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Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Announces Class of 2016 *All Ohioans encouraged to attend Nov. 3 ceremony in Columbus*

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Veterans Services today announced the members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2016.

The Ohio veterans community and the public are cordially invited to honor the Ohioans in this year's class by attending the Induction Ceremony at 11 am on November 3 at the Lincoln Theater at 769 E Long St, Columbus, OH 43203.

The class of 2016 will join 498 Ohio veterans who are currently 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 service in the U.S. Armed Forces 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 23 years include astronauts, government officials, police officers, community leaders and veterans' advocates.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2016 inductees are:

Robert H. Bertschy, Columbiana County, Navy
Robert L. Brewster, Hamilton County, Air Force
Thomas R. Burke, Tuscarawas County, Navy
Albert C. Edmondson, Franklin County, Army
William J. Frost, Pickaway and Franklin County, Air Force
Susan K. Green, Fairfield County, Army
Kelly K. Knox, Hamilton County, Air Force
Robert B. "Rock" Lantz, Delaware County, Air Force
John S. Mattox, Belmont County, Air Force
John C. McCoy, Franklin County, Air Force and Ohio Air National Guard



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William J. Miller, Summit County, Army
John E. Moore, Sr., Montgomery County, Army
Larry D. Moore, Richland County, Navy
Ronald J. Pusateri, Delaware County, Army
Francis J. Russo (posthumous), Richland County, Air Force
Joseph J. Rygielski, Ashland County, Air Force
John F. Sazpansky, Cuyahoga County, Army
Deborah L. Wallace, Greene County, Army
Jerrold W. Wilson, Hamilton County, Army

Additional information on [past inductees](#) is available at [OhioVets.gov](#).

It's not too early to [nominate deserving veterans](#) for the Class of 2017.

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The Ohio Department of Veterans Services (ODVS) supports the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame. ODVS works to actively identify, connect with and advocate for veterans and their families. Ohio law gives the department the responsibility to partner with county veteran service commissions and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, in order to "serve those who have served."