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The middle of five sons, Philip Schatzle came from a household that put family and country above all else. Born and raised in Cold Spring, Mr. Schatzle joined the Armed Forces in 1956 when he was 22 years old. His overseas service took place in Germany, where he was stationed during the Korean War at the same camp as Elvis Presley.

Like many of our veterans, Mr. Schatzle's service to his community and his country did not end with his time abroad. He joined the local American Legion and the VFW, serving as both a member and a commander. After his time in the service, Mr. Schatzle went on to become a local science teacher at Briarcliff High School for more than thirty years.

Upon his return to the States, Mr. Schatzle had one goal-to never let the memory of our soldiers be forgotten. To this end, he has organized countless events to ensure that those who served are recognized and reminded that they will always have the appreciation and support of a grateful nation.

As VFW Commander for over a decade, Mr. Schatzle was responsible for coordinating the Memorial Day Parade and the placement of over 1,000 flags on gravesites of area veterans as a way to highlight the importance of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. At 82 years young, Philip Schatzle is still active in both the American Legion and the Veterans of War Post in Cold Spring. He spends his free time encouraging young people and community members to continue honoring the nation's veterans and those who gave their lives to protect our freedoms.