



KENTUCKY VETERANS HALL OF FAME

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Alumni Association Newsletter February 2023

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

We held our first meeting of the year on February 3rd at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. We had an attendance of 30 members. HB Deatherage provided information on this years banquet and induction ceremony. So here we go: This year's Banquet and Induction ceremonies will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 1801 Newtown Pike in Lexington.

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.

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 off set the cost through donations please let us know.

Heritage Bank has been kind enough to contribute \$3,500 to \$4,500 dollars to pay for the inductees and their spouse's meal at the banquet.

Decorations will consist of banners and flags being placed throughout the Embassy Suite's Lobby.

Board of Directors



Donald Kiely, JR. is on the Board of Directors. He lives in Villa Hills, KY, joined the Naval Reserves in 1956. He served aboard division ships as the Helmsman for the Sea and Anchor detail. As an employee of Cincinnati Bell, Don oversaw the 911 network operations and Public Safety Answering services in NKY.

In 2018 he received the NKY Police Chief's Presidents Award. For 35 years Don has been involved in community service, serving in the St. Pius Athletic Association, chairing the Newport Rotary's annual Night at the Races. He is currently a member of his HOA board, having been President and Vice President. Don also joined the Covington Catholic Gold Outing Committee which manages funds used for athletic programs at the school and for students who need financial assistance.

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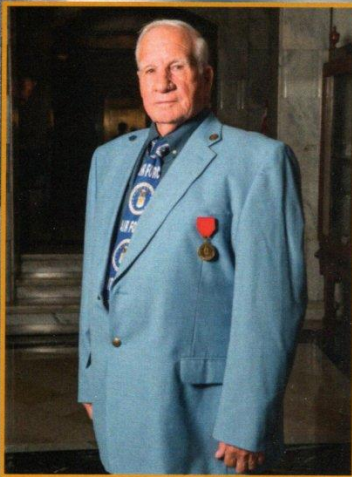
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CLASS OF 2019

MSGT Emerson R. McAfee **US Air Force**



Master Sgt. Emerson McAfee, "Mac", Madison Co., served in the air force for 24 years, enlisting in 1960. He served two tours in Vietnam, guiding 8-52 and other aircraft to targets using radar systems he helped develop. He also served as an instructor for new recruits.

Emerson focused his community service on supporting veterans. He designed and coordinated the building of monuments at Bluegrass Army

Depot, the National Air Force museum at Wright Patterson, and the historic Barksdale Air Force Base Museum to honor the "Combat Sky Spot" program. He has served as Chairman for six "Welcome Home Veterans" celebrations, continues to serve as president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1066, developed the annual "Veteran Deputy Sheriff Award", and trains fifth graders in flag etiquette. He raises funds for veteran causes through car shows and works with Hospice Care. As a Trustee of his church, he coordinates the Christian Appalachian Project to distribute food and healthcare products to needy families. After a presentation urging support for the KY Veterans Hall of Fame, Mac created his own program to convince cities and counties to show support for the KVHOF by purchasing signs. Many other cities will soon experience a "Mac Attack" to join this group.



Jenean Hampton, Class of 2015 spearheaded a gift of one hundred bags of various items to the Lexington VA. This occurred in December. The bags were well received by the veterans. Thank you Jenean!

Scholarships

Bill Rachford reported on the scholarship committee. There will be 2 scholarships given out, with the possibility of it going up to 4 scholarships. The Scholarship packet can be found on the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame web site.

Requirements include a photograph, a brief story of the person, financial need and their course of education.

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Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438

We would like to say Congratulation to one of our Member's-BRIAN KINNEY on being Awarded the 2023 VA- NATIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (VA-NAC) MALE VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD. BRIAN KINNEY will receive the VA Voluntary Service National Male Volunteer of the Year Award at the CDCE National Advisory Committee Conference in Denver, Colorado in April 2023. We were able announce it tonight at our lodge meeting after he was notified by Elks National Veterans Service Commission (ENVSC) Director-Mary Morgan. THANK YOU for all you do for the Veterans and for the Lodge.

Brian said that: I am very appreciative on receiving this award, but I have to say Thank You to Cynthiana Elks Lodge #438 for all help I receive from them to do my volunteer work, also to Kentucky Elks and to Lexington VA Health Care System for allowing me to Volunteer there.

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

Alumni Dues Change

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

Logo Wear

Shirts and jackets with the KVHOF Logo on them can be purchased by contacting Terry Vannarsdale via email at: terryvannarsdale@gmail.com or calling him at: 859 250-1887.

The cost varies. The colors available are shown in the below catalog. The catalog will be available at all meetings. Also available are ball caps, cups and license plates. Choose your color of Ball Cap.

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Luncheons

HB Deatherage is planning to have three luncheons this year at the Embassy Suites in Lexington. At this time they are planning to be held in June, October and December.

Richard Stoops, Class of 2019, donated \$1,000 for the American Flags that will be given to the inductees. Thank you Dick.

Eric Shrader, Class of 2017, will be providing obtaining an honor guard for the Banquet and Induction.

HB has determined that there will be between 30 to 35 inductees this year.

At this year's banquet HB is going to honor 10 of our long time volunteers. These are individuals who have been with us through thick and thin. They dedicated themselves to ensure that the Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame prospers and is recognized as the best Veterans Hall of Fame in the country.

These volunteers are Honorary Inductees: Deborah Vannarsdale, Mary Harthun, Terry Harthun, Carol Griess, Kathy Williams, Bill D'Andrea, Joe Brennan, Doug Day, Valerie Day, Phyliss Abbott.

In January HB and Terry Vannarsdale gave a talk to members at the Bellevue Vets Bar. We discussed this year's events, passed out brochures and gave out nomination packets. It was well received. There were 22 veteran's and their spouses attending.



Dave Jarrett was selected as Veteran of the Year for the DAV of Kentucky at the DAV State Convention in June 2022. Award was given primarily for his body of work these past 21 years as a State Service Officer, assisting over 3000 veterans and their dependents. Dave has also served as DAV of KY Chapter 003 Commander; DAV of KY District 2 Commander; Chairman and PAO of JECVO (Joint Executive Committee of Veterans Organizations); and he has continued to serve as the DAV rep on the Board of the Kentucky Veterans Program Trust Fund; and on the Service Academy Selection Boards for both Senator Rand Paul and Congressman Brett Guthrie. Dave is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy (Class of 1969), served 2 tours in Vietnam, and was inducted into the KVHOF with the Class of 2015.

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

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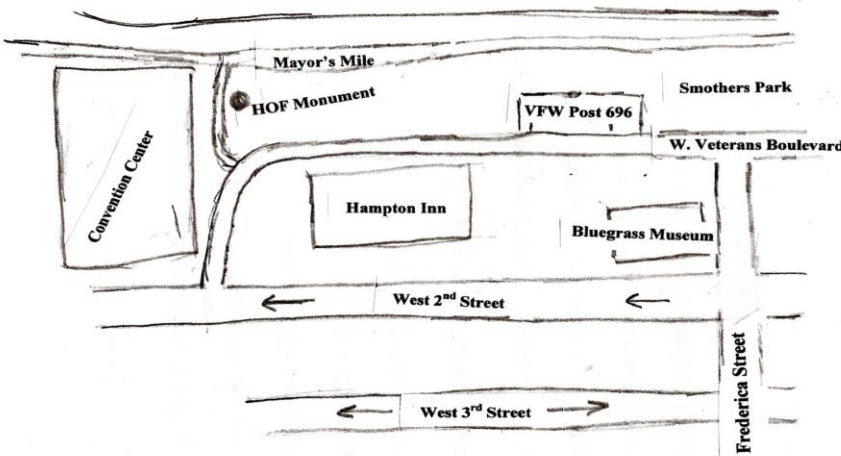
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Ohio River



Region 7, KY Veteran Hall of Fame Location
Owensboro, KY

Region 7 Monument

Pictures to the left are the front and back of the Region 7 Monument that is being placed in Owensboro. Dedication is at 1 pm on February 20th. Adrian Bambini is hoping that Alumni will attend and be wearing their medals. HB Deatherage and Terry Vannarsdale and their spouses will be attending.

Below is a map of the area in Owensboro where the monument and ceremonies will be taking place.



Adrian Bambini, Class of 2021, gave us an update on Region 7 activities. Since he has been the Governor for the region, he has done a wonderful job of getting our information out to the community. The KVHOF monument unveiling for Region 7 is scheduled for Monday February 20th at 1 pm. He is looking forward to the alumni showing their support by attending. Adrian has obtained \$22,200 in donations from 20 individuals and businesses to offset the cost of the monument and two benches.

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