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Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announce 'Honor 200' Recipients

Honor 200 Illinois Veterans on December 3, 2018

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office announced the recipients of **Bicentennial HONOR 200** today, honoring the work of 200 veterans who continue to make extraordinary contributions to the people of Illinois.

“America is the greatest nation on earth because of the sacrifice of our veterans,” said Governor Bruce Rauner. “We are proud to honor these 200 men and women as part of our Bicentennial celebration. Their service didn't stop when they took off their uniforms. They continue to be heroes among us by going above and beyond the call of duty to take care of the people in their communities.”

“The Bicentennial HONOR 200 campaign is one of the most important commemorations of the yearlong Bicentennial Celebration,” said Stuart Layne, Executive Director of the Bicentennial Commission. “These 200 Illinois veterans truly make us Illinois Proud.”

All the Honor 200 recipients have been invited to attend the state's official 200th birthday celebration at the United Center in Chicago on December 3, 2018.

“Honor 200 provides us with an opportunity to showcase our veterans and the values they have when it comes to serving our communities,” said IDVA Director Stephen Curda, Ph.D.

The recipients represent more than 50 counties across the state of Illinois. Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. In addition, nominees must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. military and reside in Illinois.

The IDVA and the Illinois Bicentennial Office are thankful for the support of Boeing, Walgreens, Peoples Gas and ComED, who are helping honor the 200 veterans at the Bicentennial birthday party.

For information on the Bicentennial go to www.illinois200.gov.

The Honor 200 recipients are:

Frist Name	Last Name	City
Daniel L	Acosta	Joliet
Robert M	Adams	Winfield
Jose	Alferez	Naperville
Ronald Steven (Steve)	Allen	Newman
Loyal (Andy)	Anderson	Mt. Carmel
Ronald	Archibald	Aurora
Robert A.	Arciola	Bartlett
Damon T.	Arnold	Chicago
James A	Balcer	Chicago
Stanley D	Banash	Chicago
Barry	Baron	Bourbonnais
Charles "Red"	Becker	Evansville
William R.	Beiersdorf	Arlington Hts.
Terrence J.	Benshoff	Glen Ellyn
Rex K.	Berry	Springfield
AC Homer Lee	Bizzle, III	Bellwood
Steve B.	Blinn	Orland Park
Stoy	Bliss	Maroa
Ethan	Blumhorst	Carbondale
John	Borling	Rockford
Patrick Walker	Brannan	Jacksonville
Andrew J "Doc"	Brown	Chicago
Bill	Browne	Hazel Crest
Sharon	Buchanan	Chicago
David "Scott"	Buennemeyer	Marseilles
Delmar	Buske	Litchfield
Patricia A.	Caire	Chicago
Stanley	Campbell	Rockford
Joe L.	Cherry, Jr.	Plainfield
Josue E.	Cordova	New Lenox
Mario	Cornelio	Shorewood
Brad	Cox	Springfield
Rochelle	Crump	Hazelcrest
Carlos Enrique	Cruz	Oswego
Robert M	Davis	South Holland
Thomas J.	Day	Berwyn
John Henry "Dutch"	DeGroot	Mt. Prospect
Daren S.	Dietmeier	Aledo
Stacey	Dixon	Chicago

Gardner T.	Douglas	Chicago
Thomas Michael	Dubelbeis	Orland Park
Charlie	Dukes	Georgetown
Patrick John	Dunham	Lindenhurst
Gary	Eisenhower, Sr.	Freeport
John	Espinoza	Rock Falls
Craig A.	Essick	Elgin
William Joseph	Fanning	Fowler
Edward M.	Farmer	Chicago
		Elk Grove
Felipe	Ferrer	Village
Rodney J.	Fink	Macomb
Beverly A.	Fitch	Calumet City
Steven	Fixler	Wheaton
Jorge	Fonseca	Bolingbrook
Dr. Clarice R.	Ford	Springfield
Thomas	Ford	Mt. Carmel
Candy	Gann	Havana
Joan H.	Garvert	Springfield
Sharon	Gaston	Burnham
Thomas Green	Gilder, Jr.	Lake Barrington
Bradley P.	Gould	Rantoul
Michael P.	Graffis	Tinley Park
Ernest	Gregory	Meredosia
SFC Frank	Gutierrez	Chicago
William	Haine	Alton
Lawrence W.	Hallstrom, LTC	Dunlap
Daryl	Hancock	Collinsville
Thomas	Harness	Carterville
Major Gen. David	Harris	Arlington Hts.
Derrick K.	Harris	Chicago
Michael M.	Hartman	Mendota
James	Harvey	Elgin
Robert M	Healy	Schaumburg
Julius	Hegler	Danville
David M.	Helfrich	Freeburg
Gary Charles	Henning	Freeburg
Paul Joseph	Hettich	Antioch
James	Hobson	Chicago
Eugene L.	Hollaway	Chester
Michael	Holub	Berwyn

Joshua	Huey	Streator
Dona Carol	Huffman	Chandlerville
Dale H.	Hunter	Springfield
Robert	Iverson, III	Broadview
William T	Jackson	Forsyth
Raymond P.	Jakubiak	Naperville
Tyler	Janiak	Princeton
Donald Lee	Jennings	Waverly
Tommy "Tom" Lee	Jones	Pingree Grove
Arleigh	Jones	Tuscola
David	Kammpwerth	Highland
Gregory	Kelm	Belvidere
James	Kerr, Sr.	Rock Island
John	Kowalski	Scheller
Michael Edward	Lake	Des Plaines
Frank Robert	Langenhorst	Germantown
Jimmie D.	Lansford	Streator
Clifford	Lauderdale	Shorewood
Matthew Lee	Lawson	Winchester
Art	Leach	Odell
David D	Lewis	Girard
Col. Anthony P.	Libri, Jr.	New Berlin
Vincent R	Long	Beason
Alberto	Lopez	Elgin
Dale H.	Lovekamp	Beardstown
Herschel L.	Luckinbill	Montgomery
Allen	Lynch	Gurnee
Gerald L.	Mahr	Mt. Auburn
Albert	Mampre	Skokie
Marie	Marcotte	Washington
James R.	Marshall	Topeka
Victor	Martinka	Plainfield
Lisa Ann	Mattingly	Winfield
William D	Maune	Park Forest
John L.	McCorkle	Jacksonville
Terrence J.	McDonald	Markham
Joseph P.	McKeown	Elgin
Philip H.	Mette	Effingham
John Albert	Metzger	Benton
John Joseph	Micetich	Coal City
Maryna	Misiewicz	Freeport

James H	Mukoyama, Jr.	Glenview
Eric	Murphy	Chatham
Louis	Myers, Jr.	Petersburg
Virginia A.	Narsete	Lisle
Larry E.	Nazimek	Chicago
William L.	Neuman	Waverly
Dennis, L	Nilsson	Niles
William J	Nissen	Lake Bluff
Christopher J.	O'Donnell	Winnetka
Stanley	Olenjack	Bradley
Anthony	O'Neal	Girard
Timothy George	O'Neil	Roselle
		Arlington
Greg	Padovani	Heights
Ralph	Pechanio	Elmhurst
Leo Walter	Penkala	Wheaton
Larry	Perrine	Quincy
Frederick (Fritz)	Pfister	Chatham
John	Picciolo	Lockport
Kathie	Powless	Blue Mound
John C.	Preston	Redbud
Jennifer	Pritzker	Chicago
Robert W	Reichert	Woodridge
Sam	Rice	Toulon
Diane Leslee	Richardson	Belleville
Ned B.	Ricks	Gurnee
Ernest	Rinella	Marion
Wilbert	Rolves	Carlyle
Thomas F.	Root	Princeton
Dustin	Row	Columbia
Alan W.	Rowe	Ottawa
Mallory D.	Russell	Lawrenceville
James	Sabella	O'Fallon
Benjamin Drew	Sanders	Joliet
Oscar Harrison	Sanders, Jr.	Anna
Roy Brown	Sartin	Chicago
Lawrence J.	Sassorossi	Highland Park
Joseph S.	Schaler	Lincoln
Blake	Schroedter	Effingham
John	Schwan	So. Barrington
Roger	Schwengel	Quincy

John Williams	Scifers	Hainesville
Delbert Leon	Seaton	Streamwood
Nick D.	Seefeld	Aledo
John Walter	Shaw	Naperville
Ronald	Singer	Geneva
Lt. Col. Sarah D.	Smith	Edwardsville
C.O.	Smith	Jacksonville
Kevin	Smith	Orland Park
Victor A.	Somoza	Crystal Lake
Robert	Spears	Knoxville
Vincent J	Speranza	Auburn
J.D. "Butch"	Spindler	Robinson
Cheri L.	Stanton (Clayton)	Monmouth
Robert	Statam	Chicago
Dennis	Thompson	Alsip
Eugene Kenneth	Thompson	Marseilles
Aaron P	Thorpe	Macomb
Dennis	Tipsword	East Peoria
Raymond E.	Torres	Sterling
Lauralee A.	Treece	Waverly
Darrel	Tucker	Clinton
Angela Denise	Tyler	Chicago
Richard J.	Van Pelt	Manteno
Rogelio	Villa	Chicago
Bruce David	Voges	St. Joseph
Michael E.	Walton	Springfield
Rodney	Wangelin	LaSalle
Craig	Warner	Vernon Hills
Dawn Renee	Whitcomb	Quincy
Earl M.	White	Salem
Thomas P	Wilczak	Romeoville
Eli	Williamson	Chicago
Derrick	Winding	Chicago
William	Wolff	Bloomington
Winston	Woodard, III	Oak Lawn
Chad T.	Woodburn	El Paso
James Hector	Word	Steeleville
Frank	Wozniak	Lemont
Edward N	Wright	Jacksonville
Roy E.	Ziegler	Taylorville

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ABOUT ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL: On Dec. 3, 1818, Illinois became the 21st state in the union. The Illinois Bicentennial is a yearlong celebration of what has been BORN, BUILT & GROWN in the state and a reminder of why we are #IllinoisProud. For more information about the Illinois Bicentennial celebration visit www.illinois200.com and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by using the hash tag #IllinoisProud.

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs, a state agency is dedicated to empowering veterans, as well as their dependents and survivors, to thrive. We do this by helping veterans navigate the complex veteran support system and assisting them in obtaining benefits; by providing long term health care for eligible veterans at our four Veterans' Homes; and by working with other government agencies and non-profits to help veterans address education, mental health, housing, employment, and other challenges.