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Newsletter

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From the President, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation...



Hello, friends and stakeholders. We're introducing a new means of communicating with you, the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation Newsletter. In it, we'll bring you items of interest about veterans in our state, the Hall and our Foundation, and how you can get involved.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was signed into law in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich as a way to recognize the achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans after their time of military service. The first members inducted that year were the six Ohio veterans who were elected President of the U.S., and Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio, a tradition which continues to this day. Every year since, 20 new members are chosen from over 100 applications. Today, the Hall of Fame numbers 934 members, men and women from all walks of life including astronauts, business leaders, community volunteers, medical professionals, and public servants. Their common bonds are that they are military veterans who have given of themselves to serve our great state.

I am very honored to be one of their number, as of my induction in the Class of 2006. It was a wonderful climax in my life of public service that began with my time in the U.S. Army. Following that were many years of service to Ohio – as an attorney, a Representative of the 19th District of Ohio from 1973 to 1978, a Senator from the 7th District of Ohio from 1978 to 2002, serving as President of the Senate from 1997 to 2002, and also as Chair of the Capital Square Review and Advisory Board from 1989 to 2013. Since 2015, I have been the Mayor of my hometown of Evendale.

Since my induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, I have been fortunate to serve on the board of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation and to be elected President in 2017. We support the Hall and its members through various events designed to bring awareness and recognition of their many contributions.

To be sure, the past two years have been difficult for all of us, and have affected the Hall as well. COVID concerns have meant that Hall of Fame induction ceremonies have been small-scale or virtual, with the resulting ripple effects on events that the Foundation specifically hosts. We have not been able to hold the Induction Dinner the night before the ceremony or the Induction Breakfast the following morning, and the Enshrinement Ceremony and Luncheon for the past three years have been postponed. But, on the positive side, after a one-year absence, our Governor's Cup Golf Tournament returned, bigger and better in 2021.

We don't know what the future holds. But, no matter what, 2022 is a special year for the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame - it marks the 30th year that distinguished veterans have been recognized for their post-service contributions to Ohio and the nation. We will be doing our part to make it a memorable and meaningful time for inductees and their families and friends.

We hope you enjoy this inaugural edition of our newsletter, and that you learn more about us and what we do. Above all, it's my fervent hope this year that we are able to get back to doing what we do and to personally bring honor to the members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. Hope to see you in 2022!

Richard H. Finan
President, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation

Goodbye Rob...



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation has lost a dear friend and the nation has lost a great man. Our esteemed colleague, Rob Doremus, passed away on March 14 at University Hospital in Columbus following a brief illness.

Rob was a retired Navy Captain and one of our longest-serving board members. He retired from the Foundation at the end of 2021.

Twice in his military career, Rob earned the Silver Star for heroism. He served as a Naval Aviator and was shot down over North Vietnam, where he endured nearly 7 ½ years as a Prisoner of War. Following his release, he continued to serve the Navy with honor and distinction. After he retired from active duty, Rob dedicated himself to serving our greater community and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 1999.

This true American hero is originally from Montclair, New Jersey, where he was born in 1932. He enlisted in the Naval Aviation Cadet Program in 1955 and was commissioned as an Ensign later that year, earning his wings in November 1956. Rob served nearly two more years on active duty, and after a break in service, was recalled to active duty in October 1961. Then-Lieutenant Doremus underwent various training and assignments and was eventually deployed with Fighter Squadron 21 to Southeast Asia in March 1965 aboard the USS Midway, serving as a Radar Intercept Officer on an F-4 Phantom.

By then a Lieutenant Commander, Rob flew combat missions from April to August of 1965. He earned his first Silver Star during an aerial dogfight on June 17, in which he had a confirmed kill of one enemy aircraft and contributed to another by diverting

the four remaining enemy planes from the other U.S. aircraft. But, on August 24, 1965, Rob was forced to eject over North Vietnam and was taken prisoner. Along with many other POWs, Rob suffered unimaginable hardships during his many years of captivity, remaining in North Vietnamese hands until his repatriation during Operation Homecoming on February 12, 1973. He then spent a brief time recuperating from his injuries at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia.

Promoted to Commander and later Captain, Rob continued his Navy career. He served as a training officer, Chief of Staff for Navy Recruiting District 4 in Columbus, Ohio, and finally as Commanding Officer of Personnel Support Activity Great Lakes. Rob's active service had taken him from Hawaii, Georgia, and Southeast Asia to Pennsylvania, Washington, D.C., Ohio, and Illinois. He retired from active duty in June 1986.

Rob, his wife Alice and their daughter, settled in Columbus and he embarked on further distinguished service as a civilian. He became involved with NAM-POWs and was National President of the organization from 1993 to 1995. He was President of the Columbus Council of the Navy League and the first Chairman of the Columbus Veterans Advisory Board. Among many other activities, Rob was the Ohio delegate to the White House Conference on Libraries, President of the Bexley Rotary Club, and a volunteer in the Bexley schools. These achievements, which followed his service in the U.S. Navy, earned him induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 1999.

In 2003, Rob became one of the founding members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, where he left an indelible mark on all of us. His passion and drive to support all activities, his contributions for more than 10 years as our Chaplain, his mentorship of new members, and his unfailing good humor will never be forgotten.

We send our most heartfelt condolences to Alice and all of Rob's family and loved ones. Fair winds and following seas.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation grew out of an idea by the late David Aldstadt. He served as Director of the Governor's Office of Veterans' Affairs and was instrumental in working with then-Governor George Voinovich to institute the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1992. Dave and a group of veterans' advocates created the Foundation in 2000. His efforts at recruiting a number of distinguished veterans and others led to the inaugural meeting of the Foundation in 2003. Five of those initial members – then-Board President Doug Lay, Richard Finan, Guy Reece, George Ondick, and Liz Flick – continue to serve the Foundation today.

The mission of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation

is to recognize those veterans who have served in the United States military with honor and distinction, and who have dedicated themselves to serving society both through their everyday work and through their humanitarian community service. The mission of the Foundation also includes informing the public of the need to recognize and support our nation's military veterans in keeping with the American tradition of preserving our country's heritage of freedom.

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MEET THE CLASS OF 2021

Congratulations to the latest inductees of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame!

These 20 distinguished members were formally inducted in three separate ceremonies prior to Veterans Day 2021. Here's a little more about who they are and what they've accomplished...



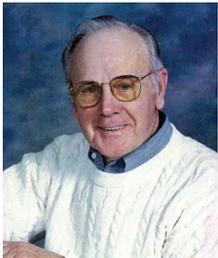
Ted C. Barrows

For more than 50 years, Ted C. Barrows has served his community, state and country as a soldier, attorney, elected judge and tireless volunteer. Since 2014, Ted has worked as the Presiding Judge of Franklin County Military and Veterans Services (MAVS) Specialized Docket, a volunteer post where he earned three "Rise to the Challenge" Awards.



David A. Bauer

Despite being severely wounded during a rocket attack in Vietnam, David Bauer overcame challenges and devoted his life to helping others do the same. He was a longstanding force in the Honor Flight Network, serving as a board member and directing the "Flags of Our Heroes" program to honor veterans who died before taking their flights.



John J. Callarik

John J. Callarik has a long history of serving others, including as mayor of Bridgeport for 18 years. In 1944, John served in the United States Army for two years, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and earning numerous accolades.



William J. Clark

As class valedictorian, William J. "Bill" Clark was selected for the Navy V-12 program, which trained officers to command ships replacing the Pearl Harbor fleet. He served 38 years as professional educator and coach, establishing lifelong relationships with students, athletes and colleagues.



Wanda J. Dillard

Wanda J. Dillard is a retired Major of the Army National Guard with a lifetime and award-winning record of service, commitment and achievement. She found her calling in a career path that includes the perfect merger of health care access and direct engagement with marginalized communities.



Michael Ferriter

After a distinguished 35-year Army career, Lt. General Michael Ferriter has dedicated his post-military life to the support and empowerment of veterans. In 2018, he became the Founding President and CEO of the National Veterans Memorial and Museum.



Thomas M. Humphries

After working as a paper boy and janitor before serving in the Vietnam War, Thomas M. Humphries became a business leader and beacon to the Youngstown-Warren area veterans and their causes.



Charles Young

A hundred years ago, soldier, diplomat, and civil rights leader Charles Young passed away in 1922. Colonel Young overcame stifling inequality to become the first black officer in the regular army to be promoted to the rank of captain and led the famed Buffalo Soldiers with distinction in the Philippines. Young was a leading figure in the years after the Civil War when the United States emerged as a world

power. Despite being highly decorated, Young was forced to retire as a Colonel from the Army in 1917. He was recalled to duty with the Ohio National Guard two years later and named military attache to the U.S. Embassy in Liberia. Young led the new military sciences department at Wilberforce College, established under a special federal grant and was also the first black superintendent of a national park. The Army posthumously promoted him to Brigadier General in November 2021, at least partly redressing the wrong done to him in his career. Young's Wilberforce home now the Buffalo Soldiers National Monument.



Gary A. Loxley

A lifelong Ohio resident and career public servant, Gary A. Loxley was 18 when he enlisted in the Ohio Army National Guard and later in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. Three times after 9-11, he was mobilized in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Judge Loxley formed the Warren County Veterans Court and expanded it to include three other jurisdictions.



Linda Strite Murnane

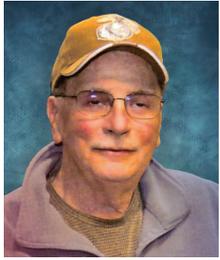
Following military retirement, Linda Strite Murnane has served as a prosecutor in Brown County and in the United Nations international judiciary in war crimes cases in the former Yugoslavia. As a valued asset and mentor to her community, Linda provides pro bono legal services and advises veterans.



Joe M. Nishimoto

Born as a second-generation Japanese American in California, Joe Nishimoto was interned in the Japanese Relocation Camp in Jerome, Arkansas, shortly after the outbreak of WWII. His brother-in-law, Sam Ishida, secured his release and brought him to Marion, Ohio, where he entered into military service in 1943. The two served side by side in both Italy and France where Joe earned a Medal of Honor

after taking out several machine gun nests six days before he was killed in action. He immediately became eligible for induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame once it was determined that he entered service as an Ohioan. His induction marks the first entry into the Hall by a Medal of Honor recipient since Navy Seal Edward C. Byers Jr. joined the Class of 2017.



Roger R. Neff

Through his enthusiastic leadership, Roger R. Neff has made an indelible mark on northwest Ohio. This Marine founded and served as commander of the annual Armed Forces Day program in Findlay for almost three decades. Roger and his wife built a 5,000-square-foot museum at their home to show what generations of American military men and women experienced during their service.



Dennis F. Quebe

Dennis F. Quebe is a leading presence in the Miami Valley who has generously given to the community for decades. He continues to use the Marine Corps values of honor, courage and commitment, to devote himself to Ohio's veterans.



Barry J. Shillito

Barry's wartime experience, which included witnessing an air strike on Berlin while being transported to a POW camp, gave him the tools to thrive amidst adversity. After the war, Barry became the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and the Assistant Secretary of Defense. He and wife, Eileen, established the Shillito Family Scholarship Fund, which provides a perpetual \$1M scholarship and provides \$1M to the University of Dayton through a joint relationship with the Teledyne Corporation.



Nickolas G. Sunday

As a champion for veterans in central Ohio, Nickolas G. Sunday led the Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Program, linking Columbus area veterans with job training, employment opportunities, legal aid services and assistance with meeting basic needs. This Navy veteran has partnered with the VA, food banks and courts to serve thousands of other veterans after his service.



Harry N. Walters

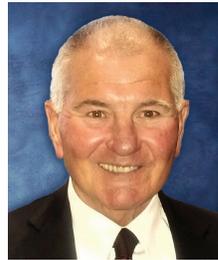
Harry Walters excelled in sports and academics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, where he played football, blocking for Heisman Trophy winner Pete Dawkins and earning honorable mention All-American status. After serving, he began a lifelong pursuit of fighting for military and veteran causes and served as Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and

Reserve Affairs and then as head of the Veterans Administration (VA). At the request of President George H.W. Bush, he oversaw "The National Victory Celebration" held in Washington, D.C., which recognized victory in the Gulf War – the largest American military parade since WWII.



George F. White

During a 35-year medical career, George F. White served thousands of patients, introduced new treatments and advanced technologies as his community's only ear, nose and throat specialist. Dr. White would often offer free care to the veterans he cared for.



Gregory A. White

Throughout a distinguished career in public service, Gregory A. White has displayed unwavering dedication to the principles of courage, honesty and integrity. This heralded member of non-profit boards and committees continues to act as a mentor, helping others achieve their educational and vocational goals and improve their communities.



Jo N. Wildman

After retiring from the Coast Guard, where she became the first woman to advance to Chief (E7) Fire Control Technician and the first woman commissioned as Chief Warrant Officer in the Weapons Specialty, Jo Wildman's desire to help fellow women veterans led to her involvement with the Ohio Women Veterans Advisory Committee, the Greater Cincinnati Women's American Legion Post 644 and the Dayton National Cemetery Honor Squad.



Paul R. zumFelde

Through a life dedicated to service, fundraising and advocacy, Paul zumFelde has made a lasting impact on Ohio's future. This Vietnam Army veteran has trained more than 16,000 young people over the course of his career.

26th Annual Golf Outing

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation 26th Annual Golf Outing represents our main fundraising event and is scheduled for September 12, 2022, at the Golf Club of Dublin. The fun event brings together veterans and community members for golf and includes lunch, silent auction and dinner.

An entry form is available at www.ovhoff.com/Golf-Entry-Form.html

Connect with Us and Name Our Newsletter...

We hope you enjoy this first edition. You may have noticed one thing missing, though – it doesn't have a name! That's because we want to give you a chance to select one – and also to connect with us so we make sure you receive future editions.

Our newsletter should have a name that befits the mission and goals of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation, to recognize those distinguished veterans selected for the Hall, to educate the public and encourage our citizens to nominate deserving individuals, and to maintain the permanent Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame exhibit at the Riffe Center in Columbus. We also want to shine a light on the activities of our Foundation to support appropriate ceremonies for inductees and their families.

Please submit your suggestions for a newsletter name to one of the addresses below. And if you choose to send it via email, that enables us to be sure you'll get future editions quickly and securely.

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Hall of Fame 30th Anniversary

Thirty years ago, three living Medal of Honor Recipients from Ohio joined six former Presidents, all who had served in the military, in the charter class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Ohio Governor George Voinovich launched the Hall of Fame to create a way to honor Ohio's veterans, not just for their sacrifices on the battlefield, but also for their service to Ohio's communities AFTER their service.

Since then, 934 Ohioans have received the honor. From the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, to the first woman to walk in space, Kathy Sullivan, the accomplishments of Ohio's veterans are documented in our history books and inspire generations that follow.

Our honorees have founded many of our nation's most successful businesses, like Dave Thomas of Wendy's and Bob Evans. They continue to save millions of lives like Dr. Henry Heimlich. They've broken glass ceilings and color barriers like Charity Adams, the first black commissioned officer in the Women's Army Corps, and famed Buffalo Soldier Charles Young, who inspired the Tuskegee airmen led by Ohio's Benjamin Davis.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame also recognizes a diverse group of Medal of Honor recipients from every conflict starting with the Civil War's Jacob Parrott, our nation's first recipient. Other war heroes include World War I flying Ace Eddie Rickenbacker, WWII Asian American Medal of Honor recipient Joe Nishimoto, Korean War fighter pilot and Mercury 7 astronaut John Glenn, Vietnam nurse Sharon Lane, Gulf War General and National Veterans Memorial and Museum Director Michael Ferriter, and Navy Seal Ed Byers, from America's War on Terror.

Movies have been made about Ohio's honorees, like Air Force hero William Pitsenbarger. Others have gone on to make movies themselves, like Academy Award winners Paul Newman and Clark Gable.

From legendary coaches like Paul Brown and Woody Hayes, to Indians Pitcher Bob Feller. All are enshrined in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

Come see their names side by side and celebrate 30 years of service AFTER their service, in person and on display at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts in Columbus. And please nominate a deserving Ohio veteran online anytime at **OhioVets.gov**.





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“NEW” Fundraising Program

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of a fundraising program. This program will provide our inductees and supporters the opportunity for a onetime donation or recurring pledge to the Foundation.

Please complete the information below in support of this important program.

- Enclosed is my check payable to the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation
- Credit card information: One Time Recurring Pledge
- Please bill my credit card: Visa Mastercard Discover
- American Express the total amount of \$ _____

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Goals of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation

- To recognize those Ohio veterans who have been selected for induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.
- To establish procedures for informing national, state and local news media of the annual Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony, which recognizes selected, outstanding military veterans.
- To encourage Ohio cities, counties, communities, organizations and individuals to nominate their most deserving military veterans for induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.
- To maintain at the Riffe Center in Columbus a permanent exhibit containing bronze plaques, which shall display the names of each year’s veterans who have been inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible within the limits prescribed by law.

Thank you in advance for your generous contribution and support of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation.