



2022 INDUCTEES

23RD ANNUAL BANQUET & INDUCTION CEREMONY

29 OCTOBER 2022
EMBASSY SUITES NORMAN
2501 CONFERENCE DRIVE
NORMAN, OKLAHOMA

REGISTRATION STARTS 5 PM
RECEPTION/CASH BAR 5:30 PM
SEATING BEGINS 6 PM
WELCOME 6:30 PM

DRESS CODE:

Black tie or business suit for men, "after 5" wear for ladies, Sunday best, service dress, mess dress or business suit for military personnel.

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Honoring the men and women of Oklahoma who served in the Uniformed Services of the United States, demonstrating extraordinary acts of courage, heroism or gallantry, and who continue to serve our country and communities today.



MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

CAPTAIN GARY MICHAEL ROSE U.S. ARMY

Rose, born in Watertown, New York, in 1947, served in Vietnam as a Special Forces medic and is credited with treating between 60 and 70 wounded soldiers and saving many lives during Operation Tailwind. The mission was later unclassified and after 47 years his Distinguished Service Cross was upgraded to the Medal of Honor which he received in 2017. Rose attended Officer Candidate School in 1973. Other awards include two Bronze Star Medals with “V” device, and two Purple Hearts. While serving at Fort Sill, he received a bachelor’s degree from Cameron University and later a master’s degree from University of Oklahoma. He retired in 1987.

COLONEL ARTHUR WILCOX BUSWELL U.S. ARMY, 1926 – 2017

Buswell was born in 1926 in Oklahoma City and grew up in Kingfisher. He was drafted into the Army and assigned to the Medical Corps. He served as a medic during WWII in the China, Burma, India theater from 1945-46. After the war he received a medical degree from University of Oklahoma. After his internship and residency, he opened his practice in Hennessey, Oklahoma. In 1961, Buswell began an Army medical career and would serve in Vietnam. He retired after 34 years of service. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Soldier’s Medal, two Bronze Stars, one with Valor, and three air medals.

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR GEORGE EUGENE CLARK, SR. U.S. ARMY, 1921 – 1978

Clark was born in 1921, in McAlester, Oklahoma. He was a member of the Choctaw Tribe and served in three wars. Clark enlisted into the Oklahoma National Guard in 1938 and served with the 45th Infantry Division in Sicily, Italy, France, and Germany during World War II. He also served in Korea and in Vietnam. Clark was awarded the Silver Star Medal for gallantry in action on 29 September 1944, near Viminal, France. His citation states that while his unit was pinned down, *“He maneuvered himself forward, exposing himself to enemy fire, then was able to call and adjust artillery fire on the German defenses.”*

MAJOR VIRGIL CEPHUS FIELDS U.S. ARMY AIR FORCES, 1921-1944

Fields was born in California in 1921 and raised in Jay, OK as a Citizen of the Cherokee Nation. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Forces in 1942, commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant, and trained as a fighter pilot. In April 1943, he was assigned to the 307th Fighter Squadron in North Africa. He flew 176 combat missions in his Supermarine Spitfire over North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, and Anzio. He became an Ace, destroying six enemy aircraft. On 6 February 1944, Fields was shot down and killed. His awards include Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, 16 Air Medals, and the French Croix de Guerre.



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3, BOBBY GENE FROST U.S. ARMY, 1931 – 1970

Frost was born in 1931, in Jones, OK. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 as an aircraft mechanic and served 15 years before joining the Army in 1966 to become a Warrant Officer and fly helicopters. At the Rotary Wing school, he graduated with honors. Frost went to Vietnam in 1967 where he served as a UH1 Huey Helicopter pilot and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. Frost’s second tour began in September 1969. Four months later his helicopter experienced engine failure and all onboard perished. Frost’s other awards include Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, 13 Air Medals, and the Vietnamese Military Merit Medal.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL GALAND DWIGHT KRAMER U.S. AIR FORCE

Kramer was born in 1941, in Wichita, Kansas, and moved to Oklahoma, graduating from Tulsa Edison High School in 1959. He is a 1964 graduate of the University of Oklahoma and Air Force ROTC. Kramer arrived in Vietnam in July 1966. On his 94th mission over North Vietnam he was forced to eject and taken as a Prisoner of War in January 1967. He was held in captivity for more than 6 years. He was released from North Vietnam during Operation Homecoming on 12 February 1973. Kramer’s awards include the Silver Star Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal, and Purple Heart.

CORPORAL THOMAS DAWAYNE MILLER U.S. MARINE CORPS, 1933 – 1952

Miller was born in 1933 in Morris, OK and graduated from Perry High School. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in April 1951 and was assigned as a Wireman to Battery D, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines. Miller was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry on 5 October 1952. In part the award reads: *“When his team suffered heavy casualties, he voluntarily exposed himself to intense and accurate hostile mortar, artillery, and sniper fire to call and adjust accurate artillery supporting fire... Although mortally wounded he succeeded in instructing another Marine in operating his radio before succumbing to his wounds...”* He was 19 years old.

MAJOR JOHN FLOYD MULLINS U.S. ARMY

Mullins was raised on a farm near Mountain Park, OK. After high school, he joined the Army, rising in rank from Private to Major. He was a Ranger, a Special Forces NCO, and an officer. Mullins served three tours in Vietnam. He never lost a single soldier in any operation he commanded. Mullins was awarded two Silver Star Medals, one of which was 34 years after his heroism due to the classified nature of the mission. His other Silver Star Medal was for heroism in Vietnam in 1966, for leading a platoon in a renewed attack on a hill occupied by the enemy. He also was awarded the Purple Heart.

COLONEL LEONARD BITTLE SCOTT, III U.S. ARMY

Scott was born in 1948, raised in Minco, OK, and graduated from Central State University. In 1968 he joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard and graduated from its Officer Candidate School. He then graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic, Pathfinder, Airborne, and Ranger schools at Fort Benning. He served in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s LRRP (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol) C Co, 75th Rangers and was awarded the Silver Star in 1970 for gallantry in action near the Cambodian border. Other Vietnam awards include the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. He retired in 1994 as Senior Military Advisor, Oklahoma National Guard.

2ND LIEUTENANT FRANK CHARLES VRANA U.S. ARMY, 1921 – 1982

Vrana was born and raised in Oklahoma County. He graduated from High School when he was 14 then helped on the family farm. After completing 3 years of college at St Gregory’s and University of Oklahoma, he enlisted in October 1942. Staff Sergeant Vrana was a Combat Medic and on 14 April 1945 earned a battlefield promotion to 2d Lieutenant. His actions on 19 April 1945, during an enemy artillery attack in Luzon, Philippines, earned him the Silver Star saving many wounded with first aid and moving them to safety. His other awards include the Combat Medic Badge and the Purple Heart.

MAJOR GENERAL DOUGLAS O. DOLLAR DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

COL STANLEY LEVI EVANS U.S. ARMY

Evans was raised in Oklahoma City and graduated from Fredrick A. Douglass High School in 1964. He will receive the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award and inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Evans enlisted in the Army in 1968 and graduated from Officer Candidate School in 1970. He served 32 years as a Signal Corps officer, including a company command in Vietnam. His last assignment was dean of the Army’s Command and General Staff College. Evans’ decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and Bronze Star. His civilian awards are numerous and include induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 2021.

MAJOR JOE LEE TODD U.S. ARMY

Todd was born in 1946 and raised in Bartlesville, OK. He will receive the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award and inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. Todd served in Vietnam, Kuwait and Iraq. His awards include the Bronze Star Medal, four Air Medals, and the Purple Heart. His Joint Service Commendation Medal highlighted his Civil Affairs professionalism and skills. Todd is an historian and has worked at the Oklahoma Historical Society and 45th Division Museum preserving documents and conducting numerous oral histories. He is credited with over 2000 recorded veteran interviews and author of *USS Oklahoma, Remembrance of a Great Lady*.