Board Spotlight: Mike Crites, Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission Board Member



Helping veterans access the benefits and services they have earned is at the heart of Mike Crites' service to Fairfield County. As a member of the Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission, Crites works alongside four fellow veterans to support local veterans and their families through advocacy, guidance and access to essential resources.

The Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission assists veterans and their families with emergency financial assistance, VA claims, military records, burial assistance and transportation. All services are provided free of charge. The five-member commission is appointed by the presiding judge of the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court to serve five-year terms.

A veteran himself, Crites was inspired to serve by his family's long history of military service, which dates back to the American Revolution. Throughout his career, he has held leadership positions on veteran boards and commissions at the national, state and local levels.

Crites said the greatest reward of serving on the commission is ensuring veterans receive the benefits they have earned while advocating for a population that is often overlooked. He also values the opportunity to express gratitude to veterans for their service and sacrifice.

In addition to serving on the Veterans Service Commission, Crites is a board member of the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame, which recognizes local veterans for their continued service, leadership and accomplishments following their military careers. The inaugural Class of 2025 was inducted this year, and Crites encourages community members to nominate deserving veterans for future recognition.

To learn more about the Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission, visit https://www.fcvsc.org/.