



APSU BOARD OF TRUSTEES MILITARY SERVICE AWARD

BILL AND PHIL HARPEL

Civilian Aides to the Secretary of the Army

Bill Harpel is a 1974 graduate of Austin Peay State University. Over the years, he and his twin brother Phil have given back to his alma mater by supporting the Candlelight Ball and scholarships benefiting military-affiliated students. Bill is a past president of the Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter of the Association of the United States Army, member of the board of directors of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) Tennessee-Kentucky Chapter, honorary member of the 101st Airborne Division, Life Club Member of the 101st Airborne Division Association, honorary distinguished member of the 502nd Infantry Regiment and honorary distinguished member of the 527th Infantry Regiment and Department of the Army Commander's Award for Public Service. Bill is a past chairman of the Clarksville Historical Museum Board of Trustees, past president of the Tennessee Cable Television Association, past chairman of United Way of Montgomery County, past chairman of the Gateway Hospital Board of Trustees, past member of the Clarksville Housing Authority Board of Trustees, volunteer of the year for the Clarksville Area YMCA and past chairman of the Montgomery County District Hospital Board of Trustees. Bill was inducted as a Champion of Fort Campbell in 2010.

Phil Harpel was appointed as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Tennessee North in August 2020. He became the military and government relations coordinator for the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce in October 2018. He was previously acting board chairman for Soldiers and Families Embraced as well as board president and treasurer for the AUSA. He sits on the board of AUSA and also serves as the Community Action Agency Board chairman. He is a charter member, past treasurer and past president of the Clarksville Sunrise Rotary. He is also past campaign chairman, president and treasurer of the United Way of Clarksville and is on the board of directors for Greater Clarksville Region United Way. Professionally, he has been the vice president and community market president for Bank of America, the chief of administration for Montgomery County and the acting vice president and senior community banking officer for U.S. Bank. He is a graduate of Leadership Clarksville-Montgomery County School System, Leadership Clarksville and Leadership Middle Tennessee. His honors include the Department of the Army Public Service Award, Commanders Award for Public Service and the 2010 Champion of Fort Campbell.