's 1774 Fire Company) of Alexandria, VA, 1977

Named the Department of Defense designating Motts Military Museum Inc. as a  
World War 11, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Community.

Named the Department of Defense designating Motts Military Museum Inc. as a  
Korean War, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Community.

Award presented by American Ex-prisoners of War Chapter #1

1989 for outstanding contributions made in supporting their organization.

Special exhibition of Motts Military Museum, Inc. at the Ohio State Fair covering  
six US wars honoring the Veterans, 1992

Special exhibition of Motts Military Museum Honoring WW11 Veterans at the  
Ohio State Fair Janis Senior Citizens Center 1994

Warren married Daisy Nell Blair on July 1, 1962. They have two  
children, Wayne Earl and Lori Lynn. Wayne is married to Tina and they have a  
daughter Brittney Anne, They reside in Gettysburg, Pa. Lori is married to Curt  
Byrd and they reside in Columbus, Ohio.