

Joseph speaker for Delphos Memorial Day services

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DELPHOS — The speaker for Memorial Day services in Delphos on Monday is 1st Sergeant Paul A. Joseph, who served in the United States Army from February 1982 until December 2008, when he retired from the Reserves 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion stationed in Toledo.

First Sergeant Joseph is an Iraqi War veteran and served with the 1/94th Engineer Brigade, 42nd Infantry Division, 18th Airborne Division, 20th Combat Engineer Brigade (Airborne), as well as the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion.

His military training includes the United States NCO First Sergeants Academy, the US Army Military Police Investigator School, the US Army Combat Engineer Basic Demolition School, the US Army Military Police School, Counter Terrorism Interdiction Academy, US Army Marksmanship Academy, the 1st US Army Instructor/Trainer Course, as well as other schools and academies.

Joseph has an associate of arts degree in criminal justice from The Ohio State University; a BA degree in organizational management from Bluffton University and has graduated from the United States Postal Service Postmaster Academy.

He has been awarded more than 20 military medals during his career, among those awards are the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Iraqi Campaign

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Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

First Sgt. Joseph has been awarded civilian awards from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the United States Postal Service, the Boy Scouts of America, the AFL-CIO and the National Guard.

He is a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, 88th Blue Devil Combat Engineers Association and the 180th Non-Commissioned Officer Association; an endowment member of the National Rifle Association; a vigil member, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America; member of Fraternal Order of Eagles; and a member of several postal organizations where he is currently chapter president of the National Association of Postal Supervisors – Lima Branch.

Joseph is currently the Postmaster for the Celina Post Office. He is a lifelong resident of Lima, married for 34 years with two sons, who are veterans, one currently on active duty with the United States Air Force.

Events begin with the annual parade stepping off at 10:45 a.m. from East Second Street to Main Street and north on Main Street to the Veterans Memorial Park at Fifth and Main streets.

The service at the memorial will begin at approximately 11 a.m. with the presentation of the colors and St. John's High School Band performing the The National Anthem.

The Delphos Veterans Council has a special announcement for attendees.