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Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation Congratulates 2005 Inductees

Foundation to Host Private Reception Honoring Those Being Enshrined

Columbus, OH – Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Foundation President Douglas E. Lay extended congratulations on behalf of the foundation's board of trustees to this year's inductees into the hall of fame earlier today.

The foundation will host a private reception in conjunction with the official induction in November. The reception will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at the Clarion Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. The formal awards, conferred by Governor Bob Taft, will be presented during a public ceremony on Thursday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. at the Franklin County Veterans Memorial, 250 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

"Those inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame represent the very best of us," said Foundation President Lay. "These distinguished men and women continued to tirelessly serve their communities and country honorably and nobly after their time in uniform."

Lay continued, "Ohio has a proud tradition of military veteran leadership in government, business and civic organizations. Our 2005 inductees are indicative of our strong veterans' community which has a tremendous history of accomplishments and contributions to our state and our nation."

Those to be inducted during the public ceremony on November 3 include:

- **Cameron R. Agin** of Zanesville, Ohio 43701. Agin is a World War II veteran; former Zanesville police captain, city councilman and mayor; and VFW commander.
- **James W. Anderson** of Medina, Ohio 44256. Anderson is a World War II veteran; former longtime high school teacher; and former DAV, American Legion and AMVETS commander.
- **David A. Barker** of Portsmouth, Ohio 45662. Barker is a Navy veteran, longtime Franklin County Veterans Service Officer, former AMVETS and VFW commander, and former American Legion vice commander.
- **William A. Boettcher** of Cincinnati, Ohio 45238. Boettcher is a Vietnam veteran, former national commander of AMVETS, and executive director of the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission.
- **Alex A. Boudreaux** of Columbus, Ohio 43219. Boudreaux is a World War II veteran, member of the Tuskegee Airmen, first African-American air traffic controller in the United States and founder of the Ohio Museum of Flight.
- **Dorothy S. Budacki** of Mogadore, Ohio 44260. Budacki worked for Goodyear Aerospace during World War II, subsequently serving in the Navy. She served as president of WAVES National, as a Girl Scout leader, as a volunteer for many charities and member of numerous veterans' organizations in northeast Ohio.

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Inductees continued:

- **Marshall W. Busey** of Cleveland, Ohio 44135. Busey is a World War II veteran; career engineer; volunteer for numerous charities; held positions in many veterans' organizations including the American Legion and VFW; and served as co-chair of the Welcome Home Parade in Cleveland after Desert Shield/Desert Storm.
- **James Comedy** (deceased) formerly of Akron, Ohio. Comedy was a World War II veteran; bailiff of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas; former Summit County Veterans Service commissioner; and VFW commander.
- **Edward W. DeLaet** of Dayton, Ohio 45415. DeLaet worked in Naval Intelligence during World War II; served as an auditor with the Ohio Bureau of Employment services; and held various positions with AMVETS, the Xenia Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and the Boy Scouts of America.
- **John W. Erby** of Cincinnati, Ohio 45241. Erby is a Vietnam veteran; the first African-American football coach in the PAC-8 as well as the first NCAA coach with a leg amputation; and past president of the Military Officers of America, Vietnam Veterans of America and Military Order of the Purple Heart.
- **Eugene M. Fellmeth** of Canal Fulton, Ohio 44614. Fellmeth is a World War II veteran and former POW; former prosecutor in the Massillon Municipal Court; law director for the villages of Canal Fulton and Navarre; recorder for Stark County; and judge of the Massillon Municipal Court District.
- **Joseph B. Foraker** (deceased) formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio. Foraker was a Civil War veteran; judge of the Superior Court of Cincinnati; two-term Governor of Ohio; and United States Senator. He oversaw the building of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors Home, which later became the Ohio Veterans Home.
- **Robert M. Galvin** of Port Clinton, Ohio 43452. Galvin is a World War II and Korean War veteran; former member of the Ohio House of Representatives; secretary of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission; and director of the Alcohol and Drug Center of Fostoria.
- **John J. Nicastro** of Independence, Ohio 44131. Nicastro is a World War II veteran; former Ohio Bell Telephone executive; former VFW service officer; and former vice-mayor and councilman of the City of Independence.
- **Joseph A. Peters** of Alliance, Ohio 44601. Peters is an Air Force veteran; longtime minister, hospital and hospice chaplain; former high school teacher; and held numerous positions in the City of Alliance.
- **James Quisenberry** of Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Quisenberry is a Vietnam veteran; former Vietnam Veterans of America president; vice president of the Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial; longtime March of Dimes volunteer; and Boy Scouts of America leader.
- **Robert B. Steele** of Xenia, Ohio 45385. Steele is a Korean War veteran; former United States Postal Service employee, Greene County Veterans Service commissioner, commander of the American Legion; and held numerous other positions in Greene County and the City of Xenia.
- **Betty Stagg Turner** (deceased) formerly of Cincinnati, Ohio. Stagg Turner served as a Woman Air Service Pilot (W.A.S.P) during World War II; was a charter member of Women in Military Aviators; and was a Eucharistic minister and lector in her parish.
- **Maynard W. Unger** of Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Unger is a World War II veteran and former POW; served in many roles in the Boy Scouts of America; and was a school teacher and community leader in Lakewood.
- **Joseph Vance** (deceased) formerly of Urbana, Ohio. Vance was a War of 1812 veteran; member of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate; United States Congressman; Governor of Ohio; and representative to the Ohio Constitutional Convention.