

Commercial Diving Hall of Fame

Since 2005, ADCI has inducted selected nominees into the Commercial Diving Hall of Fame. These individuals are nominated from all walks of life and represent men and women who have made a recognized and lasting contribution to commercial diving throughout their lifetime.

As background; in 2004, a decision was taken by the Board of Directors to establish the Hall of Fame with the first group of inductees being those individuals who had previously been awarded either the John B. Galletti Memorial Award (established in 1978), or the Tom Devine Memorial Award (established in 1995). The initial group numbered 33 individuals and one additional dedicated Hall of Fame selectee to represent 2004.

Of the initial group of inductees, 25 were prior John B. Galletti Memorial Award and 8 prior Tom Devine Memorial Award honorees. With the passage of time the number of nominees to the selection committee has slowed. This may be due to a lack of understanding of what the Hall of Fame is intended to represent or; simply due to the fact that as our community continues to grow the contributions of individual persons become less evident. Or; it may be that some of the individuals who deserve recognition are from small nations where the commercial diving community is not as well recognized as perhaps it is in other parts of the globe.

Whatever the reasons; the fact is that many people from our global community have dedicated their lives to improving commercial diving in one manner or another. These may be men and women who have themselves been commercial divers; developers of equipment, contributors to the medical sciences used to keep us safe from rigors of diving, safety professionals who recognize and alert us to on-the-job hazards, individuals who establish companies to employ commercial divers or others who produce improved tools for our use underwater.

As we solicit nominees for the Hall of Fame consideration please use careful thought in making your recommendations. Because an individual is a friend, a co-worker, or simply a "name" that you would like to nominate, ask yourself if that person has met the criteria of having made a recognized and lasting contribution to commercial diving during their lifetime. If so, use care in filling out the nominating form and complete supporting information. If not; then keep it in mind for the future. Remember – this is your heritage! Keep it alive and meaningful. The nomination form must be received in the ADCI office no later than **November 4, 2019**.

Association of Diving Contractors International

In honoring those unique individuals who, during a lifetime of dedication, have made significant and recognized contributions to the improvement and safety of Commercial Diving and Underwater Operations throughout the world.

List of prior awardees: Note: Posthumous Awards are noted by the letter “P”

John B. Galleti Memorial Award		Tom Devine Memorial Award		Hall of Fame Award	
	Yr.		Yr.		Yr.
Capt. George Bond (P)	1978	Ms. Bernice McKenzie	1995	Bob Barth	2005
Cdr. Jackie Warner (P)	1979	Juan R. Crofton	1996	Rodney Cruze	2006
Dr. Chris Lambertsen	1980	Mike McGovern	1997	Dick Long	2006
Hugh (Dan) Wilson	1981	Fred Aichele	1999	Torrence Parker	2006
Bev Morgan	1982	Rick Jager	2000	Jack Reedy	2006
D. Michael Hughes	1983	John Hazelbaker	2001	Walter (Whitey) Stephens	2007
Dick Evens (P)	1984	Jim Caldwell	2002	Wilber (Jerry) O'Neill	2007
George W. Samson (P)	1985			Dr. Jeff Zhang	2008
Jim Joiner	1986			Dr. Robert Workman (P)	2008
Henri Delauze	1987			John Manlove (P)	2008
Phil Nuytten	1988			Norman Ketchman	2008
Murray Black (P)	1989			Lazaro Del Castillo	2008
Lad Handelman	1990			Dr. Joseph Serio	2009
Dr. Joseph McInnis	1991			Leonard Greenstone	2009
Herbert G. Newbury (P)	1992			Robert W. Honaker	2009
John T. Johnson	1993			Bud Mills	2010
Jack D. Smith, Jr.	1994			Bob Ratcliff	2010
Andre Galerne	1995			Ben Miller	2011
Ellis R. Cross (P)	1996			Tom Angel	2011
Joe Savoie (P)	1997			Joe Sanford (P)	2011
Steve Helburn	1998			Paul Leblanc	2012
Bill Dore	1999			Drew Michel	2012
Bob Kirby	2000			Lawrence Goldberg	2013
Ross Saxon	2001			Bob Merriman	2013
Conway Whitey Grubbs (P)	2002			Richard Geyer	2013
R.H. (Dutchy) Holland	2003			Van T. Bell (P)	2014
				George Cundiff	2014
				Dr. Keith Van Meter M.D.	2014
				Dr. John Beran	2015
				Denny Swartz	2015
				S. Joe Vidrine	2015
				Mike Von Alvensleben	2016
				George Wiswell	2016
				Owen Boyle	2017
				Leslie Leaney	2017
				Craig Fortenbery	2018
				Mike Ward	2018
				Jean-Claude Le Pechon	2019
				Dick Rutkowski	2019