

2022 GMVHOF INDUCTEES



Dolas David Bain (VALOR)

During World War II, Army Medic and Private, later Technician Fifth Grade, Dolas David Bain of the 330th Infantry Regiment, 83rd Infantry Division was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor. He was recognized for his undaunted and heroic action on the night of 16 and 17 July 1944 near Henuilly, France. At great personal risk, in total darkness and under a constant barrage of enemy artillery and small arms fire, he led a team of litter bearers through swampy terrain. This daring action made it possible to provide urgent medical care, then evacuate a large number of severely wounded American Infantrymen. Additionally, he was able to evacuate others that had been killed in action. During this arduous extraction operation, he continually provided aid and comfort which resulted in saving the lives of some that might otherwise have succumbed to their wounds. This action was just one of many selfless acts of his bravery during this extremely difficult time of intense combat in the European Theater of Operations.



Karen Fuller Brannen (ACHIEVEMENT)

USMC Colonel (Ret) Brannen's 27-year military career spanned a series of significant first accomplishments. In 1996 she graduated Number One in her flight class, earned her "Wings of Gold" and was selected to fly fighter jets, making her the very first USMC Female Pilot to earn this distinction. After F/A-18 Hornet training, she became the first and only female F-18 pilot in the Marine Corps and remained so for three years. Later, she transitioned into the C-37B and was given the responsibility of piloting the Secretary of the Navy, Marine Corps Commandant and other high ranking officials. In 2013 she transitioned to the Marine Reserves and eventually became the USMC Pacific Reserve Chief of Staff and was inducted into the Aviation Pioneer Hall of Fame. In 2016, she became the first female Marine Aviator to be promoted to the rank of Colonel. Without question, Colonel Brannen's trail-blazing career has inspired a whole new generation of military female aviators.



Armand Legriell Chapeau (SERVICE)

USCG Commander (Ret) and former Griffin Chief of Police, "Toby" Chapeau is an exemplary role model of 64 years of selfless service. He began his 29 year USCG career as an enlisted man, serving in Vietnam on patrol boats and providing much needed fire support to Marines. On one particular mission, he was critically wounded resulting in paralysis. But, 33 days after surgery, this Purple Heart Recipient returned to combat duty to continuing his unwavering support to those in harm's way. Later, as a commissioned officer, he was selected for numerous command and staff positions, including the Director of The National Narcotics Border Interdiction System, Gulf Region. After the military, he began a civilian law enforcement career and became the recipient of many awards including "Outstanding Georgia Citizen" and "Chief of The Year". Commander / Chief Toby Chapeau is indeed, an inspiration to all and a true American Patriot.



Sarita Yvette Dyer (ACHIEVEMENT)

Early in her 27-year military career, USA Sergeant Major (Ret) Dyer was deployed to Operation Desert Storm, the first of four combat tours. Her record of service also encompassed several high level positions, including Legislative Liaison for the Secretary of the Army; 3rd Infantry Division Nuclear Senior Enlisted Advisor; Force Protection Sergeant Major for U.S. Division North-Iraq; Senior Enlisted Advisor for the Logistical European Theater; and overseeing Senior Drill Sergeant Training for 3,000+ Initial Entry Trainees. Her numerous awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Star Medals for combat service and campaign medals for Desert Storm, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Iraq. In addition to many military schools, her civilian education includes a Bachelor's Degree and two Master's Degrees. SGM Dyer is an exemplary role model, especially to the youth of our great nation.



Alvin Winslow Floyd (VALOR) (Killed-in-Action)

On 2 April 1970 in Vietnam while serving as the leader of Ranger Team 38, Company F, 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army Sergeant First Class Alvin Floyd and his Rangers were inserted deep into enemy held territory on a reconnaissance mission. While moving away from the landing zone, the team destroyed an enemy machine gun bunker, but were soon pinned down by fire from three sides. Because his radio was damaged during the fire fight, he moved to an open area to visually direct gunships on the enemy while being totally exposed to enemy fire. Later, while tending to a wounded Ranger and with unflinching resolve, SFC Floyd advanced directly toward the enemy. This was his last selfless act, as he was mortally wounded while shielding his men. For his extraordinary heroism at the sacrifice of his life, SFC Floyd was awarded the Army's second highest award for valor, the Distinguished Service Cross.



Logan Thomas Gay, Jr. (SERVICE)

After graduation from Georgia Tech in 1966, "Tom" embarked on a four-year stint in the Marines, including a 13-month tour in Vietnam. After discharge in 1970, he earned an MBA, began a business career as a general contractor and initiated a lifetime of humble service to others. For 40+ years he has been a leader in the Boy Scouts which included building and donating many facilities for that organization throughout Georgia. For 30+ years he has been a board member and generous supporter of Hillside Hospital, a long-term care psychiatric facility for youth, ages 7-19. More recently, he has been heavily involved with the PTSD program at Emory, which provides free treatment for veterans. Additionally, his scholarship programs for students of limited resources assures them of a debt-free education. Tom Gay is the epitome of "Selfless Servant" and is richly deserving to be inducted to this Hall of Fame.



Thomas Harter Greer (VALOR) (Posthumous)

U.S. Army Major (Ret) "Tom" Greer is inducted into the GMVHOF, as a result of his 20+ year career of relentlessly training and courageously leading Soldiers, Army Rangers and Delta Force Operators as both as an NCO and Officer in some of the most dangerous operations in our nation's history. As a Delta Force Squadron Commander, he spend thirty-six months in three separate hostile fire zones and was twice decorated for valor in combat actions. He and his teams hunted and successfully apprehended war criminals in the Balkans. He was the Assault Force Commander on numerous direct actions raids against Al Qaeda and Taliban forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. On all three fronts, he operated extensively and effectively with US and foreign intelligence and special operators. Our citizens are indeed safer because of Tom Greer and others like him that served at the tip of the spear in our Nation's most elite organizations.



Michael Edward Gresham (VALOR)

In 1968 while serving as a Squad Leader in the 1st Marine Division in Vietnam, (then) Lance Corporal Gresham's platoon command post was struck by several enemy rocket rounds, followed by a human wave assault. Seizing control of his unit when his platoon's leaders were seriously wounded without hesitation, he raced through heavy hostile enemy fire while shouting words of encouragement to his men. His directing effective return fire resulted in heavy losses to the advancing enemy force. Realizing their position was untenable, he quickly repaired an inoperable radio and skillfully moved his men to an alternate location while continuing to direct his unit's fire, which enabled them to repel the enemy's onslaught. For his courage and initiative, which saved the lives of countless Marines, Sergeant Gresham was awarded the Navy Cross, the second highest award for valor for the USN, USMC and USCG.



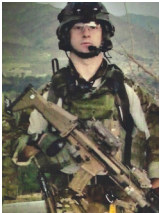
Claude Milton Kicklighter (ACHIEVEMENT)

U.S. Army Lieutenant General (Ret) "Mick" Kicklighter entered active duty upon graduation from Mercer University in 1955. He contributed 35+ years of active duty service along with over six decades of military, public and private sector service to our nation. After two tours in Vietnam, he held command positions in the 4th Inf. Div.; 24th Inf. Div.; USA Security Assistance Command; 25th Inf. Div.; USA Western Command and USA Pacific. He also served as the Director, Army Staff. Some of his numerous awards are: Distinguished Service Medal (3); Defense Superior Service Medal; Legion of Merit (3) and Bronze Star Medal. After his Army retirement in 1991, he continued to serve his country in several Department of Defense and Veterans Administration positions, as well as a contributing to a multitude of charitable organizations. In addition, he has been awarded the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service and the Presidential Citizens Medal.



Travis Bertrand Lee, Jr. (VALOR) (Killed-in-Action)

First Lieutenant Lee entered the Army in 1967. He was selected to attend Combat Engineer Officer Candidate School and after completion soon reported to Vietnam. Although he was an Engineer Officer, he was assigned to the 9th Infantry Division as an Infantry Platoon Leader due to a shortage of Infantry Officers. On the evening of 17 April 1969, his platoon came under attack by an enemy force, but was soon driven back because of LT Lee's effective direction of air and artillery fire. Later in the night, a renewed and larger enemy attack began. With total disregard for his own safety, LT Lee continued to direct counter fire while inspiring and guiding his men to more secure defensive positions. During this second attack, he was mortally wounded by enemy fire. For his extraordinary heroism in close combat against a hostile force, LT Lee was posthumously awarded our nation's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star.



Grant Andrew McGarry (VALOR)

Upon graduation from the University of Alabama in 2006, Grant enlisted in the U.S. Army "For the hardest thing the Army has to offer." After the required training, he was assigned to the 1st Ranger Battalion. While serving as a Ranger, Sergeant McGarry deployed to combat in the Mideast five times while holding a number of leadership positions. Between combat tours, he earned the coveted Ranger Tab. During his 5th deployment, and as a Ranger Team Leader, his squad was ambushed by enemy insurgents. Disregarding his own safety, he rushed out into the open to suppress the enemy and to assist his Squad Leader, who stood alone engaging the insurgents. McGarry eliminated the enemy with precise fire and continued to suppress the threat until this Ranger Assault Force was no longer in immediate danger. For this extraordinary act of heroism, Sergeant McGarry was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor.



Frank Siddal Reece (VALOR)

USA Colonel (Ret) Reece graduated from North Georgia College and received his Infantry commission in 1960. After Airborne and Ranger schools, he graduated from Flight School, being qualified in both helicopter and fixed wing aircraft. This was followed by two combat tours in Vietnam. On one mission, as a UH-1B Helicopter Pilot, (then) LT Reece came to the rescue of a ground unit that had sustained a large number of casualties. In the midst of heavy ground fire, he flew into the embattled area with no air-to-ground communications or friendly fire cover. Aware of the danger, nonetheless he flew three more extraction missions, evacuating a total of 26 wounded Soldiers. For this feat of valor, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He continued to serve in the Army for a total of 30 years and earned other numerous awards and decorations including the Bronze Star Medal (3) and the Purple Heart.



Robert James Romanelli (VALOR)

In 1968-1969 in Vietnam, USN Lieutenant Junior Grade Romanelli was a UH-1B Gunship Aircraft Commander and Fire Team Leader assigned to Helicopter Attack Squadron Three, which supported Navy River Patrol Boats, Navy SEALs and Allied Army units. On one mission, during the evacuation of two burning helicopters from an enemy mortar attack and despite being also wounded, he crawled beneath a burning aircraft amid a shower of exploding ammunition to rescue two fellow airmen. For this heroic action, he was awarded the Silver Star for conspicuous gallantry. During his tour, serving in the most highly decorated squadron in Navy history, he flew 604 combat missions and 810 combat flying hours in all types of weather conditions. In addition to the Silver Star, he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor, two Purple Hearts and three Distinguished Flying Crosses for heroism in aerial fight.



Walter Kay Schmidt (VALOR)

USAF Colonel (Ret) Schmidt served 28+ years including two combat tours in Vietnam as a C-130 Navigator while supporting some of the fiercest ground battles of that war. In 1966, as a First Lieutenant, he flew numerous day and night combat assault missions over several raging battlefields enabling ground units such as the Army's 1st Cavalry Division to maneuver and destroy a major enemy force. These numerous flights into hostile territory earned 1LT Schmidt six Air Medals. In April 1968 as a Captain flying into the infamous and always dangerous A Shau Valley, he flew an extremely hazardous tactical emergency airdrop mission under adverse conditions to deliver ammunition to an under-sieged American ground unit. For this singular action he was awarded the first of his two Distinguished Flying Crosses. In 2010, Col Schmidt was inducted into the prestigious Air Commando Hall of Fame.



Billy Fowler Wade (VALOR)

USMC Sergeant Wade enlisted in 1963 and soon after his training he deployed to Vietnam. On 26 June 1966, (then) Corporal Wade and other members of the company witnessed the crash of a medevac helicopter to the unit's immediate front. As his platoon raced to render assistance to the crew and passengers, they became pinned down by persistent enemy sniper fire. When he and his squad attempted to envelop the sniper's position, they immediately came under additional enemy fire resulting in him being wounded. Disregarding his own injuries, he continued to direct the evacuation of all the other wounded Marines while refusing evacuation for himself and providing much needed covering fire. For his valorous actions that saved the lives of the helicopter's eight occupants, Corporal Wade was awarded two Purple Hearts and our Nation's third highest award for valor, the Silver Star.