Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame

The Virginia Life Saving and Rescue Hall of Fame was originally created in 1986 as a part of the “To The Rescue” Museum. The selection to the “Hall of Fame” was handled by a committee of the Association. Originally a fee of $250 was required to submit a name. This fee was later increased to $500 with the intent that the program be self sufficient.

The criteria included that a candidate must have shown outstanding contributions in one or all of the following areas: First Aid, Rescue, development of equipment, development of rescue procedures, development of training procedures, and/or development or design of rescue vehicles. The nominee must have been a member of a VAVRS squad for at least 15 years.

The Association Historian was a member of the selection committee.

In 1993, an Association committee made substantial changes to the criteria and deleted the fee required for a nomination. Applications are submitted by a sponsoring squad.

Twenty-five of the first thirty recipients are also Life Members of the Association.

* Denotes Deceased

Recipients:

1. Julian S. Wise*
Roanoke Life Saving, 1987
VAVRS Life Member 1964
Born: January 13, 1900
Died: July 22, 1985
Charter President, February 12, 1935
President, 1935-36, 36-37, 49-50, 50-51

2. Kimball Glass*
Lynchburg, 1989
VAVRS Life Member 1965
Born: June 6, 1923
Died: October 25, 2004

3. Harry L. Williamson*
Danville, 1990
Born: May 30, 1913
Died: December 29, 1985
Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew
Captain of Crew from 1957 to 1962.

4. Louis Berman*
Danville, 1990
Born: August 2, 1902
Died: May 22, 1986
Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew

5. James B. Gardner*
Danville, 1990
VAVRS Life Member 1974
Born: August 16, 1907
Died: July 5, 1981
Served as Historian.

6. James E. Greer*
Danville, 1990
Born: February 21, 1915
Died: May 12, 1991

7. Raymond McNeely*
Danville, 1990
Born: April 5, 1918
Died: February 2, 1983
Founding member of Danville Life Saving Crew
Served 20 years as Secretary of the Crew
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>VAVRS Life Member</th>
<th>Birth/Death Dates</th>
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<td>Clayton T. Lester</td>
<td>Danville, 1990</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1982</td>
<td>Born: February 20, 1935  President, 1978-79. Also served as Treasurer, and Vice President.</td>
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<td>Clay B. “Monk” Jarvis, Sr.*</td>
<td>Southside Petersburg, 1991</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1972</td>
<td>Born: March 2, 1911  Died April 9, 1979  Served as Chief Training Officer for 9 terms.</td>
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<td>Harlan A. Senger*</td>
<td>Waynesboro, 1992</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1969</td>
<td>Born: September 18, 1917  Died: October 24, 2003  Waynesboro BOG.</td>
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<td>Jack S. Long, Jr *</td>
<td>Fredericksburg, 1993</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1993</td>
<td>Born: September 3, 1943  Died: March 21, 1994  President, 1991-92, 92-93. Also served as Chief Rescue Officer, Secretary, and Vice President.</td>
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<td>A. Page Entsminger</td>
<td>Lexington, 1993</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1981</td>
<td>Born: January 8, 1936  President 1977-78. Also served as Secretary, Vice President, and Chaplain.</td>
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<td>Charles E. Carlton*</td>
<td>West Point, 1993</td>
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<td>Willis S. Buchanan*</td>
<td>Roanoke County #5, 1994</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1984</td>
<td>Born: December 5, 1931  Died: January 23, 1995  Dist 6 VP, Chaplain, and Historian.</td>
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<td>J. C. Phillips</td>
<td>Forest View, 1994</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1982</td>
<td>Born: November 15, 1939  President, 1979-80, 80-81. Also served as District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and Chaplain.</td>
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<td>L. E. “Buddy” Phillips, Jr</td>
<td>Forest View, 1995</td>
<td>VAVRS Life Member</td>
<td>1972</td>
<td>Born: May 23, 1929  President, 1970-71, 71-72. Also served as District VP, Secretary, Vice President, and Historian.</td>
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22. Roger L. Hudson  
Wythe County, 1996  
VAVRS Life Member 1992  
Born: March 15, 1955  
Served as Dist 7 VP, Chief Training, and Secretary.

23. Ronnie L. Slough  
Buena Vista, 1997  
VAVRS Life Member 1994  
Born: May 20, 1945  
President, 1995-96, 96-97. Also served as District VP, Chief Rescue, Chief Training, Secretary, and Vice President.

24. James P. McGuire  
Forest View, 1998  
VAVRS Life Member 1991  
Born: March 16, 1950  
President, 1989-90, 90-91. Also served as District VP, Chief Training, and Vice President.

25. Ford S. Wirt  
Floyd County, 1999  
VAVRS Life Member 1990  
Born: April 22, 1939  
Dist 7 VP and Convention Chairman

26. Kevin L. Dillard  
Fredericksburg, 2000  
VAVRS Life Member 1998  
Born: April 29, 1960  
President, 1997-98, 98-99. Also served as District VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Vice President.

27. Kelly B. Walters  
Christiansburg, 2003  
VAVRS Life Member 1979  
Born: September 16, 1936  
President 1985-86, 86-87. Also served as District VP, Secretary, Vice President.

28. Linwood S. Matthews  
Forest View, 2004  
VAVRS Life Member 1998  
Born: May 12, 1941  
Chief Rescue Officer and Chief Training Officer

29. Carroll R. Hawkes  
Southside Petersburg, 2005  
VAVRS Life Member 1983  
Born: February 10, 1934  
President, 1987-88, 88-89. Also served as District VP, Secretary, and Vice President.

30. O. E. “Buster” Greene*  
Manchester, 2005  
VAVRS Life Member 1983  
Born: April 6, 1935  
Died: June 21, 2013  
President, 1981-82, 82-83. Also served as District VP, Secretary, and Vice President.

31. Edward Bryant "Bubby" Bish  
Southside Petersburg, 2008  
VAVRS Life Member 2002  
Born: October 18, 1949  
Treasurer 2007-08, 08-09. Also served as Chief Rescue Officer & Training Officer

32. Roger Allen Vassar  
Citizens Emergency Crew, 2008  
VAVRS Life Member 2001  
Born: October 5, 1952  
Secretary 2007-08, 08-09. Also served as District V.P., Chaplain, Training Officer, Chief Rescue Officer and Treasurer.

33. Walter Steven Davis, Sr.  
Giles County, 2009  
VAVRS Life Member 1992  
Born: February 27, 1949  
District VP 1980-81, 81-82; Also served as Chief Rescue Officer, District Training Officer & District Rescue Officer

34. Jack Allyn Swicegood  
Franklin County, 2010  
VAVRS Life Member 1989  
Born: April 20, 1930  
District VP; Also served as Junior Advisor and assisted in formation of five rescue squads
35. G. Kenneth Morgan  
Tuckahoe, 2011  
VAVRS Life Member 1979  
Born: December 2, 1947  
President 1975-76, 76-77  
Also served as Vice President, Secretary,  
Historian & District VP  
Co-author of “Diamond Reflections”

36. John T. Fray  
Madison County, 2011  
VAVRS Life Member 1989  
Born: October 3, 1938  
VAVRS Convention Chairman and  
District 10 VP

37. M. Wayne Myers, Jr.  
Blacksburg, 2012  
VAVRS Life Member 2005  
Born: May 22, 1959  
Rescue College Coordinator

38. J. Carlton Hudson  
Colonial Beach, 2013  
VAVRS Life Member 1997  
Born: September 19, 1928  
Dist 8 VP

39. Steve A. Grayson  
Madison County, 2013  
VAVRS Life Member 2005  
Born: February 15, 1954  
VAVRS President, Treasurer, Secretary

40. Rickey Hodge  
Blacksburg, 2015  
VAVRS Life Member 2013  
Born: April 6, 1959  
VAVRS President, VP, Training Officer

41. Thomas A. Gwaltney  
Surry, 2015  
VAVRS Life Member 2003  
Born: October 23, 1946  
Four terms as District 3 VP

Alphabetical Listing of Rescue Hall of Fame

Berman, Louis, Danville, 1990  
Billingsley, William, Fredericksburg, 1990  
Bish, Edward Bryant “Bubby”, Southside, 2008  
Brubeck, Ronald E., Staunton-Augusta, 1995  
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Carlton, Charles E., West Point, 1993  
Davis, Walter Steven, Sr., Giles County, 2009  
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Fray, John T., Madison County, 2011  
Gardner, James B., Danville, 1990  
Glass, Kimball, Lynchburg, 1989  
Grayson, Steve A., Madison County, 2005  
Greene, O. E. “Buster”, Manchester, 2005  
Greer, James E., Danville, 1990  
Gwaltney, Thomas A., Surry, 2015  
Hawkes, Carroll R., Southside Petersburg, 2005  
Hodge, Rickey L, Blacksburg, 2015  
House, Herbert P., Danville, 1992  
Hudson, J. Carlton, Colonial Beach, 2013  
Hudson, Roger L., Wythe County, 1996  
Lester, Clayton T., Danville, 1990  
Long, Jack S. Jr, Fredericksburg, 1993  
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McGuire, James P., Forest View, 1998  
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Morgan, G. Kenneth, Tuckahoe, 2011  
Myers, M. Wayne, Jr, Blacksburg, 2012  
Perry, Samuel E., Fredericksburg, 1969  
Phillips, J. C., Forest View, 1994  
Senger, Harlan A., Waynesboro, 1992  
Slough, Ronnie L., Buena Vista, 1997  
Smith, J. Edmond, Fredericksburg, 1991  
Swicegood, Jack Allyn, Franklin County, 2010  
Vassar, Roger Allen, Citizens, 2008  
Walters, Kelly B., Christiansburg, 2003  
Williamson, Harry L., Danville, 1990  
Wirt, Ford S., Floyd County, 1999  
Wise, Julian S., Roanoke Life Saving, 1987

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