

2014 GMVHOF INDUCTEES



Robert Glenn Certain (VALOR)

Colonel, Air Force, Savannah. On 18 December 1972, while serving as a B-52 Navigator over North Vietnam, his aircraft was shot down. Captured and imprisoned for 101 days, he suffered greatly at the hands of the enemy. For leadership to other POWs and heroic service to our nation, he was awarded the Prisoner of War Medal, five Air Medals, two Purple Hearts, the Bronze Star Medal for valor, and the Distinguished Flying Cross.



Jeffrey Curtis Cole, II (VALOR)

Corporal, Marine Corps, Woodstock. On 17 Aug 2010 as part of a ten man security patrol in Afghanistan, his unit came under intense fire from two enemy positions. The initial burst wounded five men including the machine gunner. He immediately took control of the machinegun, returning accurate fire on the enemy. Wounded and bleeding heavily, he continued fighting. His combat awards: Combat Action Ribbon, Purple Heart, and the Silver Star.



Timothy Cole, Jr. (VALOR)

Warrant Officer 1, Army, Newnan. In 1968 in Vietnam as a Dustoff Helicopter Pilot, he displayed great courage while flying unarmed aircraft into battles to save lives, evacuating over 1,600 and flying over 800 combat hours. On 5, 8, & 9 May, 18 Jun, & 30 Jul, he saved many lives flying through heavy enemy fire. He was awarded five Distinguished Flying Crosses (Valor) for these five missions. On 18 Oct he was Killed in Action and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star.



Wilbur Gene Corbitt (VALOR)

Major, Army, Pearson. Fought in two wars. Enlisted at 16 during the Korean War and was severely wounded in an assault against an enemy position. As an Infantry Company Commander in Vietnam, he was wounded three times within five months while leading his men. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge (w/ Star), Purple Heart (4), Army Commendation Medal (Valor), Air Medal (Valor), Bronze Star Medal (Valor), and two Silver Stars.



Douglas Clark Dillard (VALOR)

Colonel, Army, Atlanta. Fought in three wars. Enlisted at 16 during WWII, made a combat jump into France, led a bayonet charge during the Battle of the Bulge, and was one of 80 survivors of his battalion by the end of WWII. In Korea he was behind enemy lines as a Special Operations Officer. In Vietnam he led counter-guerrilla operations. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge (w/ Star), Jump Wings (w/ Combat Star), Air Medal (5), Bronze Star Medal (2), and the Distinguish Flying Cross.



Duke Doubleday (VALOR)

First Lieutenant, Army, Columbus. A fearless Armored Cavalry Rifle Platoon Leader and Aero Rifle Platoon Leader who fought in Vietnam. He courageously and successfully led his platoons on highly dangerous, direct engagements against heavily fortified, well equipped, well armed, and well manned enemy base camps. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge, Army Commendation Medal (Valor), Air Medal, Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal (Valor), and the Silver Star.



Lee Francis "Lee" Ellis, Jr. (VALOR)

Colonel, Air Force, Commerce. On 7 Nov 1967 on his 53rd mission in an F-4 Phantom jet over North Vietnam he was shot down, captured, and held as a POW for over five years and four months, suffering greatly at the hands of the enemy. He served on active duty for over 24 years with honor, distinction, courage, and conviction. His combat awards are: Prisoner of War Medal, Air Medal (9), Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal (Valor), and two Silver Stars.



Vincent Jerome Farrell (VALOR)

Master Sergeant, Army, Columbus. In the Korean War when an ammo bunker took a direct hit by an enemy mortar round and at extreme risk he immediately emptied the bunker of the burning ammo crates. On another occasion he rushed to the aid of a friendly patrol that had walked into a minefield, disarmed the mines, and carried out the wounded. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal (Valor), and the Silver Star.



Ed Harbison (SERVICE)

Sergeant, Marine Corps, Columbus. Served in Vietnam as an Infantryman and since 1992 has been a State Senator from District 15. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Senate Veterans, Military, and Homeland Security Committee. He is a trusted and true friend, strong advocate, and wise voice for all Georgia Veterans and their families. As a Combat Veteran he knows what it means to selflessly serve and sacrifice for others. His combat award is the Purple Heart.



Grady Holman, Jr. (VALOR)

Captain, Army, Blakely. On 12 Dec 1944 in Germany during WWII as an Infantry Company Commander, he courageously led his company on an attack of a well fortified enemy position while heavy enemy artillery, machine gun, and small arms fire rained down on him and his men. Armed only with a pistol and wounded, he was first to reach and overrun the enemy's position. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart (3), and the Distinguished Service Cross.



James Everette Livingston (VALOR)

Major General, Marine Corps, Towns. On 2 May 1968 in Vietnam, he led his company against a heavily fortified enemy position, was wounded twice, refused medical treatment, and continued with seizure of the objective. When an adjacent company came under an enemy attack he led his men to their aid. Wounded a 3rd time and unable to walk, he continued to direct and deploy his force. His combat awards are: Combat Action Ribbon, Purple Heart (3), Bronze Star Medal, Silver Star, and the Medal of Honor.



Milton Lockett, Jr. (SERVICE)

Master Sergeant, Army, Columbus. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Ranger and was later inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame. In 1991 he formed Carver Heights against Drugs (CHAD) which works with law enforcement to force drug dealers out of business and has been recognized by the Georgia Governor and the Columbus Mayor and Police Chief for transforming communities. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star Medal.



Ben Studdard Malcom (VALOR)

Colonel, Army, Monroe. Known as the Father of Special Forces, the Green Berets. As a First Lieutenant in the Korean War he was given the mission of leading South Korean partisan units deep behind enemy lines. From an island off the coast of North Korea he planned and led numerous daring and dangerous raids into North Korea. He later fought in Vietnam as a Field Grade Infantry Officer. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal, and the Silver Star.



William Tracy Mixon (ACHIEVEMENT)

Command Sergeant Major (CSM), Army, Vidalia. Fought in Korea and Vietnam. On jump status for 31+ years with over 1,500 jumps including a combat jump in Vietnam. He held every Infantry enlisted leadership position in the field from Squad Leader to CSM of the XVII Airborne Corps. He is a Ranger & 101st Airborne Division Hall of Fame Inductee. His combat awards are: Combat Infantry Badge (w/Star), Master Jump Wings (w/Combat Star), Air Medal (44; Valor 1), and the Bronze Star Medal.



Robert Stephen Poydasheff (SERVICE)

Colonel, Army, Columbus. The son of a Russian immigrant father, he joined and served as a way to help pay back the precious gift of freedom that he was taught to love at an early age. He was a Judge Advocate General Corps Officer for 24+ years including a tour in Vietnam. After the Army he became a lawyer in Columbus specializing in military law. As City Councilman and Mayor, he strengthened the ties of the Columbus-Fort Benning community. His combat award is the Bronze Star Medal.



Sammy Lewis Robinson (SERVICE)

Sergeant, Army, Tallapoosa. He served in Vietnam during the 1968 Tet Offensive. After the Army, he saw a need for a local organization to focus on honoring Veterans. He soon established the Haralson County Veterans Association (HCVA). Among many accomplishments of the HCVA are securing an Army JROTC program at Haralson County HS, creating a Veterans' Military Memorial, and providing Honor Guards for funerals of local Veterans. His combat award is the Bronze Star Medal.