

BILL & LINDA SOHL



MILITARY SERVICE ~ U.S. NAVY

William Sohl enlisted into the United States Navy in April of 1966 as a ship electronic technician for radio equipment. In 1968, Bill cruised from New York to the Western Pacific and through the Panama Canal, heading to Vietnam as a 2nd Class Petty Officer to provide gun fire support on the Robert K. Huntington Naval Destroyer. His tour ended in 1970. Bill's military service ended with an honorable discharged in January 1970

MOUNT OLIVE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE & CEREMONY

Linda and Bill Sohl have served as Co-chairs to the Mount Olive Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony since 1984. Their service began when they approached Mount Olive Township Mayor Charles Johnson asking why the township did not observe Memorial Day, as they knew Mayor Johnson honorably served in the U.S. Army Air Force 9th Division during WWII. Mayor Johnson not only gave them the green light to organize a Memorial Day parade & ceremony, but even provided them additional support from Mount Olive Recreation Supervisor(s) Eric Schulte and Animal Control Officer William Cirone. After Eric Schulte retired in April 2002, Mount Olive Parks and Grounds Supervisor Jim Lynch took his place and the same committee remained together until 2014. After serving their community for 30 years, Bill and Linda Sohl retired on May 26, 2014, passing the Memorial Day Observance to the All Veterans Memorial volunteer team; receiving the esteem Lifetime Patriotism Award for their unwavering commitment to country and community.

ALL VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

It was in 2004 that Bill and Linda Sohl became part of the All Veterans Memorial Committee; playing an integral role in the planning, promoting and construction phase of the ceremonial complex. Together, Mount Olive Historian Thea Dunkle, Bill & Linda took charge of Phase II of the AVM by safely relocated Mount Olive's Historical Monument to the heart of the AVM ceremonial ground where it proudly stands today. Bill and Linda Sohl hold an Emeritus status on the All Veterans Memorial Committee and AVM Board of Advisors for their exemplary service and contribution.

POLITICAL SERVICE

Bill was elected into office from 1988 to 2000 serving as a Mount Olive Councilman. Bill was unanimously appointed Mount Olive Business Administrator from November 2006 to January 2012 when he decided to retire from civil service to spend more time with his family.

PERSONAL LIFE

Linda was actively involved in the Mount Olive Garden Club and Girl Scouts of America with her two daughters. She also served as an Assistant Den Leader for BSA Cub Scout Den #249 until Linda passed the BSA torch to Bill, who became Scout Master for BSA Troop #62. Bill's untiring mentoring and support of BSA Eagle Scout Candidate Eric J. Wood's Community Project, AVM Phase I awarded him the BSA Eagle Mentor Award.

Bill and Linda have been married 43 years and remain very involved with their 3 children and 5 grandchildren. They are currently active members of Vasa and the Mount Olive Historical Society.