

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 **January 4, 2021**.

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

**Hall of Fame
Award**

	Year		Year
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**

	Year
Capt. George Bond (P)	1978
Cdr. Jackie Warner (P)	1979
Dr. Chris Lambertsen	1980
Hugh (Dan) Wilson	1981
Bev Morgan	1982
D. Michael Hughes	1983
Dick Evens (P)	1984
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

**Tom Devine
Memorial Award**

	Year
Ms. Bernice McKenzie	1995
Juan R. Crofton	1996
Mike McGovern	1997
Fred Aichele	1999
Rick Jager	2000
John Hazelbaker	2001
Jim Caldwell	2002