

Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame

The Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame was originally created in 1986 as a part of the "To The Rescue" Museum. The selection to the "Hall of Fame" was handled by a committee of the Association. Originally a fee of \$250 was required to submit a name. This fee was later increased to \$500 with the intent that the program be self sufficient.

The criteria included that a candidate must have shown outstanding contributions in one or all of the following areas: First Aid, Rescue, development of equipment, development of rescue procedures, development of training procedures, and/or development or design of rescue vehicles. The nominee must have been a member of a VAVRS squad for at least 15 years.

The Association Historian was a member of the selection committee.

In 1993, an Association committee made substantial changes to the criteria and deleted the fee required for a nomination. Applications are submitted by a sponsoring squad.

Twenty-five of the first thirty recipients are also Life Members of the Association.

*** Denotes Deceased**

Recipients:

1. Julian S. Wise*

Roanoke Life Saving, 1987

VAVRS Life Member 1964

Born: January 13, 1900

Died: July 22, 1985

Charter President, February 12, 1935

President, 1935-36, 36-37, 49-50, 50-51

2. Kimball Glass*

Lynchburg, 1989

VAVRS Life Member 1965

Born: June 6, 1923

Died: October 25, 2004

President, 1963-64, 64-65 and Chief Rescue

Officer from 1969 to 1976. Rescue Officer

Emeritus from 1976 until his death in 2004.

3. Harry L. Williamson*

Danville, 1990

Born: May 30, 1913

Died: December 29, 1985

Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew

Captain of Crew from 1957 to 1962.

4. Louis Berman*

Danville, 1990

Born: August 2, 1902

Died: May 22, 1986

Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew

5. James B. Gardner*

Danville, 1990

VAVRS Life Member 1974

Born: August 16, 1907

Died: July 5, 1981

Served as Historian.

6. James E. Greer*

Danville, 1990

Born: February 21, 1915

Died: May 12, 1991

7. Raymond McNeely*

Danville, 1990

Born: April 5, 1918

Died: February 2, 1983

Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew

Served 20 years as Secretary of the Crew

8. William B. Billingsley*
Fredericksburg, 1990
VAVRS Life Member 1964

Born: April 9, 1910
Died: February 8, 1990
President, 1951-52, 52-53

9. Clayton T. Lester
Danville, 1990
VAVRS Life Member 1982

Born: February 20, 1935
President, 1978-79. Also served as Treasurer,
and Vice President.

10. Clay B. "Monk" Jarvis, Sr.*
Southside Petersburg, 1991
VAVRS Life Member 1972

Born: March 2, 1911
Died April 9, 1979
Served as Chief Training Officer for 9 terms.

11. Samuel E. Perry*
Fredericksburg, 1991
VAVRS Life Member 1969

Born: January 13, 1905
Died: August 19, 1992
Served as Chaplain, Historian, and Secretary.
BOG from Fredericksburg for many years.

12. J. Edmond Smith*
Fredericksburg, 1991
VAVRS Life Member 1975

Born: November 25, 1920
Died: September 4, 1994
Dist 4 VP, Dist 10 VP, and Chaplain.

13. Harlan A. Senger*
Waynesboro, 1992
VAVRS Life Member 1969

Born: September 18, 1917
Died: October 24, 2003
Waynesboro BOG.

14. Herbert P. House*
Danville, 1992
VAVRS Life Member 1996

Born: November 14, 1929
Died: December 11, 2013
Historian, Chief Rescue, and Chief Training.

15. Jack S. Long, Jr *
Fredericksburg, 1993
VAVRS Life Member 1993

Born: September 3, 1943
Died: March 21, 1994
President, 1991-92, 92-93. Also served as Chief
Rescue Officer, Secretary, and Vice President.

16. A. Page Entsminger
Lexington, 1993
VAVRS Life Member 1981

Born: January 8, 1936
President 1977-78. Also served as Secretary,
Vice President, and Chaplain.

17. Charles E. Carlton*
West Point, 1993

Born:
Died:

18. Willis S. Buchanan*
Roanoke County #5, 1994
VAVRS Life Member 1984

Born: December 5, 1931
Died: January 23, 1995
Dist 6 VP, Chaplain, and Historian.

19. J. C. Phillips
Forest View, 1994
VAVRS Life Member 1982

Born: November 15, 1939
President, 1979-80, 80-81. Also served as
District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and
Chaplain

20. Ronald E. Brubeck*
Staunton-Augusta, 1995
VAVRS Life Member 1978

Born: November 23, 1941
Died: August 7, 1993
Dist 1 VP and Chief Rescue.

21. L. E. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr
Forest View, 1995
VAVRS Life Member 1972

Born: May 23, 1929
President, 1970-71, 71-72. Also served as
District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and
Historian.

22. Roger L. Hudson
Wythe County, 1996
VAVRS Life Member 1992
 Born: March 15, 1955
 Served as Dist 7 VP, Chief Training, and Secretary.

23. Ronnie L. Slough
Buena Vista, 1997
VAVRS Life Member 1994
 Born: May 20, 1945
 President, 1995-96, 96-97. Also served as District VP, Chief Rescue, Chief Training, Secretary, and Vice President.

24. James P. McGuire
Forest View, 1998
VAVRS Life Member 1991
 Born: March 16, 1950
 President, 1989-90, 90-91. Also served as District VP, Chief Training, and Vice President.

25. Ford S. Wirt
Floyd County, 1999
VAVRS Life Member 1990
 Born: April 22, 1939
 Dist 7 VP and Convention Chairman

26. Kevin L. Dillard
Fredericksburg, 2000
VAVRS Life Member 1998
 Born: April 29, 1960
 President, 1997-98, 98-99. Also served as District VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President.

27. Kelly B. Walters
Christiansburg, 2003
VAVRS Life Member 1979
 Born: September 16, 1936
 President 1985-86, 86-87. Also served as District VP, Secretary, Vice President.

28. Linwood S. Matthews
Forest View, 2004
VAVRS Life Member 1998
 Born: May 12, 1941
 Chief Rescue Officer and Chief Training Officer

29. Carroll R. Hawkes
Southside Petersburg, 2005
VAVRS Life Member 1983
 Born: February 10, 1934
 President, 1987-88, 88-89. Also served as District VP, Secretary, and Vice President.

30. O. E. "Buster" Greene*
Manchester, 2005
VAVRS Life Member 1983
 Born: April 6, 1935
 Died: June 21, 2013
 President, 1981-82, 82-83. Also served as District VP, Secretary, and Vice President.

31. Edward Bryant "Bubby" Bish
Southside Petersburg, 2008
VAVRS Life Member 2002
 Born: October 18, 1949
 Treasurer 2007-08, 08-09. Also served as Chief Rescue Officer & Training Officer

32. Roger Allen Vassar
Citizens Emergency Crew, 2008
VAVRS Life Member 2001
 Born: October 5, 1952
 Secretary 2007-08, 08-09. Also served as District V.P., Chaplain, Training Officer, Chief Rescue Officer and Treasurer.

33. Walter Steven Davis, Sr.
Giles County, 2009
VAVRS Life Member 1992
 Born: February 27, 1949
 District VP 1980-81, 81-82; Also served as Chief Rescue Officer, District Training Officer & District Rescue Officer

34. Jack Allyn Swicegood
Franklin County, 2010
VAVRS Life Member 1989
 Born: April 20, 1930
 District VP; Also served as Junior Advisor and assisted in formation of five rescue squads

**35. G. Kenneth Morgan
Tuckahoe, 2011**

VAVRS Life Member 1979

Born: December 2, 1947

President 1975-76, 76-77

Also served as Vice President, Secretary,
Historian & District VP

Co-author of "Diamond Reflections"

**36. John T. Fray
Madison County, 2011**

VAVRS Life Member 1989

Born: October 3, 1938

VAVRS Convention Chairman and
District 10 VP

**37. M. Wayne Myers, Jr.
Blacksburg, 2012**

VAVRS Life Member 2005

Born: May 22, 1959

Rescue College Coordinator

**38. J. Carlton Hudson
Colonial Beach, 2013**

VAVRS Life Member 1997

Born: September 19, 1928

Dist 8 VP

**39. Steve A. Grayson
Madison County, 2013**

VAVRS Life Member 2005

Born: February 15, 1954

VAVRS President, Treasurer, Secretary

**40. Rickey Hodge
Blacksburg, 2015**

VAVRS Life Member 2013

Born: April 6, 1959

VAVRS President, VP, Training Officer

**41. Thomas A. Gwaltney
Surry, 2015**

VAVRS Life Member 2003

Born: October 23, 1946

Four terms as District 3 VP

Alphabetical Listing of Rescue Hall of Fame

Berman, Louis, Danville, 1990

Billingsley, William, Fredericksburg, 1990

Bish, Edward Bryant "Bubby", Southside, 2008

Brubeck, Ronald E., Staunton-Augusta, 1995

Buchanan, Willis S., Roanoke Co #5, 1994

Carlton, Charles E., West Point, 1993

Davis, Walter Steven, Sr., Giles County, 2009

Dillard, Kevin L., Fredericksburg, 2000

Entsminger, A. Page, Lexington, 1993

Fray, John T., Madison County, 2011

Gardner, James B., Danville, 1990

Glass, Kimball, Lynchburg, 1989

Grayson, Steve A., Madison County, 2005

Greene, O. E. "Buster", Manchester, 2005

Greer, James E., Danville, 1990

Gwaltney, Thomas A., Surry, 2015

Hawkes, Carroll R., Southside Petersburg, 2005

Hodge, Rickey L Blacksburg, 2015

House, Herbert P., Danville, 1992

Hudson, J. Carlton, Colonial Beach, 2013

Hudson, Roger L., Wythe County, 1996

Jarvis, Clay B. "Monk", Southside Petersburg, 1991

Lester, Clayton T., Danville, 1990

Long, Jack S. Jr., Fredericksburg, 1993

Matthews, Linwood S., Forest View, 2004

McGuire, James P., Forest View, 1998

McNeely, Raymond, Danville, 1990

Morgan, G. Kenneth, Tuckahoe, 2011

Myers, M. Wayne, Jr., Blacksburg, 2012

Perry, Samuel E., Fredericksburg, 1969

Phillips, J. C., Forest View, 1994

Phillips, L. E., "Buddy", Jr., Forest View, 1995

Senger, Harlan A., Waynesboro, 1992

Slough, Ronnie L., Buena Vista, 1997

Smith, J. Edmond, Fredericksburg, 1991

Swicegood, Jack Allyn, Franklin County, 2010

Vassar, Roger Allen, Citizens, 2008

Walters, Kelly B., Christiansburg, 2003

Williamson, Harry L., Danville, 1990

Wirt, Ford S., Floyd County, 1999

Wise, Julian S, Roanoke Life Saving, 1987

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