

2020 GMVHOF INDUCTEES



John Daniel Allen (VALOR)

Captain, Airforce, Columbus. As a Pilot, Aircraft Commander and Flight Commander in the F-4D Phantom Jet Fighter during two combat tours in South-east Asia, Captain Allen flew 284 highly dangerous missions against heavily defended enemy locations to include and most notably taking out many enemy antiaircraft positions. The elimination of these weapons systems helped to make safer the operations of an untold number of Allied Aircrews. After his military service, he went on to become an attorney and a Superior Court Judge. Judge Allen's many combat awards include twenty-three Air Medals and an impressive six Distinguish Flying Crosses.



Alexander Bonnyman, Jr. (MEDAL OF HONOR) (Killed-In-Action)

First Lieutenant, Marine Corps, Atlanta. On 20, 21 and 22 November 1943 during the amphibious assault of enemy-held Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, Alexander Bonnyman constantly and courageously led his Marines as they struggled to take the many heavily defended enemy bunkers. On the third day and after he had stormed another formidable bastion, he made a heroic stand on the edge of the structure, before he fell, mortally wounded. For three days, First Lieutenant Bonnyman inspired his men to heroic efforts, enabling them to break the back of a determined enemy force while gallantly and selflessly sacrificing his life for his men and his country.



Peter James Boylan, Jr. (VALOR)

Major General, Army, Milledgeville. As a Company Commander in Vietnam in three separate combat engagements, then Captain Boylan's courage, even when wounded and while under unrelenting enemy fire, caused his men to courageously respond to his undaunted bravery and the subsequent defeat of numerically superior forces. After the military, he became the President of Georgia Military College resulting in GMC experiencing renewed prestige and growth and while he always emphasized his motto of, "Character Above All". Major General Boylan's combat awards include the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, two Bronze Star Medals for Valor and the Silver Star.



Earnest Wayne Dill (VALOR)

Colonel Earnest Wayne, Army, Gainesville. During two combat tours in Vietnam, then Captain and later Major Dill continually displayed exemplary and courageous leadership in the midst of often times overwhelming and intense weapons fire from a numerically superior enemy forces. One example was on 9 June 1966 when his company would have been overrun were it not for his total disregard for his own safety as he rallied his men in the total defeat of the enemy. For his many valorous actions in combat, Colonel Dill was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Silver Star.



Vincent Joseph Dooley (SERVICE)

Captain, Marine Corps, Athens. Coach Vince Dooley is inducted into the Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame for his lifetime of selfless service to others. After graduation from Auburn in 1954, he served on active duty in the Marine Corps for two years followed by reserve service until 1967. His 41 year career at the University of Georgia as the Head Football Coach followed by his position as the Director of Athletics is legendary. His contributions have not been limited only to athletics as he is universally recognized for his extensive service and contribution to a multitude of charities. He is, indeed, the personification of exemplary leadership and selfless service to mankind.



James Rylance Greene (VALOR) (Posthumous)

Master Sergeant, Air Force, Suwanee. James Greene survived the infamous Bataan Death March after the fall of the Philippines in April 1942 spent the next 29 months as a POW and then loaded into an enemy "Hell Ship" bound for Japan. The ship was torpedoed and sunk by a U.S. submarine killing 668 American prisoners with only 82 surviving, including Greene. After days in life rafts without food or water, they were rescued by another U.S. ship. He served a full career including combat in Korea and lived to be 92. He was truly one of "The Greatest Generation". Some of his combat awards are the Bronze Star Medal, two Purple Hearts and the Prisoner of War Medal.



Mayo Addison "Biff" Hadden, III (VALOR)

Colonel, Army, Columbus. During two years in Vietnam with the 5th Special Forces Group, then Captain Hadden served as a Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Senior Advisor to a South Vietnamese Airborne Ranger Battalion, and Operations Officer of Project Delta, a special mission unit. In May 1967 while fighting in the A Shau Valley, he was seriously wounded. On 20 August 1969, when Delta's forward base came under a massive attack, he bravely moved through heavy fire to direct effective offensive action against the attackers. His combat awards are the Combat Infantryman Badge, Purple Heart, Air Medal for Valor and the Bronze Star Medal for Valor.



Edward "Rusty" Holman Hightower (VALOR)

Captain, Army, Kennesaw. As the Senior Advisor to a South Vietnamese Infantry Battalion, on 8 May 1969 while moving through dense vegetation, the unit was ambushed resulting in many casualties. Captain Hightower immediately moved to the kill zone to extract the wounded and dead. As the Medevac approached, it and all those on the ground came under intense enemy fire resulting in the death of the battalion commander and his own wounding. Despite this, he continued to fight and only after the area was secure did he consent to his own medical evacuation. His major combat awards are the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Purple Heart, and the Silver Star.



Charles Livingston Kelly (VALOR) (Killed-In-Action)

Major, Army, Warm Springs. At 15 during World War II, he joined the Army and fought and was wounded in Europe. Later, he earned his commission and flight wings and in January 1964 was assigned to Vietnam as the Commander the 57th Medical Detachment where he made famous the now iconic callsign, "Dust Off". In July 1964 during an evacuation mission, his aircraft came under intense enemy fire. The ground commander radioed him to abort but his calm reply and last words were, "When I have your wounded". His combat awards are the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Purple Hearts, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross.



Robert Shane Kimbrough (ACHIEVEMENT)

Colonel, Army, Smyrna. He has more than thirty-one years of service as an Aviator and Astronaut. After graduation from West Point, soon followed by completion of Flight School, he led a platoon of AH-64 Attack Helicopters in Operation Desert Storm. He earned a Master's degree at Georgia Tech, taught at West Point and was then selected by NASA for Astronaut Candidate Training in 2004. Beginning in 2008, he has completed two space missions while accumulating 39 hours of spacewalking time and 189 days in space. Some of his awards are: two Bronze Star Medals, NASA Space Flight Medal, Master Space Badge, Master Aviator Badge, and Master Astronaut Badge.



Irve Charles "Chuck" LeMoynes (ACHIEVEMENT) (Posthumous)

Rear Admiral, Navy, Atlanta. He had more than 35 years of service in the Navy and is known for two notable "first" achievements in Naval history. After graduation from Georgia Tech in 1961, he entered active duty and became a member of an Underwater Demolition Team (UDT) and soon deployed twice to Vietnam with SEAL Team 1. He commanded UDT and SEAL units and ultimately was as the Deputy Commander of U.S. Special Operations Command. He was the first SEAL to become a two-star Admiral and was also the creator of the Naval Special Operations Command. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal for Valor and the U.S. Navy SEAL Trident.



John Nicolas McLaughlin (VALOR) (Posthumous)

Lieutenant General, Marine Corps, Savannah. As a Company Commander in World War II in September 1944 on Peleliu, he led his men as they stormed the beach, repulsed two enemy tank and infantry counterattacks, drove the enemy from strongly fortified positions, secured an airfield and repulsed additional counterattacks. In November 1950, while fighting in the freezing temperature in Korea at the Chosin Reservoir, he was captured and remained a POW for three years. In Vietnam, he served as the Assistant Division Commander, 1st Marine Division and CG, Task Force X-Ray. His combat awards are the POW Medal, the Legion of Merit for Valor and the Silver Star.



Robert "Bob" Edward Pennington (VALOR)

Chief Warrant Officer 4, Army Special Forces, Acworth. Courage, resolve and inspirational leadership define him and the other Green Berets he led in a multitude of highly sensitive special operations worldwide but most notably in the Middle East and Africa. As the Assistant Detachment Commander of Operational Detachment Alpha 595, Bob and his team were one of the first SF Detachments deployed in northern Afghanistan in October 2001 and, on horseback. These "Horse Soldiers" were credited with the liberation of six northern provinces from the control of the Taliban. His combat awards are the Combat Infantryman Badge with star and the Bronze Star Medal for Valor.



John William Phillips (SERVICE)

Lieutenant Colonel, Army, Canton. For over forty years as an Army officer, USO Board Member, Veterans Business Resource Group Founder and Vice President of VETLANTA, John has provided countless hours and coordinated the engagement of tens of thousands of volunteers to raise high funds for numerous worthwhile and much needed Veteran causes. In 2020 he was sworn in as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Georgia (North). He continues his quest to support service members, Veterans and their families through dedication and volunteerism. John Phillips truly exemplifies selfless service to others throughout the great state of Georgia and beyond.



Michael Earl Roby (SERVICE)

Sergeant Major, Army, McDonough. After his military retirement in 1994, he embarked on a career with the Georgia Department of Veterans Service (GDVS). With the GDVS, he rose from the various positions to appointment as the Commissioner of Veterans Service in 2015. In this role, he has been an untiring advocate for Georgia's over 700,000 Veterans and their families. His mottos and watch words of, "Do the right thing", "Set the example", and "Take care of the Veteran and the Veteran's family" are evident throughout the GDVS. Commissioner Mike Roby is an exemplary leader of and champion for those few that have given so much for so many for so long, our Veterans.



James Llewellyn Story, Jr. (VALOR)

Captain (Doctor), Army, Thomasville. As a Battalion Surgeon in the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam, in April 1967 during a ground attack, he ran into the kill zone under a heavy barrage of fire to treat casualties and carry them to safety and, eventually, medical evacuation. At one period of time in 1967, Captain (Doctor) Jim Story was the most decorated Soldier in the 1st Infantry Division and is still recognized as one of the most decorated physicians in the war in Vietnam. His combat awards are: Combat Medical Badge, Air Medal, Purple Heart, two Bronze Star Medals, Soldier's Medal and our Nations third highest award for valor, the Silver Star.



Georgia Military Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2020

Agenda

- 1:00pm** **Arrival of Inductees and Guests**

- 2:00pm** **Welcome & Announcements**
COL (Ret) Rick White, GMVHOF Director

- 2:05pm** **Posting of the Colors**

Allatoona High School Navy JROTC

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer

- 2:20pm** **Opening Remarks**
COL (Ret) Paul Longgear, GMVHOF Founder

- 2:30pm** **GMVHOF Induction & Unveiling Ceremony**
Senator Ed Harbison, Presenter and Inductee #27

- 4:00pm** **Closing Prayer**



~ 8th Annual Induction & Unveiling Ceremony ~

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Honoring the men and women of Georgia who have served in the Uniformed Services of the United States and those who continue to serve our country today.

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