

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 **March 3, 2023**.

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Hall of Fame Recipients

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	YEAR
Randy	Abadie	2020
Fred	Aichele	1999
Tom	Angel	2011
Bob	Barth	2005
Van T.	Bell	2014
Dr. John	Beran	2015
Murray	Black	1989
Capt. George	Bond	1978
Owen	Boyle	2017
Mike	Brown	2021
Jim	Caldwell	2002
Juan R.	Crofton	1996
Ellis R.	Cross	1996
Rodney	Cruze	2006
George	Cundiff	2014
Lazaro	Del Castillo	2008
Henri	Delauze	1987
Bill	Dore	1999
Jim	Elliott	2020
Dick	Evens	1984
Craig	Fortenbery	2018
Richard	Fryburg	2020
Andre	Galerie	1995
Richard	Geyer	2013
Lawrence	Goldberg	2013
Leonard	Greenstone	2009
Conway Whitey	Grubbs	2002
Lad	Handelman	1990
John	Hazelbaker	2001
Steve	Helburn	1998
R.H. (Dutchy)	Holland	2003
Robert W.	Honaker	2009
D. Michael	Hughes	1983
Rick	Jager	2000
John T.	Johnson	1993
Jim	Joiner	1986
Jack D.	Jr.	1994
Norman	Ketchman	2008

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Bob	Kirby	2000
Dr. Chris	Lambertsen	1980
Jean-Claude	Le Pechon	2019
Leslie	Leaney	2017
Paul	Leblanc	2012
Dick	Long	2006
John	Manlove	2008
Mike	McGovern	1997
Dr. Joseph	McInnis	1991
Bernice	McKenzie	1995
Bob	Merriman	2013
Drew	Michel	2012
Ben	Miller	2011
Bud	Mills	2010
Bev	Morgan	1982
Herbert G.	Newbury	1992
Phil	Nuytten	1988
Wilber (Jerry)	O'Neill	2007
Torrence	Parker	2006
Bob	Ratcliff	2010
Jack	Reedy	2006
Dick	Rutkowski	2019
George	Samson	1985
Joe	Sanford	2011
Joe	Savoie	1997
Ross	Saxon	2001
Dr. Joseph	Serio	2009
Walter (Whitey)	Stephens	2007
Denny	Swartz	2015
Dr. Keith	Van Meter	2014
S. Joe	Vidrine	2015
Mike	Von Alvensleben	2016
Mike	Ward	2018
Cdr. Jackie	Warner	1979
Hugh (Dan)	Wilson	1981
George	Wiswell	2016
Dr. Robert	Workman	2008
Dr. Jeff	Zhang	2008