



KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

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Alumni Association Newsletter April 2023

Welcome to a new year of dedication to those veterans who continued to serve their country and communities after separation from the military.

Here are our inductees for the Class of 2023:

Robert Bacon	Boone Cty	April Brown	Fayette Cty	Jeremy Camron	Daviess Cty
Douglas Carter, Sr.	Fayette Cty	Brent Casey	Oldham Cty	Kathleen Cornelius	Hardin Cty
LeRoy Dale	Jessamine Cty	Robert Douglas	Kenton Cty	Louis Drawdy	Daviess Cty
Douglas Foster	Jefferson Cty	Ronnie French	Mason Cty	William Gay	Fayette Cty
James Goodall	Daviess Cty	Jasper Hatter	Kenton Cty	Floyd Houston	Edmondson
Howard Hunt, III	Boyle Cty	Keith Jackson	Jefferson Cty	Willie Lee, Jr.	Hardin Cty
Susan Perry-Lindle	Kenton Cty	Ronald Logan	Fayette Cty	David Morgan	Fayette Cty
Leonard Neal	Fayette Cty	Jerry Rhoads	Daviess Cty	Glenn Skeens	Daviess Cty
Barry Smith	Breckinridge Cty	John Thurston	Fayette Cty	Francis Winsatt	Jefferson Cty
Michael Walker	Jefferson Cty	John Wright	Jefferson Cty		

This year's Banquet and Induction ceremonies will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 1801 Newtown Pike in Lexington. Room Reservations 800 Embassy (800 362-2779). Tell them you are with the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. Use the Code KYV for phone booking. Tell them that it is for the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. August 8th will be the introduction of the Class of 2023. Weather permitting there will be a parachute jump by FASTRAX to honor the inductees. This will be held at the Embassy Suites Lexington. If you plan to spend the night at the Embassy Suites for the introduction ceremonies call the same number but tell them you are there for Kentucky Veterans inductees, code KVI. September 8th will be the Banquet. We are expecting 500 or more attendees. The cost for the Banquet will be \$75 per adult and \$20 per child. The Induction ceremony will be held on September 9th at the Embassy Suites. There is no cost to attend the induction. All are welcome to attend that.

Cost to put on the Banquet and Induction is \$100,000 approximate. If you know of any organization that can help us to offset the cost through donations please let us know. Decorations will consist of banners and flags being placed throughout the Embassy Suite's Lobby. We will be needing assistance on setting up the decorations. I'll let you know when we will need volunteers there.



Kentucky's Moving Vietnam Wall

Jack Mattingly and the Travelling Kentucky Vietnam Wall, Inc. will be bringing the wall to the banquet and induction.

This Wall is a dedication for all Kentuckians and will provide all Kentuckians an opportunity to remember and pay homage to those who gave their all.

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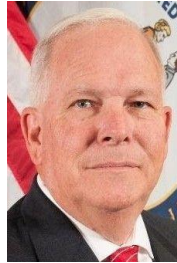


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Board of Directors



Brigadier General Benjamin Adams III is on the Board of Directors. He served as the 5th Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs and through 40 years of service in the U.S. Army, Gen. Adams served with honor and distinction, culminating all his positions. General Adams received his commission through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Mississippi in 1978. He earned a Master of Strategic Studies from the US Army War College. After serving on federal active duty, General Adams joined the Kentucky Army National Guard. He is married with 4 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

Luncheon May 19th

As another year is about to embark and pass with another KVHOF Induction ceremony, September 8-9 at Embassy Suites, Cold stream, Lexington, Ky, KVHOF is moving forward with an Alumni Luncheon to be held May 19 at Embassy Suites. Cost for Alumni of KVHOF is no charge, guest charge \$20.00. Time for this luncheon will be 11:00 am. A lunch you will not want to miss, good food, good friendship and fellowship for the future of Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame. This luncheon is for everyone with interest in the KVHOF, friends, Alumni, associate membership, friends, neighbor. FREE to Alumni, \$20. charge for everyone else. Make your RSVP by May 9th so that we can get an accurate head count for lunch. New Inductees (Class of 2023) are invited to attend.

The Alumni Association will be in charge with help from the Associate members organization.

This is an event you will not want to miss to be followed by the Introduction of the 2023 class with a parachute jump, August 8 to bring the American Flag, also to be held at the Embassy Suits, Lexington, KY. The Grand Gala the induction into the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame September 8-9.

Reservations are needed. To make reservations for the Luncheon please contact Terry Vannarsdale: terryvannarsdale@gmail.com or Judi Deatherage: judideatherage@aol.com.

I hope to see everyone there for a good time and luncheon provided by Embassy Suites, Cold Stream, Lexington Ky.

H.B. Deatherage

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Class of 2017 Inductee



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US Army Medical Corps
Col. Willis Payne McKee, MD
(deceased)

Col. Willis Payne McKee, MD, Shelbyville, KY, joined the Army Medical Corps as a captain in 1942, becoming one of the original members of the 101st Airborne Division. He jumped into Normandy on D-Day with the 326th Medical Company. Later, McKee led his company into Holland in Gliders as part of the Market Garden Operation. He was captured with his unit by the German Army at Bastogne during the Battle of the Bulge, December, 1944, and spent 4½ months in Stalag 48, a POW hospital in Leipzig, Germany. Dr. McKee's experiences are chronicled in the book, *Battlefield*. He remained in the Army Reserves after active duty until retirement in 1975. He was the recipient of 11 medals including the Bronze Star.

Dr. McKee returned to his medical practice in Eminence, KY, and with his partner founded the Henry Co. Clinic, providing up-to-date medical services to surrounding areas, and expanded his training to include surgical training. Active in his church and community, he served as councilman, police commissioner, and alcohol beverage control commissioner. After relocating to Shelbyville in 1959, he was Chief of Surgery at Kings Daughters Hospital, promoting the improvement of the hospital's surgical floor and instrumental in hiring qualified anesthetists. He was an elder in the Shelbyville Presbyterian Church, belonged to military and veterans organizations, and was State Surgeon for the American Legion. He died in 1994.

Alumni Dues

Alumni dues are set at \$25 a year. If you have previously paid a life type membership dues you can disregard this. We have set future lifetime dues at \$250.

The dues go towards the ceremonies, banquet and inductions each year.

Thank you, Terry.
terryvannarsdale@gmail.com

Your KVHOF

This is your Alumni Association. We value your opinions and suggestions. If you can help spread the word about the Kentucky Veteran's Hall of Fame, it is appreciated.

Nominations for inductees are now accepted all year round. Applications can be downloaded at:
www.kyveterans.org

We have 11 Regions, or Chapters, set up for the Hall of Fame. We currently have Governors for four of them. We are looking for volunteers to head up the other seven regions. The last page of the newsletter shows the Hall's regions. If you are interested in becoming a Governor for your area, please let me know. Terry Vannarsdale
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SATURDAY JUNE 3, 2023
QUARTER AUCTION
AMERICAN LEGION - 203
3801 WINSTON AVE. LATONIA, KY 41015
AUCTION TO BENEFIT:

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SPECIAL PROJECT FOR
NANCY WINES - AMERICAN LEGION MEMBER DEPT. PRESIDENT

IF WE'RE OPEN
DOORS OPEN FOR SALES AND SEATING AT 1:00 PM

Bring your quarters or buy them here.

FOOD
HEROES GRILL WILL OFFER: Grilled Burgers, Hot Dogs with fixings, as well as Bake Sale

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?
contact us at: ALARY203EVENTS@GMAIL.COM

BASKET AUCTION
STARTS AT 2:00

Message from Jo Ann Orr (Class of 2022)

I am reaching out to make you aware of the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Womens Armed Forces Integration Act on June 10, 2023 at the Capitol in Frankfort, KY. Lady Veterans Connect is the sponsor, and is using this opportunity to honor the 27,000 women in Kentucky who have served this country. Please spread the word through friends, social media, church, and other outlets. This will be the first time women veterans have been invited to the Capitol Rotunda, and we are looking forward to having all of our sisters-in-arms join us. If you reside in the Louisville area, please reach out to me at my email address about transportation. I am working to have bus transportation sponsored for the event. I should note that June 12th is officially 'Womens Veterans Day' in Kentucky, and on June 10th we will be able to view the Women Veterans Exhibit at the Kentucky Historical Society. It will be a full day, and I hope you will help me fill up the place. Thanks in advance for your support. If I contact you more than once, please overlook my enthusiasm. It goes without saying that I am looking for donations to make this a success. Please keep Lady Veterans Connect in mind. Hope to see you there. If you have a problem with the QR Code, use the link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-veterans-recognition-day-celebration-frankfort-ky-tickets-577748921577> for registration.

Jo Ann Orr

MSG (Retired), US Army

2022 KY Woman Veteran of the Year

orrja@yahoo.com

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At the April 14th meeting HB was given framed picture and description of his inclusion into the Northern Kentucky Sports Association Hall of Fame in November 2015.



HB presented a sign to Craig Cammack for the city of Lexington to place at their discretion. The Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame thanks the city of Lexington, it's Mayor and city council for their support.

General Meetings

We will be having General Meetings June 14th and July 28th.

Banquet Reminder

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