



Seventh Annual Legends of Softball Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony



**Sunday, September 23, 2018
7:00 PM - The "D"
301 Fremont Street
Las Vegas, Nevada**



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Welcome to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

The Legends of Softball Hall of Fame is comprised of only super major players still active in the game who have excelled over the years at the highest level possible. Legends inductees will share a special recognition among softball aficionados as players constantly striving to be the best. Being selected to this special group of athletes signifies your accomplishment in the game we all love. Legends members will be able to purchase rings and specialized hats reflecting their membership in this fraternity of softball legends.

We have broken the recognition down by state because we feel that is the most appropriate way to recognize our softball legends, and in doing so recognize all the players on a team as members of this special group of players.

The FSSA is a Federal 501C charitable organization and is funded by donations. Awards handed out by the FSSA at the dinner awards ceremony were supported by the FSSA Executive Board and by special contributors. The Legends Hall of Fame will be listed on the FSSA website, www.Floridassa.com.

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Ed Rose
FSSA Executive Director

Criteria for induction to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

*****Deadline for 2019 inductees is June 30, 2019*****

The intent of the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame is to honor senior players who have excelled at the game; players who, when folks are sitting around talking about softball, their names will come up. We are looking for players who have been standouts for many years.

Initially, the first player selected from a state will be considered the Director of the Selection Committee for that state. He/she will approve the induction of any future players from that state, with approval from the FSSA President and Board.

Our requirements for admission to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame are simple and straightforward:

- You must have been a senior softball player or affiliated with senior softball for at least 10 years.
- You must be at least 60 years old to be considered.
- You must be an active player still playing the game or connected to the game in some way.
- Others must recognize you for your achievements outside of your immediate sphere of influence.
- You must be nationally known in the major plus circuit, the top level of senior softball.
- You must already be in a sports related Hall of Fame.



Legends Hall of Fame Inductees

2012

Don Clatterbough
Hank Cluess
Chip Cregar
Bobby Davis
Ron Danoski
John Davide
Butch Hayes
Dave Reed
Ed Rose
Roger Tabor
Gary Tryhorn

2013

Tom Dommel
Mike Gainer
Tom Hanratty
Larry Lopez
Pat McLellan
Gary Pro
Dave Sells
Tom Tudor
Andy Zitnay

2014

Jack Aronson
Danny Ballard
Winky Blackman
Bill Cameron
Mike Dove
Bruce Fairchild
Audie Hollis
Steve Imlay
Billy Rice
Sam Sapienza
Conway Waddy
Ray Wimbrough

2015

Dave Barnes
Jack Lambert
Terry Nafziger
Fred Purvis

2016

Phil Biedronski
James DiNoto
Harold Jones
Dave Motta
Sam Pearson
Gary Richter

2017

Gary Deaton
Randy Hendricks
Jim Lyle
Mike Monnier
Terry Perryman
Billy Steele

2018

Dave Clover
Steve Kurman
Vince Melograno
Jack Robinson
Mike Smith





Dave Clover

Florida



- When David retired to Phoenix, he started playing tournament senior softball. His first two years were as player, manager and sponsor of local Phoenix teams. At age 55 he was recruited to play for Grimes Trucking managed by Elby Buchon and Tom Hanratty. The team won two world championships that year. Later in the 55 age group David played for Kidz 4 Ever and MOB 55. When he turned 60, he was recruited to play for GSF managed by Bob Woodroof, This team won several world championships. At 65, David continued with GSF, then Second Time Around and Joe Brown's All-Stars before moving to Florida.
- Once in the sunshine state, David played for Rose Enterprises, managed by Ed Rose, until he turned 70 and he now plays for Venom. During this short career, the teams he played for have won eight world championships and he has been selected several times as tournament all star and tournament MVP. Dave is a great team player and goes out and does his job says, Ed Rose. He is very unselfish with helping other teammates and requests not to be identified. Super player and person Dave deserves his nomination to the Legends Hall of Fame.



Steve Kurman

Florida



- Steve Started out as a young player with the famous Country Sports team from Long Island. Moving to Florida in his senior years he played with the South Florida Titans, Players Club, Participating in Florida Half century and USSA and SPA and ASUSA.
- During the last 10 years he has played with the Florida Heat, AL Estes and Team Florida winning 5 national Titles 4 Tournament of Champions Titles. He has been selected to 22 All world teams and selected as MVP 4 times during this period. Steve is selected to enter the Florida Half century Hall of Fame in December of 2018 . Steve has Pitched Team Florida To 3 straight Florida Half Century State Titles. Ed Rose has played against Steve most of his senior career and says, I consider Steve one of the most effective pitchers during the last decade in terms of what he means to a team. Steve can get into your head with the junk he throws. I have had the pleasure to play with him over the last 3 years and have not changed my opinion and think Steve deserves to be in the Legends Hall of Fame. A great player and team mate.



Vince Melograno

Florida



- For 30 years, Vince played in local Cleveland, Ohio softball leagues. In 2007, he was introduced to senior softball, playing for Joseph Chevrolet, a 60 Major team out of Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky.
- After moving to Orlando in 2009, his Florida national softball experience began with Senior Moments, soon followed by an invitation to play for Florida Legends/Human Kinetics, a 65 Major Plus team. Along with several all-tournament selections, his personal highlight was being named tournament MVP after the “Legends” won the 2010 Triple Grand Slam at the SSUSA World Championships in Phoenix, AZ.
- He then played for other Major Plus teams including Florida Thunder, Rose Enterprises, and most recently, Florida Venom (70 Major Plus). At all levels, his teams won 26 national championships. Since 2007, personal awards include 38 all-tournament selections (18 at the Major Plus level). In addition, he was awarded 8 tournament MVPs, including 2 SSUSA World Championship MVPs and 1 ISSA/ISF World Tournament MVP. For the tournaments where he received all-tournament recognition, he maintained an overall .760 batting average/on base percentage.
- Vince is one of those players that just goes quietly about his task as a player as a speedy outfielder with a high competitive spirit, love for the game, and genuine respect for his teammates and is a class act says, one time coach and team mate Ed Rose.



Jack Robinson

Arizona



- Jack, or John as his wife calls him, while his friends call him Jackie Robinson so tonight we will just call him Jack. Jack started playing senior softball in Rhode Island in 1995 with Charlie O's, 42nd Street, and Taylor Aviary. He moved to Arizona in 2006 and played with Rusty's, Arizona Force, Arizona Heat, Stark Street Pizza, Scrap Iron 70 Legacy, and currently plays on the Scrap Iron 75 Legacy Major Plus team.
- He has been named to many All World/All Tournament teams in major tournaments such as the LVSSA/SSUSA World Masters, Tournament of Champions, and the ISSA World Championships. His teams have won many of these championships and four in the Huntsman Games. In 2015 Jack was the first player from Rhode Island to be inducted into the National Senior Softball Hall of Fame.
- J.B. Thomas writes: "Jack brings a winning attitude to the game, lifts up all his teammates and inspires everyone around him to play at the top of their ability." Also former manager and teammate Bob Gregorich says, "He was the consummate team player and teammate. His attitude toward team is just as important in his make-up as his physical abilities". Present manager, Bob Brown, describes Jack as, "A great leader on and off the field".



Mike Smith ***Maryland***



- Mike Smith started playing softball with the best team in the Nation in his first year as a senior player, Florida Crush and was referred to as the Colonel. A gifted athlete in college and the service he maintained his skills into senior softball. He states that it is all about the guys he plays with and looking at the teams, you can understand his statement. After the Florida Crush broke up Mike moved to Thomas Engineering who dominated the 55 division and then he rejoined Don Clatterbough and some other Florida Crush teammates with Dan Smith of California.
- Due to a family illness Mike moved and joined the Scrap Iron Team. He then joined Old A's from California where he left his mark helping all these teams win titles. He then rejoined Clatter with Superior.
- In his travels he has amazed 102 National titles and 25 All Worlds and 9 MVP awards. In numerous Hall of Fames already the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame welcomes "The Colonel" You earned it!!



FSSA Past Accomplishments

Gather sport clothing, and equipment (over 4,000 items for disbursement to underprivileged youth in the Dominican Republic).

Finance and support the release of the Extra Innings Documentary. DVD is out for sale to raise money for FSSA charity.

Incorporate the Giving Feels Awesome charity into the FSSA as a branch for special charity work.

Provide a full academic/athletic Grant in Aid including room and board for a young student from the Dominican Republic in Melbourne, FL (Bryan Pena). Thanks to Roger Tabor, Audie Hollis, Jack Aronson, Ed Rose, and Curtis Nave.



FSSA Past Accomplishments

Provided a 4 year College Scholarship for Dionis Toribio in the Dominican Republic. Continue to provide a scholarship for Bryan Pena to attend Eastern Florida State College.

2016 Feeding the Dream Equipment drive for Dominican Republic – approximately 8,000 pieces of equipment collected.

Built a well in 2016 for the Village of Guanabano in Dominican Republic.

Donated a Wheel Chair for a child with Cerebral Palsy. Provided Food boxes and other personal items to residents in several Villages.

Provided a 2 year Scholarship to Gephyry Pena to attend Florida Prep. Academy.

Set up “U-Tube” channel.

We have obtained education value for the following young men via contributions.

Dionis Toribio	\$110,000.
Bryan Pena	\$180,000.
Gephyry Pena	\$120,000.

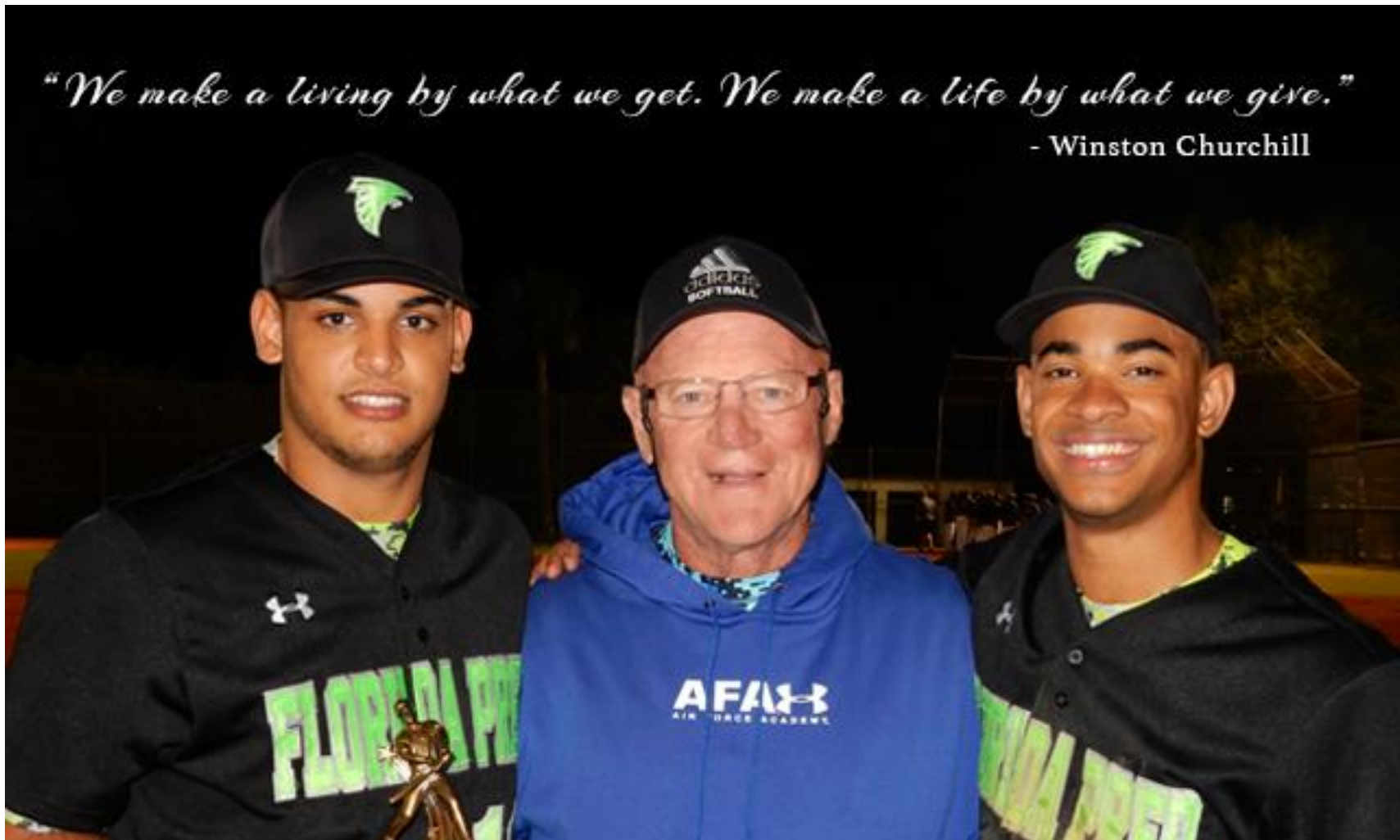
Built 2 wells at a cost of \$28,000.





"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill



Bryan Pena

Ed Rose

Gephry Pena