

# *Watchung Hills Regional High School Hall of Fame*



**William I. Apgar, Jr.**

**Honors for Military Service; Watchung Hills Board of Education; Township Mayor**  
*Class of 1962*

William Apgar, Jr., who has family roots in the area that go back 150 years, may truly be called "Mr. Warren Township." A 1962 graduate of Watchung Hills Regional High School, he went on to gain his B.S. from Fairleigh Dickinson and graduated with honors from the Command and General Staff College, United States Army.

His life has been single-mindedly devoted to service, to the Army and to the community, in both areas of which he has been awarded honors and recognition. Upon retirement he held the position of Director of Policy, Planning, and Compliance in the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. He held numerous command positions in the New Jersey Army National Guard and was the recipient of several New Jersey and Army awards and commendations, the highest being the United States Army Legion of Merit.

Area residents know Bill best, however, for the multiplicity of his interests and his devotion to all matters that impact the community, among these: Mayor of Warren Township (1980); Warren Township Committee (1976, 1978-1980) Finance Chair, Police Commissioner; Warren Township Planning Board (1976, 1979-1980); Watchung Hills Regional High School Board of Education member (1983-2001), serving as vice president (1990-1995), and as president (1996-2001).

Bill also found time to serve on the Wagner Farm Arboretum Foundation, the Open Space Acquisition Committee, and the Charter Study Review Committee. For all of his many efforts on behalf of the community, he was recognized in 1998 by the Warren Township Committee as Volunteer of the Year, and by the Warren Township Recreation Committee in 2002 as Citizen of the Year.