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Ohio Veterans Services Announce 2018 Hall of Fame Class

Induction Ceremony held in November

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Veterans Services announced the members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2018.

These 20 outstanding inductees will be honored for their accomplishments and achievements at the 26th annual Induction Ceremony in November for their post-military service. This class of candidates represents 13 Ohio counties and four military branches.

The 2018 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees are:

- Fredric L. Abrams Air Force Warren County
- Ronald L. Albers Air Force Franklin County
- Cassie B. Barlow Air Force Greene County
- **Francis Leroy Clendenen* Army Licking County
- Orvil D. Cooper Army Lawrence County
- Haraz N. Ghanbari Army, Navy Wood County
- James L. Gibson Navy Guernsey County
- Paul D. Haller Navy Jackson County
- Ronald J. Hartman Army Clermont County
- Joseph A. Machado Army Fairfield County
- Robert P. Milich Air Force Mahoning County
- **Charles L. Murray* Army Franklin County
- Merle J. Pratt Navy Franklin County
- Fredrick L. Pumroy Air Force Greene County
- Clifford Riley Army Clermont County
- Dana L. Robinson-Street Navy Franklin County
- Ronald A. Schwachenwald Army Lorain County
- Douglas D. Theaker Navy Richland County
- E.J. Thomas Air Force Franklin County
- Robert J. Wilhelm Marines Guernsey County

**Awarded posthumously*

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Ohio veterans and the general public are invited and encouraged to attend the Induction Ceremony:

Induction of the 2018 Class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame

Radiant Life Church

7100 Post Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016

Thursday, November 8, 2018

9 a.m. Continental Breakfast Reception

10 a.m. Induction Ceremony

For more information: 614.644.0898, HallOfFame@dvs.ohio.gov or OhioVets.gov

The Class of 2018 was chosen from among 119 nominations. This year's class joins 854 Ohio veterans who have been inducted since 1992 and represent all eras and branches.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established in 1992 by former Gov. George Voinovich to recognize the post-military achievements of outstanding Ohio veterans. Charter members of the Hall of Fame's Class of 1992 included the six Ohio veterans who were elected President of the United States as well as Medal of Honor recipients from Ohio. Honorees of the past 25 years include astronauts, community volunteers, community leaders, safety officers, veteran advocates and former government officials.

The members of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame are honored in a permanent display near the Ohio Statehouse at the Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame is administered by the Ohio Department of Veterans Services in collaboration with the Hall of Fame Executive Committee. Comprised of 13 veteran volunteers, the committee members serve as advisors to the Hall of Fame and their primary purpose is to annually select up to 20 honorees.

Bios and photos of the 2018 class will be available at OhioVets.gov the week of Monday, Sept. 24, 2018.

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