

## **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 **TBD**.

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

**Hall of Fame  
Award**

	<b>Year</b>		<b>Year</b>
Bob Barth	2005	Jim Elliott	2020
Rodney Cruze	2006	Randy Abadie	2020
Dick Long	2006	Richard Fryburg	2020
Torrence Parker	2006		
Jack Reedy	2006		
Walter (Whitey) Stephens	2007		
Wilber (Jerry) O'Neill	2007		
Dr. Jeff Zhang	2008		
Dr. Robert Workman (P)	2008		
John Manlove (P)	2008		
Norman Ketchman	2008		
Lazaro Del Castillo	2008		
Dr. Joseph Serio	2009		
Leonard Greenstone	2009		
Robert W. Honaker	2009		
Bud Mills	2010		
Bob Ratcliff	2010		
Ben Miller	2011		
Tom Angel	2011		
Joe Sanford (P)	2011		
Paul Leblanc	2012		
Drew Michel	2012		
Lawrence Goldberg	2013		
Bob Merriman	2013		
Richard Geyer	2013		
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		

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**John B. Galleti  
Memorial Award**

**Tom Devine  
Memorial Award**

	<b>Year</b>		<b>Year</b>
Capt. George Bond (P)	1978	Ms. Bernice McKenzie	1995
Cdr. Jackie Warner (P)	1979	Juan R. Crofton	1996
Dr. Chris Lambertsen	1980	Mike McGovern	1997
Hugh (Dan) Wilson	1981	Fred Aichele	1999
Bev Morgan	1982	Rick Jager	2000
D. Michael Hughes	1983	John Hazelbaker	2001
Dick Evens (P)	1984	Jim Caldwell	2002
George W. Samson (P)	1985		
Jim Joiner	1986		
Henri Delauze	1987		
Phil Nuytten	1988		
Murray Black (P)	1989		
Lad Handelman	1990		
Dr. Joseph McInnis	1991		
Herbert G. Newbury (P)	1992		
John T. Johnson	1993		
Jack D. Smith, Jr.	1994		
Andre Galerne	1995		
Ellis R. Cross (P)	1996		
Joe Savoie (P)	1997		
Steve Helburn	1998		
Bill Dore	1999		
Bob Kirby	2000		
Ross Saxon	2001		
Conway Whitey Grubbs (P)	2002		
R.H. (Dutchy) Holland	2003		