

ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME



2009
NOMINATION PACKET
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Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Background and History

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) recognizes Arizona veterans for significant post-military contributions on a local, state, or national level. These are veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and who have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with their deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime. It is not a military hall of fame with the exception of automatic induction of United States Medal of Honor recipients with Arizona ties.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is an extension of the Hall of Fame created by the Arizona Department of the Disabled American Veterans in 1978. In 1998, Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV), as a consortium committee with representation open to all recognized veterans' service organizations throughout the state, began formulating its own hall of fame to recognize Arizona veteran men and women from all eras, all branches of service, and all walks of life. At the advice of the Director, Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS), the UAV followed in the footsteps of the established Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, using the Ohio program as a model for the Arizona program.

In early 2001, the UAV requested and received the support of Governor Jane Dee Hull in recognizing Arizona Veterans nominated for induction into the newly established AVHOF. The inaugural induction ceremony, held on May 30, 2001, recognized 26 Medal of Honor recipients with Arizona ties, 13 of those being prior to Statehood in 1912, and 24 other distinguished Arizona veterans. Since 2001 the program has annually honored selected Arizona veterans with induction into the AVHOF.

Nominations are solicited throughout the state, and individuals or organizations can submit nominations for individual veterans for induction. An independent committee of representatives of our state's veteran's services organizations serves as advisor to the Hall of Fame and, using an objective and unbiased selection process, selects from the nominees those to be honored in that year. Last year, the Class of 2007 brought the number of inductees into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame to 164.

In 2007, living AVHOF honorees united to establish the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society to collectively continue serving local and state community needs. The society was incorporated in 2008 as a non profit and has applied for 501(c) 3 tax exempt status.

Management and oversight of the AVHOF is provided by Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV). Support is provided by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and the AVHOF Society. The Office of the Governor continues to provide formal recognition of these AVHOF inductees. The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame is temporarily located on the second floor of the Arizona State Veteran Home in Phoenix while awaiting the planning and building of a permanent Arizona Veterans or Military Museum.

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Past Recipients

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ★ Alchesay, William*
(MOH) | ★ Foster, James C.* | ★ Lauffer, Billy Lane*
(MOH) | ★ Shannon, Douglas |
| ★ Althoff, David L. | ★ Fox, Lowell "Ed" | ★ Lay, James S. | ★ Shaw, Albert "Park" |
| ★ Ambrose, Constantine
"Jerry" | ★ Franqui, Jack | ★ Luke, Frank* (MOH) | ★ Sigholtz, Robert * |
| ★ Anders, William | ★ Fyffe, Carroll M.* | ★ MacDonald, Bruce | ★ Sloane, Art |
| ★ Ashby, Robert | ★ Gannon, Michael * | ★ Machol,* (MOH) | ★ Smith, Cornelius C.*
(MOH) |
| ★ Austin, Oscar P.*
(MOH) | ★ Gannon, Virginia. | ★ MacIntyre, Edward | ★ Smith, Thomas C. |
| ★ Bacon, Nicky D.
(MOH) | ★ Garavito, Reginald | ★ Mahoney, Michael * | ★ Spruce, Edwin |
| ★ Barr, Burton S.* | ★ Gauthier, Orville * | ★ Manring, Gene | ★ Staker, W. Keith |
| ★ Beeler, John M. | ★ Gentry, Donnell H. | ★ Martinez, Ray* | ★ Stephens, Billie L. |
| ★ Blakely, Louis G. | ★ Gersten, Jesse J. | ★ Mays, Isaiah* (MOH) | ★ Stephens, Thomas |
| ★ Blanquet,* (MOH) | ★ Gervase, Nicholas | ★ McComb, Dennis . | ★ Stern, Harold |
| ★ Bockman, James E. | ★ Glass, Helen A. | ★ McFarland, Ernest* | ★ Stinson, Bess B.* |
| ★ Bohach, Robert L. | ★ Goldwater, Barry * | ★ McMullen, William | ★ Strauch, Donald W. |
| ★ Boice, William S.* | ★ Gowin, Roland M. | ★ McNulty, Emmett . | ★ Stump, Robert Lee* |
| ★ Bosh, Frank A. | ★ Greenway, John * | ★ Middleton, Harry * | ★ Suardini, John* |
| ★ Bradley, Lewis | ★ Grombacher, Gerd * | ★ Mills, Raymond A. | ★ Swietek, Paul |
| ★ Braun, Albert J.* | ★ Grone, James L. | ★ Minor, Richard E. | ★ Tang, Thomas * |
| ★ Brodie, Alexander * | ★ Guthrie, Harold * | ★ Monson, Lyle
"Skip"D. | ★ Tapia, John R. |
| ★ Brody, Melvin I. | ★ Hanson, Philip J. | ★ Murch, Thomas J. | ★ Tassin, Terry Jude |
| ★ Brofer, Duane R. | ★ Harper, William A. | ★ Murphy , James J.* | ★ Tercero, Ildefonso
"Al" |
| ★ Brown, Julius W. | ★ Harrison, Hermon.* | ★ Murphy, Ronald C* | ★ Thompson, Max*
(MOH) |
| ★ Brown, Lawrence | ★ Harvey, Raymond*
(MOH) | ★ Nannasaddie,* (MOH) | ★ Thompson, Walter W.* |
| ★ Browning, Tom | ★ Hastings, Charles .* | ★ Nantaje,* (MOH) | ★ Thorsness, Leo K.
(MOH) |
| ★ Castle, Tris | ★ Hauser, Henry F. * | ★ Nemerov, Jack | ★ Timmons, George . |
| ★ Chiquito,* (MOH) | ★ Hayden, Carl T. * | ★ Nilsen, Nils F. | ★ Toy, William K. * |
| ★ Cloud, Daniel T. | ★ Hayes, Ira H.* | ★ O'Neill, William * | ★ Trimble, Marshall I. |
| ★ Colson, Richard A. | ★ Herrera, Silvestre .
(MOH) | ★ Ong, Henry | ★ Ullman, Leland M. |
| ★ Copsy, R. Dale | ★ Hessler, Thomas J. | ★ Orrantia, Gilbert D. | ★ Ullom, Madeline .* |
| ★ Coyte, Helen C. | ★ Hintz, Frederick * | ★ Othon, Florencio L. | ★ Untz, Ralph J. * |
| ★ Crandall, Bruce P.
(MOH) | ★ Hubbard, Arthur J. | ★ Pakinkis, Bill | ★ Urda, Elmer |
| ★ Culbertson, Caroleen | ★ Inoshita, Masaji | ★ Pellon, Louis M. | ★ Valenzuela, Marco
"Tony" |
| ★ Cushing, George E. | ★ Iosue, Carmine | ★ Pitrowski, Mary Ellen* | ★ Valenzuela, William |
| ★ Darnell, Dick * | ★ Jim,* (MOH) | ★ Pruitt, John H.*
(MOH) | ★ Vargas, Jay R. (MOH) |
| ★ Delker, Bob | ★ Jimenez, Jose F.*
(MOH) | ★ Renquist, William* | ★ Varona, Marcelino* |
| ★ Di Giovanni, Dominic | ★ Johnson, Beatrice .* | ★ Rhodes, John J.* | ★ Waara, Ralph C. |
| ★ Dunagan, Kern W.*
(MOH) | ★ Johnson, Claudie | ★ Rodriguez, Albert | ★ Wallace, Henry B.* |
| ★ Egel, George E.* | ★ Jones, Anthony O. | ★ Romley, Richard | ★ Wallace, William |
| ★ Elsatsoosh, * (MOH) | ★ Jones, Donald L. * | ★ Roth, Stanley L.* | ★ White, Barney R. |
| ★ Engebretson, Eldora | ★ Kaplan, Bernard | ★ Rowdy,* (MOH) | ★ Whitten, Frank H. |
| ★ Farley, Rex Jay | ★ Kelsay, * (MOH) | ★ Rowley, Arden A. | ★ Williams, Robert .* |
| ★ Ferguson, Frederick E.
(MOH) | ★ Kilmer, Lloyd W. | ★ Rudd, Eldon Dean* | ★ Wineinger, Harry * |
| ★ Finnegan, Thomas | ★ Kirmse, George R. | ★ Sackton, Frank J. | ★ Wudy, Susan E. |
| ★ Fleischer, Martin* | ★ Kohrs, Rollin | ★ Sandvig, William | * Deceased; |
| ★ Foss, Joseph Jacob*
(MOH) | ★ Kokesch, Grace L. | ★ Saputo, Anthony V. | MOH – Medal of Honor |
| | ★ Kosisky, Richard J.* | ★ Schaefer, Thomas | |
| | ★ Kosoha,* (MOH) | ★ Schluter, Charles H. | |
| | ★ Kraft, Howard E. | ★ Schmidt, Walter H. | |
| | ★ Krizanauskas, Anne *. | ★ Schmuck, Frank C. | |
| | ★ Lake, Caroline J. | ★ Seidl, James C. | |

AVHOF Nomination Package Criteria & Guidelines

Criteria. The following criteria are established as requisites to the nomination package.

- 1) The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame seeks to recognize those Arizonans who have worn the uniform of this Nation's Armed Forces, performed their military duties, and then continued to contribute to community, state, and nation in an exemplary manner. These outstanding contributions may, for example, be in areas of professional, civic, veterans' advocacy, political or contributions over the life of the nominee. **Please note Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame focuses on a nominee's contributions outside of and after their military service.**
- 2) **Eligibility:** The nominee must have been born in Arizona, entered military service from Arizona, or lived in Arizona for a minimum of five years; must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. Military service, be of good character and have no felony convictions. Posthumous nominations are accepted.
- 3) **Non-eligibility:** To preclude conflict of interest or the appearance thereof, employees of the Governor's Office Executive Staff including Arizona Department Directors, and members of committees associated with Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) planning and selection activities, are NOT eligible for consideration for selection to the AVHOF until two (2) years after they have ceased service therewith, unless the individual is 70 years of age or older. Eligibility requirements are based on the nomination application deadline.

B. Guidelines. Nominations will be reviewed by a committee of veterans selected from Arizona's recognized veterans' service organizations and/or past recipients of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Medal, evaluated on the scope and impact of a nominee's achievements and the extent to which his/her efforts benefit and provide inspiration to other veterans, and be approved by the Governor of Arizona. For the submission process to uniformly portray the efforts and contributions of these great Arizona veterans, it is recommended that the nomination packet be completed in accordance with the following format:

- 1) **Nomination form (Required):** Please be accurate and sign the form indicating your validation of the data.
- 2) **Verification of veterans status (Required):** Attach a copy of the official document (DD214 preferred)
- 3) **Summary of Education and Training Accomplishments:** A simple chronology of education and training accomplishments (List or attach any significant achievements, recognitions, etc.)
- 4) **Summary of the Veteran's Professional or Employment History:** Please provide a simple chronology of professional and employment history. (You may attach any significant awards, recognition, etc. that may be pertinent to this item.)
- 5) **Summary of Veteran's Advocacy Contributions:** Summarize the contributions and recognition of the nominee in relation to veterans' advocacy or veterans' support programs or initiatives. (Examples may include the nominee's active involvement with veterans' organizations.)
- 6) **Summary of Civic Activities, and Contributions:** Summarize the nominee's civic affiliations and contributions (e.g. Rotary, Kiwanis, schools, political, fraternal, etc.)
- 7) **List any Awards, Honors or Publications about the Nominee:** (e.g. Presidential awards, Who's Who, Citizen of the Year, books, newspaper or magazine articles, etc.)
- 8) **Any Letters of Recommendation:** Letters should be from people not immediately related to the nominee.
- 9) **Narrative:** Describe why you feel this individual should be considered for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

Any questions please call Unified Arizona Veterans at (480) 473-9076 or visit www.AVHOF.org.

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Nomination Form

Be sure to read the Nomination Package Criteria & Guidelines (located on reverse) prior to completing this form.

Full Name of Nominee: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Telephone No.: () _____ Email: _____

City/State of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Years and Location of Arizona Residency: _____ SSAN: _____

Proof of Military Service: Most Recent DD 214/215 Most Recent Honorable Discharge

I hereby affirm that the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding, and in conformance with the Nomination Guidelines. I agree to provide information if requested by the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. If selected as a finalist a background investigation of the nominee will be conducted.

Nominator's Name: _____ Telephone: () _____

Nominator Address: _____

Signature of Nominator _____

Date: _____ E-mail: _____

If selected, will nominee/representative be present to accept? YES NO

**PLEASE NOTE: Only the nominator will be notified if this nominee is NOT selected.
THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY**

Nomination Package Checklist (maximum of 10, 8 1/2 by 11 pages); Please initial or check each

- Nomination form entirely completed (**required**)
- Proof of Honorable Military Service; e.g. DD-214. (**required**)
- Summary of education and training accomplishments, veteran's professional or employment history, veteran's advocacy contributions, civic activities/contributions, and list of awards/honors.
- Any supporting documentation or letters of recommendation.
- Simple narrative as to why nominee should be favorably considered. Attach a typed summary of the Nominee's achievements per the guidelines.

MAIL COMPLETED PACKET TO:
ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME - UAV
P.O. BOX 34338 PHOENIX, AZ 85067

ALL PACKETS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2009
Any packet postmarked after this date will be included for the following year evaluation.