



WILLIAM H. ADAMS

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

November 5, 2015

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME



*John R. Kasich and Mary Taylor
Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio
do hereby officially recognize*

WILLIAM H. ADAMS

Congratulations on your induction into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2015. You served our country honorably and continued to make significant contributions to your community, profession, state and nation. You have displayed tremendous dedication and resolve, and you have distinguished yourself as a patriotic and hardworking American. On behalf of all Ohioans, we thank you and congratulate you on the accomplishments that have earned you this distinguished honor.

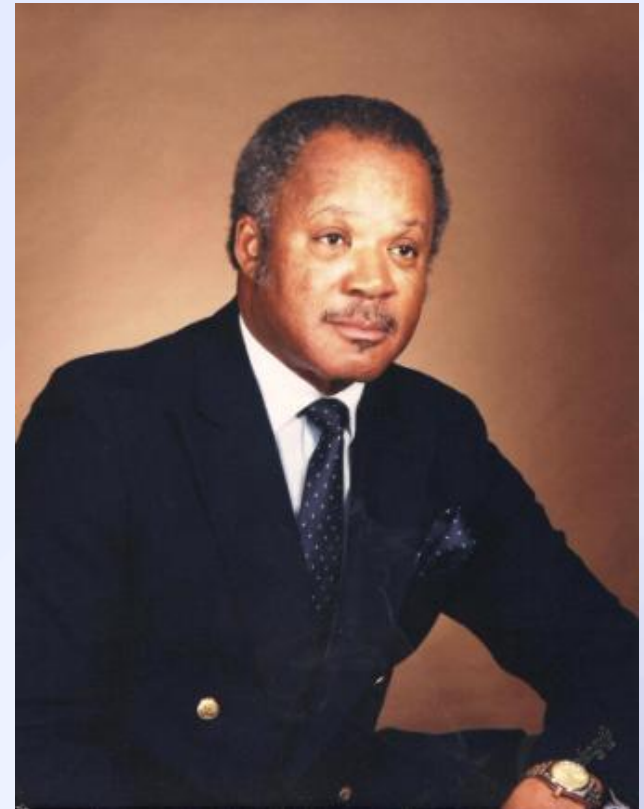
On this 5th Day of November, 2015;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John R. Kasich".

John R. Kasich
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary Taylor".

Mary Taylor
Lieutenant Governor



OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame has inducted over 400 veterans since 1992. Each year a committee from Ohio veterans organizations selects up to 20 inductees from applications received from across the state.

Inductees are leaders in many areas including business, entertainment and education. Most importantly, they all have made a significant impact on their communities. Inductees into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame served their country honorably in a branch of military service and continued to serve their communities, state and nation after discharge.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services.



HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2015




You are cordially invited
to attend the 2015


Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Induction Ceremony

Class of 2014



Thursday, November 5
Lincoln Theatre
769 E. Long St., Columbus, OH



10:00 AM reception
11:00 AM ceremony

Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Class of 2015

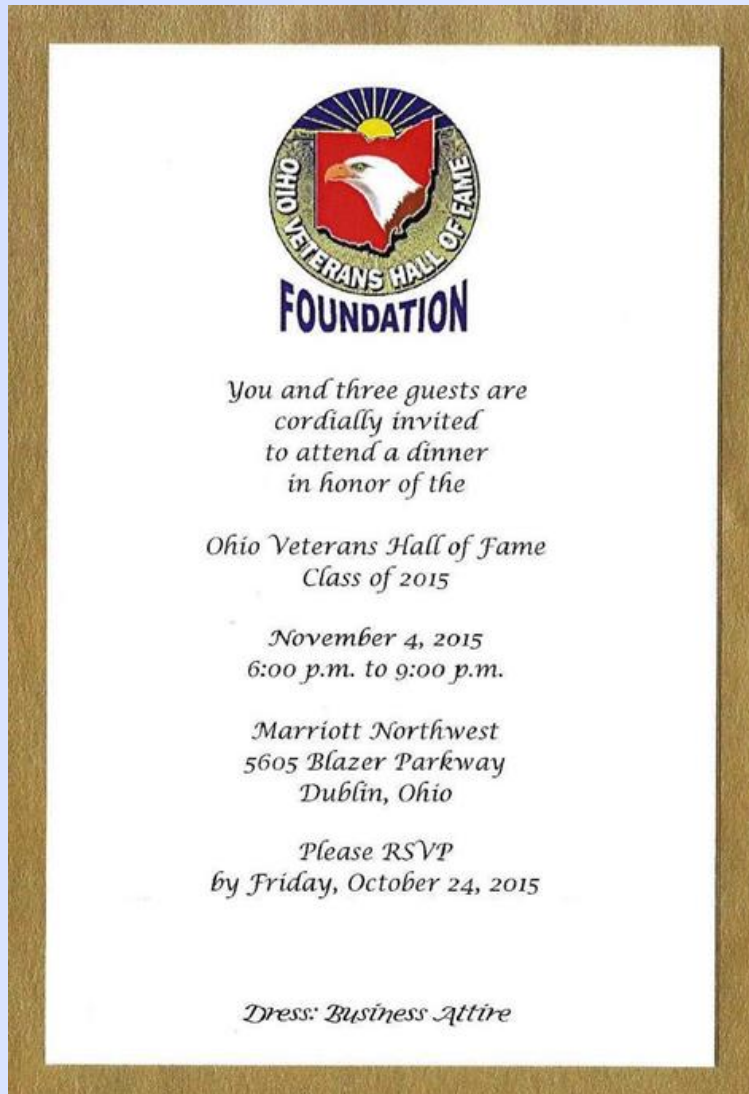
William H. Adams
Jennifer L. Baun
Ernest H. Bowman
Todd A. Briggs
Michael L. Dehart
Dennis DeMolet
Thomas V. Francis
George E. Freeman Jr.
Waverly Glover
Philip R. Gregg
Johnnie D. Hatfield
Albert H. Horn Jr.
David L. Kolbe
Philip S. Meeks
Janice Messenheimer-Courtney
William J. Richards
Nathan D. Shaffer
Charles D. Van Voorhis
Peter R. Wilkinson
Lynn E. Wolaver



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2015 was inducted in ceremonies on November 5th at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus.



HALL OF FAME FOUNDATION DINNER



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation hosted a reception and dinner for the Class of 2015 and their families on November 4th.





[View the induction ceremony video](#)



ENSHRINEMENT CEREMONY



The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation maintains a permanent exhibit of bronze plaques displaying the names of each Hall of Fame Class. The Class of 2015 Enshrinement Ceremony will take place Wednesday, May 4, 2016, 11:00 am, at the Vern Riffe Building in Columbus, Ohio.

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A LEGACY OF SERVICE



Bill Adams had a distinguished record of public service at the local and national levels. He served many government and civic groups, promoting community pride, neighborhood development and education.

- Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame
- Commissioner, Columbus Recreation & Parks Commission
- Columbus Veterans Advisory Board
- Korean War Veterans Association
- AFGF Union Local No. 1148
- East Columbus Shepard Learning Center, Parent Advisory Committee
- Krumm Park Community Recreation Council
- Boy Scouts of America, Cub Scouts Pack Leader
- Community Police Advisory Board
- Kiwanis Club of Columbus
- First Church of God Hospitality Ministry
- East Columbus Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization
- Non-Violent Columbus Coalition
- East Fifth Avenue Business Association





The City of Columbus dedicated the William H. Adams Community Center at Krumm Park on June 8, 2013



Mayor Michael Coleman



Director Alan McKnight



THE WILLIAM H. ADAMS YOUTH FOUNDATION



The Foundation is dedicated to preserving a legacy of community service. The Foundation's mission is to support programs that serve the East Columbus neighborhood.

- Education
- Community Service
- Health & Wellness
- Personal Growth
- Responsibility





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Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame announces the Class of 2015
All Ohioans encouraged to attend the ceremony Nov. 5 in Columbus

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame will induct the Class of 2015 in a ceremony at 11 a.m. November 5 at the Lincoln Theater in Columbus. The Ohio veterans' community and the public are cordially invited to attend and honor the 20 Ohioans in this year's class as they join the 478 others who are enshrined in the Hall.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 to recognize the post-military achievements of veterans in community service after their military service ended. Charter members of the Hall's Class of 1993 included the six Ohio military veterans who were elected President of the United States and all Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees of the past 22 years include astronauts, government officials, police officers, community leaders, and veterans' advocates.

The Lincoln Theater is located at 769 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203. A brief biography of each of the inductees of the Class of 2015 is included in this release.

William H. Adams, (1929 – 2012) from Columbus, Franklin County was a veteran in the U.S. Army. Bill had a distinguished record of public service at the local and national levels. He held several leadership positions with Kiwanis International, Ohio Division including Lt. Governor Elect, past president of the Kiwanis Franklinton Club and 10-W Gladden Community House. He was active in the Columbus Public Schools, volunteering as a member of the Parent Advisory Committee and East Columbus Elementary School for more than 16 years. Bill served as commissioner for the Columbus Recreation and Parks Commission and on June 8, 2013, the City of Columbus renamed the William H. Adams Community Center at Krumm Park in his honor. He was actively involved with Boy Scouts of America, East Columbus Elementary School, Cub Scouts Pack Number 541, Community Police Advisory Board, City of Columbus Police Department and Korean War Veterans Association of Central Ohio, Chapter 116.

Jennifer L. Baun, 49, of Youngstown, Mahoning County served in the U.S. Navy. Today she serves veterans and the greater community. She is the president of the Northeast Ohio Women Veterans Unit 21, a chapter of the Military Women Across the Nation veterans group, an organization dedicated to women who proudly served in the military. Jenn is vice chair of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services Advisory Committee on Women Veterans and was instrumental in seeking sponsorship for the biennial Ohio Women Veterans Conferences. Jenn worked diligently on the movement of legislation supporting the Ohio Women Veterans license plate. In May of 2015, Jenn was a finalist for the Athena Leadership Award