



## **Eighth Annual Legends of Softball Hall of Fame Awards Ceremony**



**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**6:30 pm**

**The ORLEANS**

**4500 W. Tropicana**

**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](http://www.Floridassa.com).

Congratulations on your accomplishment.

Ed Rose  
FSSA Executive Director

## Criteria for induction to the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame

**\*\*\*Deadline for 2020 inductees is June 30, 2020\*\*\***

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

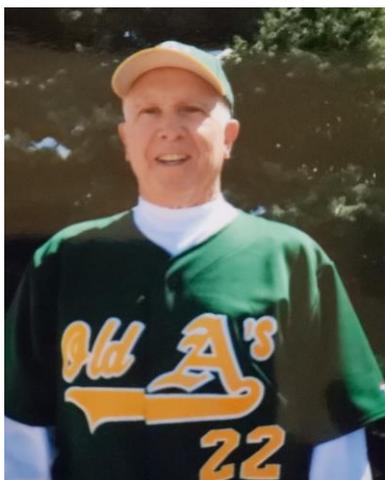
### 2018

Dave Clover  
Steve Kurman  
Vinnie Melograno  
Jack Robinson  
Mike Smith

### 2019

Richard "Doc" DeMarco  
Tols Mihailoff  
John Scruggs  
Pete Takos





## *Richard "Doc" DeMarco Colorado*



Richard "Doc" DeMarco, Dentist by Trade a Softball Player by choice. Doc, as his teammates know him started playing senior softball in 1994 with Scrap Iron from Colorado and he established himself as one of the premier long ball hitters in the game. In 1996 Doc was recruited by the Sawtre Texas Legends, Sponsored by Texas businessman, Art Whittaker. He played on what was undeniable the strongest 50's team.

During his years as a Senior player he has been awarded 4 MVP awards. He has been on World Championship teams in the 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 75 age groups. Hall of Fame awards are Colorado USSSA Hall of Fame, National Senior Softball Hall of Fame, and Scrap Iron Hall of Fame.

Ed Rose, a team member of Doc on the Sawtre Legends says, Doc is a great team mate and funny guy with a great sense of humor, and can he hit a softball. I enjoyed my days playing with him and the many memories.

Richard "Doc" DeMarco is truly worthy of induction into Legends Hall of Fame.



## *John Scruggs* *Virginia*



John W. Scruggs started playing softball in 1967 right out of high school because he could not find any local baseball teams. He played travel ball all his life with the young guys until 2000. He enjoys playing more in senior ball its more like a group of friends competing against each other. His first year in senior ball, his team won a National Championship. He never stopped winning . He has won 65 National Championships 19 MVP awards,40 All World, also 10 Defensive Player Awards. In 2017 inducted into the ASA Hall of Fame and Senior softball. He played with many teams in his career, Patsy Scruggs, said “have Bat will travel “ John love’s to play the game and enjoys the friendships he has developed on his teams and the players he has played against.

In 2017 while playing with the Superior team of legendary players from the east coast in all 12 tournaments that year he either received an All World selection or MVP award. Ed Rose says John Scruggs is a special guy right up there with some of the best players in the game. I’m not talking about stats you can see them above. He is special in terms of the way he plays and interacts with others.

We in the FSSA are proud to award John Scruggs with induction into a very special group of players.



## *Tols Mihailoff Florida*



Anatol Vladimir Mihailoff known as “Tols” was selected MVP of his College team as a pitcher at the University of Bridgeport in CT. After college he played a little softball as a short stop but his primary focus was raising his 2 sons. He had moved to Florida but never got back into softball until his 2 sons graduated college. His softball started again at age 55 with Florida Heat Wave in 1997. He won his first world championship in 1998 the ASA Nationals in Pensacola Florida.

He went on to win over 35 National championships. Selected as Manager of the year 5 times in FHC and in the SPA. He was awarded 5 MVPs in Major tournaments. Inducted into the Collier County Hall of Fame in 2017. He managed and led his team to 13 FHC State Titles in last 15 years.

Ed Rose says I have played with Tols off and on for last 15 years. He is a very quiet guy and leads by example. I started playing with him at age 62 he is now 77 and he is as effective as he was at 62 and still hits .750 plus in most tournaments. I believe Tols is a major asset to a team at pitching. I have played softball for the last 53 years with some of the best in the game. I can truly say Tols’ pitching is rated with the best. He has pitched the Venom team to 3 consecutive world titles in the USASA World Championship in Vegas and if I was voting I would call him the MVP of the Venom team. He started his career as an MVP and 50 years later he is still performing as an MVP.

The FSSA is proud to Induct Tols Mihailoff into the Legends Hall of Fame.



## *Pete Takos* *Florida*



In 1963, Pete Takos joined the United States Air Force serving his country. In his spare time, he started playing fast pitch softball. He developed a strong desire to compete. Moving to Florida Pete became a very successful businessman. He took his desire to compete and discovered the game of Senior Slow-pitch softball. He Coached, sponsored and played on Naples Heat, a team in the Florida Half century starting out as # 67 and took them to the number one team in 5 short years. Pete's teams have won on the local level and National level in SSUSA, ISSA and SPA.

While Pete is a solid player, he chooses to play as needed while he coaches and guides his team to Win National championships year after year. Ed Rose says "Pete is one of those special sponsors driven to win and be the best. He is a matter of fact guy and is a very direct speaking person and you will always know where you stand with him. His leadership has put his team Venom with other Florida teams recognized in the Florida Half century Softball World as a legendary team. Venom also has won 3 USASA World championships in a row, which is a feat only held by a few special teams.

I could go on with how many titles his teams have won, but bottom line, he has started at the lowest level and developed into a legendary sponsor with legendary teams and players.

Pete Takos has truly earned his induction into the FSSA Legends Hall of Fame.



## FSSA Past Accomplishments

Gather sports clothing, and equipment (over 8,000 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 3 young students from the Dominican Republic in Melbourne, FL (Dionis Toribio, Bryan Pena and Gephyry Pena to attend Florida Prep). Thanks to Roger Tabor, Audie Hollis, Jack Aronson, Ed Rose, and Curtis Nave.



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, where he plays on the EFSC Baseball Team.

Built 2 wells to provide running water for residents of the DR for a total cost of \$28,000.

Donated a Wheel Chair and car seat for a child with Cerebral Palsy.

Provided food boxes and other personal items to residents in several Villages.

Continue to provide a 4 year College Scholarship to Gephyry Pena to attend University of Central Florida, where he is a member of the UCF Knights Baseball Team.

Set up “U-Tube” channel.

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

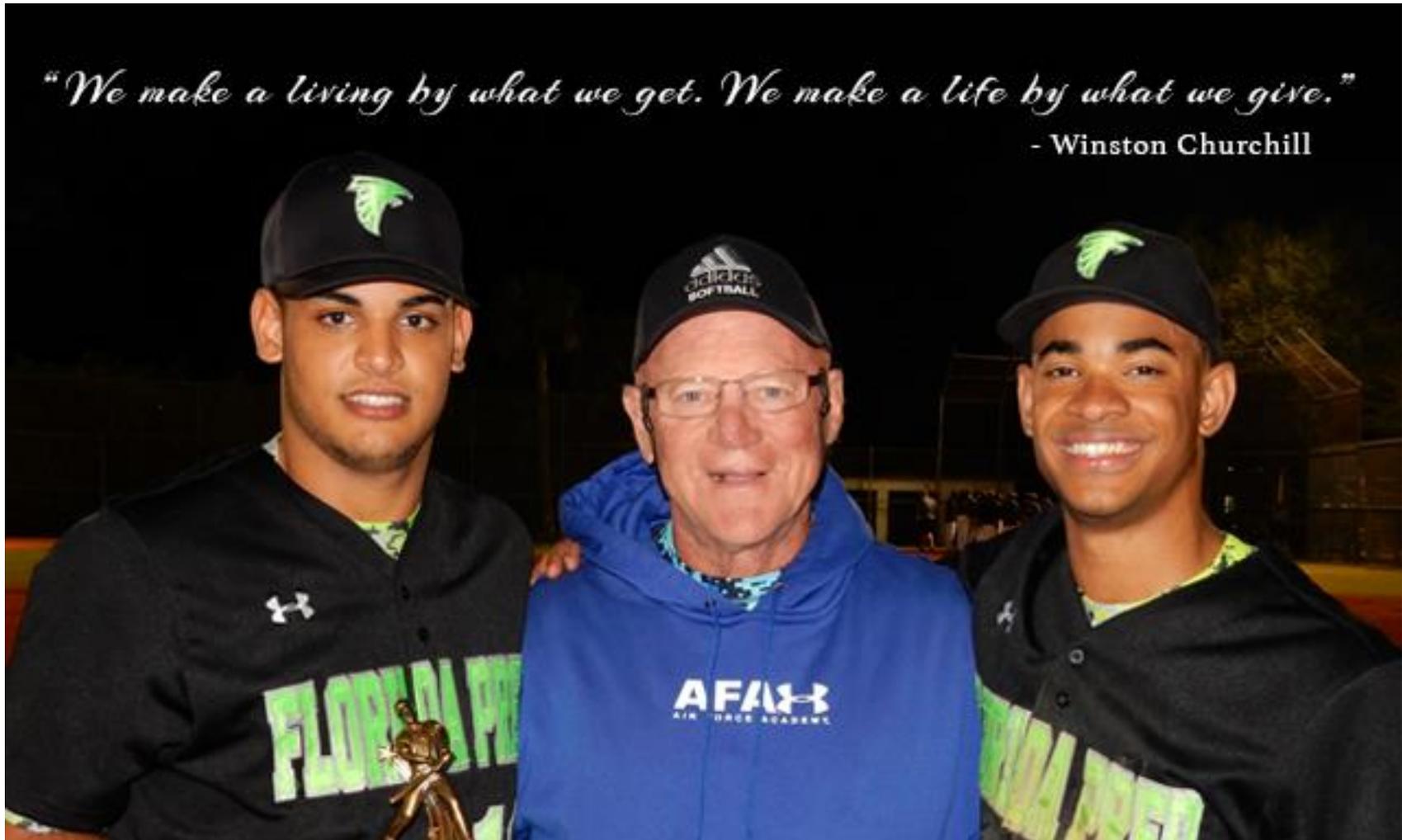
Dionis Toribio	\$110,000.
Bryan Pena	\$180,000.
Gephyry Pena	\$120,000.





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

- Winston Churchill



Bryan Pena

Ed Rose

Gephry Pena