

Chapter 3

Life Members & Hall of Fame

Life Membership

Life Membership in VAVRS is intended to be the highest honor bestowed on individuals for outstanding service to the Association.

The recipients are presented with a silver VAVRS Life Member badge and a certificate recognizing their accomplishments.

The first Life Member recognition was given in 1954 to C. W. R. Dunlap from Lexington for his service as Editor and Business Manager of the First Aid Bulletin from 1949 to 1955.

At the 1963 Convention, the BOG approved a resolution, "that the BOG shall elevate any member who it deems has rendered a great service to the Association to the status of a Life Member".

During the first 25 years of the Association, only one member was recognized. From 1935 until 1985, 55 individuals were recognized. At the time of the 75th Anniversary in 2010, only 109 members had received the recognition.

Prior to 1977, anyone could bring a nomination directly to the Board of Governors. At the Convention in 1976, a bylaw was approved to appoint a Life Member Committee to make recommendations to the Board of Governors. A limit of three recipients per year was also approved at the same time.

Since the changes in 1976, there have only been four years that no recipients were chosen. (1977, 1980, 1988, and 2006). All but eight of the 40 VAVRS past presidents have been recognized as Life Members, and all presidents serving since 1957 have been selected as Life Members.

In the mid 70's, Ken Morgan contacted Les Willett, President of Gaulding-Willett Insurance Company and member of Forest View Rescue Squad about funding a breakfast at the Convention for the Life Members. Les funded the breakfast for several years until Fred Weymouth of Chesterfield Insurers took over the sponsorship.

Chesterfield Insurers has been the continuous sponsor of the breakfast for over 30 years.

The first woman recognized as a Life Member of the Association was Becky Hudson from Wythe County in 1995 for her service as Bulletin Editor and Chairman of the Rescue College.

Of the 109 individuals selected as Life Members, 47 were deceased on January 1, 2009.

* Denotes Deceased

Roster of Life Members

1. C. W. R. Dunlap*

Lexington, 1954

Born: November 18, 1888

Died: February 2, 1966

President, 1944-45, 46-47 and Editor.

2. Everett Peters*

Williamson Road, 1960

Born: August 28, 1905

Died: November 25, 1991

President, 1953-54, 54-55.

3. Ernest M. "Duck" Reynolds*

Lynchburg, 1961

Born: June 16, 1891

Died: May 25, 1978

President, 1959-60, 60-61 and Chaplain from 1964 to 1974.

4. J. Boulware Taliaferro, Jr. *

Tappahannock, 1961

Born: October 31, 1904

Died: February 23, 1990

Editor from 1955 to 1972.

5. Marvin R. Hines*

Virginia Beach, 1963

Born: January 23, 1930

Died: September 6, 2006

President, 1961-62, 62-63.

6. J. W. M. Paxton*

Clifton Forge, 1964

Born: 1891

Died: 1979

Chaplain, Vice President, and Historian.

7. Julian S. Wise*

Roanoke Life Saving, 1964

Born: January 13, 1900

Died: July 22, 1985

Charter President, February 12, 1935

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

8. William B. Billingsley*

Fredericksburg, 1964

Born: April 9, 1910

Died: February 8, 1990

President, 1951-52, 52-53

9. George T. "Tommy" Gill

Henrico, 1964

Born: February 1, 1925

President, 1957-58, 58-59

10. Kimball Glass*

Lynchburg, 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.

11. David Porter, Jr.*

Forest View, 1966

Born: July 2, 1926

Died: April 20, 1967

12. Otey P. Schilling*

Clearbrook, 1966

Born: July 29, 1896

Died: December 1980

One of the early leaders, was originally a member of the American Viscose Crew.

13. Simon S. Hellman*

Southside Petersburg, 1967

Born: November 30, 1915

Died: July 6, 1979

Chief Rescue Officer, 1965 to 1969. Served as the first Director of State Office of EMS.

14. O. P. McCauley*

Forest View, 1967

Born:

Died: November 22, 1967.

O.P. was representative of O. J. Richardson Company, specialists in resuscitation, first aid and ambulance equipment.

15. Thomas W. Crowder
Forest View, 1967
Born: March 8, 1926
President, 1965-66, 66-67

16. Samuel E. Perry*
Fredericksburg, 1969
Born: January 13, 1905
Died: August 19, 1992
Chaplain, Historian, and Secretary.
BOG from Fredericksburg for many years.

17. Carl E. Gallahan*
Fredericksburg, 1969
Born: August 23, 1913
Died: June 30, 1975
President, 1967-68, Dist 4 VP, and
Vice President.

18. Harry B. Goggin*
Vinton, 1969
Born: May 10, 1904
Died: March 19, 1985
Historian in 1941-42

19. W. E. "Ed" Whisman*
Pulaski, 1969
Born: November 05, 1917
Died: October 7, 1971
District Vice President

20. Harlan A. Senger*
Waynesboro, 1969
Born: September 18, 1917
Died: October 24, 2003
Waynesboro BOG.

21. J. Earl Webb*
Hopewell, 1971
Born: January 23, 1919
Died: July 26, 1991
Treasurer and Dist 3 VP.

22. William H. Baker*
Winchester, 1971
Born: November 13, 1918
Died: December 17, 1998
President, 1968-69, 69-70, 72-73. Also served
as District VP, Treasurer, and Vice President.

23. Clay B. "Monk" Jarvis, Sr.*
Southside Petersburg, 1972
Born: March 2, 1911
Died April 9, 1979
Chief Training Officer for 9 terms.

24. A. Lonnie Brand, Jr*
Henrico, 1972
Born: November 20, 1917
Died: November 15, 1999
Legislative Committee Chair.

25. Harvey Gates*
Wythe County, 1972
Born: November 4, 1926
Died: April 27, 1972
Joined Wythe County in April 1958 and served
until his death. Dist VP. Elected Life Member
at 1972 Convention after his death.

26. L. E. "Buddy" Phillips, Jr
Forest View, 1972
Born: May 23, 1929
President, 1970-71, 71-72. Also served as
District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and
Historian.

27. Virgil C. Rutherford*
Bristol, 1973
Born: November 20, 1922
Died: January 4, 1990
Vice President, 59-60

28. Herman G. Worley*
Lynchburg, 1973
Born: November 29, 1918
Died: April 7, 1988
Secretary, 59-60, 60-61

29. Preston Thomas "P. T." Barfield, Jr.*
Southside Petersburg, 1974
Born: August 23, 1926
Died: November 29, 1990
State Parliamentarian

30. Charles D. Youmans*
Clifton Forge, 1974
Born: July 18, 1910
Died: July 24, 1989
Clifton Forge BOG

31. James B. Gardner*
Danville, 1974
Born: August 16, 1907
Died: July 5, 1981
Historian.

32. Paul Newton*
Bristol, 1975
Born: December 23, 1928
Died: August 17, 1994
Historian and Parliamentarian.

33. J. Edmond Smith*
Fredericksburg, 1975
Born: November 25, 1920
Died: September 4, 1994
Dist 4 VP, Dist 10 VP, and Chaplain.

34. Glenn H. Puhle*
Staunton-Augusta, 1975
Born: July 21, 1926
Died: August 9, 1997
President, 1973-74, 74-75, and Vice President.

35. Leonard S. McCants *
Southside Petersburg, 1975
Born: July 15, 1912
Died: September 1, 1994
Secretary, Historian, Treasurer, and Vice President.

36. Charles H. Ketcham, Jr*
Marshall, 1976
Born: January 8, 1908
Died: June 13, 1983
Legislative Committee Chairman

37. R. Worthington Palmer*
Altavista, 1976
Born: August 31, 1909
Died: March 1, 1985
Dist 5 VP

38. James W. Johnston*
Princeton, 1976
Born: February 24, 1927
Died: October 20, 1987
Dist 7 VP.

39. Gerald N. Carroll*
Vinton / Bedford, 1976
Born: April 5, 1920
Died: May 24, 1996
Dist 6 VP.

40. Sol Goodman*
Hopewell, 1976
Born: January 13, 1917
Died: April 6, 1997
Legal Advisor for 13 terms.

41. Ronald E. Brubeck*
Staunton-Augusta, 1978
Born: November 23, 1941
Died: August 7, 1993
Dist 1 VP and Chief Rescue.

42. Karl M. Dingledine
Southside Petersburg, 1978
Born: February 2, 1936
Treasurer and Vice President

43. William E. Kidd*
Monelison, 1979
Born: August 03, 1942
Died: May 25, 1991
Dist 5 VP and Secretary.

44. G. Kenneth Morgan
Tuckahoe, 1979
Born: December 2, 1947
President 1975-76, 76-77. District 3 VP,
Secretary, Vice President

45. Kelly B. Walters
Christiansburg, 1979
Born: September 16, 1936
President 1985-86, 86-87. District VP,
Secretary, Vice President.

46. A. Page Entsminger
Lexington, 1981
Born: January 8, 1936
President 1977-78. Secretary, Vice President,
and Chaplain.

47. W. C. "Happy" Ragland*
Nottoway County, 1982
Born: May 31, 1918
Died: November 5, 1988
District VP.

48. Clayton T. Lester
Danville, 1982
Born: February 20, 1935
President, 1978-79. Also served as Treasurer,
and Vice President.

49. J. C. Phillips
Forest View, 1982
Born: November 15, 1939
President, 1979-80, 80-81. Also served as
District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and
Chaplain.

50. James E. Hensley
Big Stone Gap, 1983
Born: March 1, 1929
Dist 9 VP and Treasurer.

51. Carroll R. Hawkes
Southside Petersburg, 1983
Born: February 10, 1934
President, 1987-88, 88-89. District VP,
Secretary, Vice President.

52. O. E. "Buster" Greene
Manchester, 1983
Born: April 6, 1935
President, 1981-82, 82-83.
District VP, Secretary, and Vice President.

53. Willis S. Buchanan*
Roanoke County #5, 1984
Born: December 5, 1931
Died: January 23, 1995
Dist 6 VP, Chaplain, and Historian.

54. G. Gaylord Belfield, Sr*
Richmond County, 1984
Born: November 3, 1929
Died: April 23, 2003
Dist 8 VP.

55. Britt Compton
Bristol, 1984
Born: May 31, 1947
Editor and Dist 9 VP.

56. James E. Hargrave, Jr
Forest View, 1985
Born: June 12, 1938
4 terms as Treasurer.

57. Garry H. Clatterbuck*
Hopewell, 1986
Born: March 11, 1935
Died: June 12, 2007
President, 1983-84, 84-85. District VP,
Secretary, Vice President, and Historian.

58. Dalton W. Robertson
Danville, 1987
Born: May 1, 1939
Died: March 9, 2009
9 terms as Parliamentarian.

59. R. Carey Harveycutter, Jr
Salem, 1987
Born: January 14, 1952
Convention Chairman

60. John T. Fray
Madison County, 1989
Born: October 3, 1948
Dist 10 VP and Convention Chairman

61. Aubrey M. Hudgins
Middlesex County, 1989
Born: January 4, 1925
Dist 8 VP and Chaplain.

62. Jack Swicegood
Franklin County, 1989
Born: April 20, 1930
Dist 6 VP and Junior Advisor

63. Jack E. Jones
Forest View, 1990
Born: May 7, 1944
Supply Officer & Convention Committee

64. Ford S. Wirt
Floyd County, 1990
Born: April 22, 1939
Dist 7 VP and Convention Chairman

65. John S. Bell
Westvaco, 1991
Born: October 18, 1936
Dist 1 VP and Chief Rescue.

66. Thomas Al Smith
Danville, 1991
Born: February 22, 1943
Dist 5 VP, Chief Rescue, and Historian.

67. James P. McGuire
Forest View, 1991
Born: March 16, 1950
President, 1989-90, 90-91, District VP, Chief
Training, and Vice President.

68. Paul J. Moore*
Hopewell, 1992
Born: March 3, 1928
Died: December 8, 1998
Dist 3 VP, 85-86, 86-87

69. Roger L. Hudson
Wythe County, 1992
Born: March 15, 1955
Dist 7 VP, Chief Training, and Secretary.

70. W. Steven Davis, Sr.
Giles County, 1992
Born: February 27, 1949
Dist 7 VP, 80-81, 81-82 / Chief Rescue, 82-83,
83-84, 88-89

71. Jack S. Long, Jr *
Fredericksburg, 1993
Born: September 3, 1943
Died: March 21, 1994
President, 1991-92, 92-93. District VP, Chief
Rescue, Secretary, and Vice President.

72. Roger A. Bryant
Christiansburg, 1993
Born: May 13, 1945
Treasurer, Dist 7 VP, and Chief Training.

73. Sam Langley
Manchester, 1993
Born: May 2, 1950
District Vice President, Rescue College
Coordinator, Convention Committee

74. C. Vernon Wilson
Henrico, 1994
Born: April 15, 1939
Convention Committee 1978 to 2008

75. Warren A. Winner
West End, 1994
Born: July 1, 1945
Lifeline Editor, Historian

76. Ronnie L. Slough
Buena Vista, 1994
Born: May 20, 1945
President, 1995-96, 96-97. District VP, Chief
Rescue, Chief Training, Secretary, and Vice
President.

77. Rebecca Hudson
Wythe County, 1995
Born: May 5, 1954
Lifeline Editor and Chairman of Rescue
College.

78. Michael Moore
Salem, 1995
Born: February 4, 1954
Convention Committee

79. R. Benny Summerlin
Axton, 1995
Born: December 22, 1958
President, 1993-94, 94-95. District VP,
Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President.

80. Nelson T. Negaard*
Manchester, 1996
Born: August 27, 1929
Died: November 30, 1998
Parliamentarian, 92-93, 93-94, 94-95, 95-96,
96-97, 97-98

81. Mel Ayers
Salem, 1996
Born: December 24, 1943
Convention Committee

82. Herbert P. House
Danville, 1996
Born: November 14, 1929
Historian, Chief Rescue, and Chief Training.

83. Reginald R. Spradlin*
Concord, 1997
Born: December 21, 1926
Died: January 19, 1999
Dist 5 VP, and Historian.

84. Bennie R. Moore
Bensley-Bermuda, 1997
Born: December 24, 1956
Dist 3 VP, and Treasurer.

85. J. Carlton Hudson
Colonial Beach, 1997
Born: September 19, 1928
Dist 8 VP

86. Carlton L. Hudson
Franklin County, 1998
Born: April 9, 1938
4 terms as Dist 6 VP.

87. Linwood S. Matthews
Forest View, 1998
Born: May 12, 1941
Chief Rescue and Chief Training

88. Kevin L. Dillard
Fredericksburg, 1998
Born: April 29, 1960
President, 1997-98, 98-99. District VP,
Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President.

89. Darrell R. Beavers
Lebanon, 1999
Born: January 4, 1954
District Vice President, State Rescue Officer

90. Bonnie Brannock Davis
Giles County, 2000
Born: February 13, 1954
Bulletin Editor

91. Glenn Drumheller
Staunton-Augusta, 2000
Born: January 22, 1942
Eight terms as Dist 1 VP.

92. Roger A. Vassar
Citizens, 2001
Born: October 5, 1952
Served as Dist 5 VP, Chaplain, Chief Training,
Chief Rescue, Treasurer, and Secretary

93. George W. Langford
Brooke, 2001
Born: May 6, 1947
District VP and Treasurer, Member of EMS
Advisory Board

94. Wanda B. Morehead
Long Shop-McCoy, 2001
Born: March 22, 1951
President, 1999-2000, 2000-01
Dist 7 VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President.

95. Edward B. "Bubby" Bish, Jr
Southside Petersburg, 2002
Born: October 18, 1949
Chief Training, Chief Rescue, and Treasurer.

96. Betty J. Dean
Stuarts Draft, 2002
Born: November 24, 1943
District VP and District Secretary

97. Karen D. Wagner
Woodstock, 2003
Born: January 21, 1956
President, 2001-02, 02-03. District VP, Editor,
Secretary, and Vice President.

98. Gary A. Dalton
Strasburg, 2003
Born: May 9, 1951
President, 2003-04, 04-05. District VP, Editor,
Secretary, and Vice President.

99. Thomas A. Gwaltney
Surry County, 2003
Born: October 23, 1946
4 terms as Dist 3 VP.

100. Leon F. "Bud" Stedman
Bristol, 2004
Born: April 20, 1925
4 terms as Dist 9 VP.

101. Scott Johnston
Salem, 2004
Born: March 21, 1969
Assisted with Convention Registration

102. Steve A. Grayson
Madison, 2005
Born: February 15, 1954
Dist 10 VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice
President.

103. M. Wayne Myers, Jr
Blacksburg, 2005
Born: May 22, 1959
Rescue College Coordinator

104. James R. Bailey
Manchester, 2005
Born: December 8, 1926
Convention Rescue Contest and Rescue
College

105. Tarry Pribble
Citizens, 2007
Born: March 14, 1961
President, 2005-06, 06-07. Also served as
Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President.

106. Dreama Chandler
Wythe County, 2007
Born: September 1, 1957
President, 2007-08. Also served as District
VP, Chief Rescue, Chief Training, Secretary,
and Vice President.

107. Buford B. "Boots" Belcher
Newport, 2007
Born: April 24, 1941
District VP

108. Kathy Eubank
Manchester, 2008
Born: March 18, 1958
Rescue College Committee

109. Andy Nagle
East Hanover, 2008
Born: October 9, 1959
District 3 VP & Convention Committee



Carlton Hudson, Buddy Phillips, Bud Stedman

Alphabetical Listing of Life Members

Ayers, Mel, Salem, 1996
 Bailey, James R., Manchester, 2005
 Baker, William H., Winchester, 1971
 Barfield, P. T., Southside Petersburg, 1974
 Beavers, Darrell R., Cleveland LSC, 1999
 Belcher, Buford B. "Boots", Newport, 2007
 Belfield, G. Gaylord, Sr, Richmond Co, 1984
 Bell, John S., Westvaco, 1991
 Billingsley, William, Fredericksburg, 1964
 Bish, Edward B., Jr, Southside Petersburg, 2002
 Brand, A. Lonnie, Jr, Henrico, 1972
 Brubeck, Ronald E., Staunton-Augusta, 1978
 Bryant, Roger A., Christiansburg, 1993
 Buchanan, Willis S., Roanoke Co #5, 1984
 Carroll, Gerald N., Bedford, 1976
 Chandler, Dreama, Wythe County, 2007
 Clatterbuck, Garry H., Hopewell, 1986
 Compton, Britt, Bristol, 1984
 Crowder, Thomas W., Forest View, 1967
 Dalton, Gary A., Strasburg, 2003
 Davis, Bonnie Brannock, Giles County, 2000
 Davis, W. Steven, Giles County, 1992
 Dean, Betty J., Stuarts Draft, 2002
 Dillard, Kevin L., Fredericksburg, 1998
 Dingledine, Karl M., Southside Petersburg, 1978
 Drumheller, Glenn, Staunton-Augusta, 2000
 Dunlap, C. W. R., Lexington, 1954
 Entsminger, A. Page, Lexington, 1981
 Eubank, Kathy, Manchester, 2008
 Fray, John T., Madison County, 1989
 Gallahan, Carl E., Fredericksburg, 1969
 Gardner, James B., Danville, 1974
 Gates, Harvey, Wythe County, 1972
 Gill, George T., Henrico, 1964
 Glass, Kimball, Lynchburg, 1965
 Goggin, Harry B., Vinton, 1969
 Gwaltney, Thomas A., Surry County, 2003
 Goodman, Sol, Hopewell, 1976
 Grayson, Steve A., Madison, 2005
 Greene, O. E. "Buster", Manchester, 1983
 Hargrave, James E., Jr, Forest View, 1985
 Harveycutter, R. Carey Jr, Salem, 1987
 Hawkes, Carroll R., Southside Petersburg, 1983
 Hellman, Simon S., Southside Petersburg, 1967
 Hensley, James E., Big Stone Gap, 1983
 Hines, Marvin R., Virginia Beach, 1963
 House, Herbert P., Danville, 1996
 Hudgins, Aubrey M., Middlesex Co, 1989
 Hudson, Carlton L., Franklin County, 1998
 Hudson, J. Carlton, Colonial Beach, 1997
 Hudson, Rebecca, Wythe County, 1995
 Hudson, Roger L., Wythe County, 1992
 Jarvis, Clay B. "Monk", Southside Petersburg, 1972
 Johnston, James W. "Gabby", Princeton, 1976
 Johnston, Scott, Salem, 2004
 Jones, Jack E., Forest View, 1990
 Ketcham, Charles H., Jr, Marshall, 1976
 Kidd, William E., Monelison, 1979
 Langford, George W., Brooke, 2001
 Langley, Sam, Manchester, 1993
 Lester, Clayton T., Danville, 1982
 Long, Jack S. Jr, Fredericksburg, 1993
 Matthews, Linwood S., Forest View, 1998
 McCants, Leonard S., Southside Petersburg, 1975
 McCauley, O. P., Forest View, 1967
 McGuire, James P., Forest View, 1991
 Moore, Bennie R., Bensley-Bermuda, 1997
 Moore, Paul, Hopewell, 1992
 Morgan, G. Kenneth, Tuckahoe, 1979
 Morehead, Wanda B., Long Shop McCoy, 2001
 Moore, Michael, Salem, 1995
 Myers, M. Wayne Jr., Blacksburg, 2005
 Nagle, Andy, East Hanover, 2008
 Negaard, Nelson T., Manchester, 1996
 Newton, Paul, Bristol, 1975
 Palmer, R. Worthington, Altavista, 1976
 Paxton, J. W. M., Clifton Forge, 1964
 Perry, Samuel E., Fredericksburg, 1969
 Peters, Everett, Williamson Road, 1960
 Phillips, J. C., Forest View, 1982
 Phillips, L. E., "Buddy", Jr., Forest View, 1972
 Porter, Jr., David, Forest View, 1966
 Pribble, Tarry, Citizens, 2007
 Puhle, Glenn H., Staunton-Augusta, 1975
 Ragland, W. C. "Happy", Nottoway, 1982
 Reynolds, Ernest M. "Duck", Lynchburg, 1961
 Robertson, Dalton W., Danville, 1987
 Rutherford, Virgil C., Bristol, 1973
 Senger, Harlan A., Waynesboro, 1969
 Schilling, Otey P., Clearbrook, 1966
 Slough, Ronnie L., Buena Vista, 1994
 Smith, J. Edmond, Fredericksburg, 1975
 Smith, Thomas Al, Danville, 1991
 Spradlin, Reginald R., Concord, 1997
 Stedman, Leon F. "Bud", Bristol, 2004
 Summerlin, R. Benny, Axton, 1995
 Swicegood, Jack, Franklin County, 1989
 Taliaferro, J. Boulware, Jr., Tappahannock, 1961
 Vassar, Roger A., Citizens, 2001
 Wagner, Karen D., Woodstock, 2003
 Webb, J. Earl, Hopewell, 1971
 Walters, Kelly B., Christiansburg, 1979
 Whisman, Ed, Pulaski, 1969
 Wilson, C. Vernon, Henrico, 1994
 Winner, Warren A., West End, 1994
 Wirt, Ford S., Floyd County, 1990
 Wise, Julian S., Roanoke Life Saving, 1964
 Worley, Herman G., Lynchburg, 1973
 Youmans, Charles D., Clifton Forge, 1974

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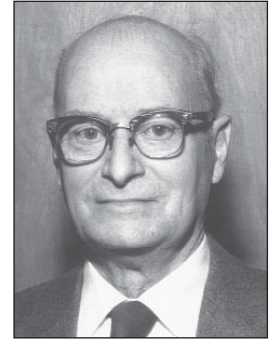
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Clifton Forge



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Southside, Petersburg



James B. Gardner
Danville



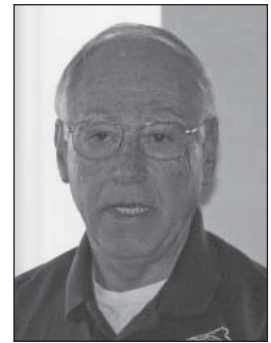
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Marshall



Jim Hargrave
Forest View



Jack Swicegood
Franklin County



Ford Wirt
Floyd County



Warren Winner
West End



Vernon Wilson
Henrico



Bennie Moore
Bensley-Bermuda



Carlton Hudson
Colonial Beach



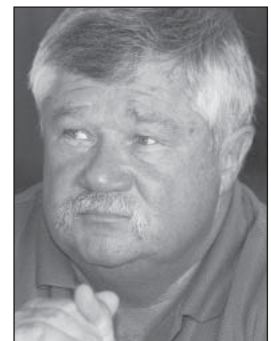
Carlton Hudson
Franklin County



Glenn Drumheller
Staunton-Augusta



Roger Vassar
Citizens



Bubby Bish
Southside, Petersburg

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Steve Davis
Giles County



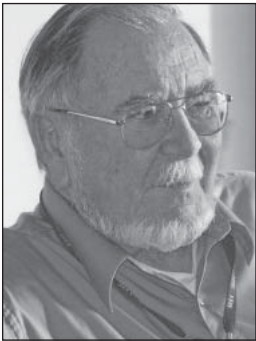
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Cleveland



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Newport



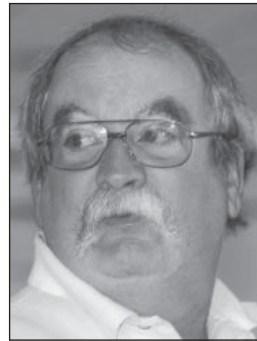
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Salem



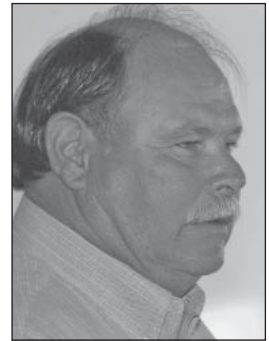
Jim Bailey
Manchester



Mel Ayers
Salem



Wayne Myers
Blacksburg



George Langford
Brooke



(Front Row, L to R) John Fray, Boots Belcher, Dreama Chandler, Steve Davis, Ford Wirt, Carlton Hudson (Back Row, L to R) Vernon Wilson, Steve Grayson, James Bailey, Jack Swicegood, Roger Vassar, Wayne Myers

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 thirty recipients are also Life Members of the Association.

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Recipients:

1. Julian S. Wise*

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VAVRS Life Member 1964
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President, 1935-36, 36-37, 49-50, 50-51

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VAVRS Life Member 1965
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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 1, 1985

4. Louis Berman*

Danville, 1990
Born: August 2, 1902
Died: March 1, 1986

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
Served as President

7. Raymond McNeely*

Danville, 1990
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Died: February 1, 1983

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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
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 District VP, Chief Rescue, 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: March 30, 1915

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 and Chief Training

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, Vice President.

30. O. E. "Buster" Greene
Manchester, 2005
VAVRS Life Member 1983
Born: April 6, 1935
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.

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
Dillard, Kevin L., Fredericksburg, 2000
Entsminger, A. Page, Lexington, 1993
Gardner, James B., Danville, 1990
Glass, Kimball, Lynchburg, 1989
Greene, O. E. "Buster", Manchester, 2005
Greer, James E., Danville, 1990
Hawkes, Carroll R., Southside Petersburg, 2005
House, Herbert P., Danville, 1992
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
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
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