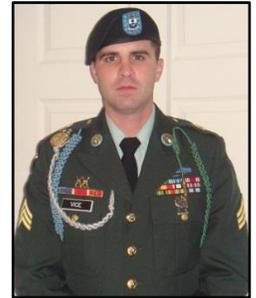




# The Louisiana Veterans Hall of Honor



As of 2014, sixty-nine (69) military service members have been inducted into the Louisiana Veterans Hall of Honor. With only a few exceptions made, all of them were born in Louisiana. Each of their stories represents an outstanding or unique military career out of the millions of soldiers, airmen, sailors, or marines that they served alongside. These displays are a testament to honor, courage, dedication, and personal sacrifice. By examining the Hall of Honor exhibit cases and wall displays on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors of the museum, see if you can answer the following questions.

1. How many women have been inducted into the Hall of Honor? Name them and tell what town in Louisiana they are from.

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2. The Medal of Honor is the highest military award that can be bestowed in the U.S. armed forces. How many Medal of Honor recipients can you find? Name them, tell what town they are from, and what war they served in? (NOTE: Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd is not a member of the Hall of Honor.)

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3. The term "POW" stands for "Prisoner of War." There are seven (07) servicemen in the Hall of Honor who were captured by enemy forces and imprisoned in POW camps. Find three (03) of them and record their names, their branch of service (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, etc.), what war they served in, and what enemy nation held them prisoner.

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4. Who is the only Hall of Honor member to serve aboard a submarine? Give his name, the name of his submarine, and what ocean he sailed in.

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5. What branch of service did Gil "Frenchie" Benoit serve in? What two continents did he visit during his time in service (not counting North America)?

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6. There are two (02) airmen in the Hall of Honor who later served as astronauts. One of them had a sweet tooth. What are their names and branches of service? What snack did one of them like? And what war did one of them see combat in?

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7. There are two (02) medics or doctors in the Hall of Honor. Which one also served as a paratrooper? What did his bride receive as a wedding gift from his unit?

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8. There is a dented helmet in the Hall of Honor. Beside it is the plastic liner that fit into the helmet, showing a hole where the metal of the helmet punched through the interior liner when it was shot. What was the soldier's name who wore this? All totaled, how many times was he wounded?

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9. One soldier was a paratrooper and his mother was a teacher. He brought back many items from overseas to show his mother's students including an extensive collection of jewelry. What was his name? What country were the items from? (*Fast fact: He overcame dyslexia when he was younger.*)

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10. Several Hall of Honor members had ships, camps, armor, or places named in their honor. Name two (02) of them from two (02) separate wars and tell what was named for them. (NOTE: Rear Admiral Isaac Kidd is not a member of the Hall of Honor.)

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# Teacher's Answer Key

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**One. Brigadier General Sherian Cadoria from Marksville, Louisiana.**

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**Two Medal of Honor recipients. Raymond M. Clausen, Jr., of New Orleans, Louisiana, served in the Vietnam War. Jefferson J. DeBlanc of Lockport, Louisiana, served in World War II.**

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**Answers will vary and may include the following:**

• <u>Lawrence Barbay</u>	<u>U.S. Air Force</u>	<u>Vietnam War</u>	<u>North Vietnam</u>
• <u>James J. Bollich</u>	<u>U.S. Army Air Corps</u>	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Japan</u>
• <u>Leonard Duval</u>	<u>U.S. Army Air Corps</u>	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Japan</u>
• <u>Murphy Neil Jones</u>	<u>U.S. Air Force</u>	<u>Vietnam War</u>	<u>North Vietnam</u>
• <u>Robert L. Kirkpatrick</u>	<u>U.S. Army Air Corps</u>	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Germany</u>
• <u>Frank M. Scimeca</u>	<u>U.S. Army Air Corps</u>	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Germany</u>
• <u>Thomas R. Thompson</u>	<u>U.S. Marine Corps</u>	<u>World War II</u>	<u>Japan</u>

4. Who is the only Hall of Honor member to serve aboard a submarine? Give his name, the name of his submarine, and what ocean he sailed in.

**Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Dumas      USS GATO (SS-212)      The Pacific Ocean.**

5. What branch of service did Gil "Frenchie" Benoit serve in? What two continents did he visit during his time in service (not counting North America)?

**Gil Benoit served in the U.S. Coast Guard and saw duty in Antarctica and southeast Asia.**

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**James Donald Halsell, Jr., USAF, and Dominic L. Pudwill Gorie, USN, later became astronauts with NASA.**

**Gorie saw combat in the Persian Gulf War (Desert Storm). Gorie likes peanut M&Ms and took some with him into space aboard the space shuttles DISCOVERY and ENDEAVOUR.**

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**Eugene G. "Doc" Roe, Sr., was a medic for Easy Company of the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne, U.S. Army, during World War II. He was to be married to his British girlfriend, Vera, on June 6, 1944, only to be shipped beforehand for the top secret invasion of Normandy, France, that we now know as D-Day. His comrades gave Vera a set of forks and knives confiscated during the capture of Eagle's Nest, Hitler's mountain stronghold. Vera forgave him for leaving her at the altar and the couple were married for twenty-seven years.**

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**Malvin Pike wore the dented helmet. He was wounded four separate times in four separate areas of his body during World War II.**

9. One soldier was a paratrooper and his mother was a teacher. He brought back many items from overseas to show his mother's students when he visited including an extensive collection of jewelry. What was his name? What country were the items from? (*Interesting fact: He overcame dyslexia when he was younger.*)

**Michael John Gabel served in Afghanistan.**

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**Answers will vary and may include the following:**

- **Walter S. Savage, Jr., USN, died at Pearl Harbor during World War II. The USS SAVAGE (DE-386) was named in his honor.**
- **Rodney Shelton Foss, USN, died during the attack on Pearl Harbor during World War II. The USS FOSS (DE-59) was named in his honor.**
- **Brian J. Gauthier, USMC, died during the Vietnam War. Camp Gauthier, a USMC regimental headquarters base in South Vietnam, was named in his honor.**
- **Ryan S. "Dirty" McCurdy, USMC, served in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His unit's telecommunications/email center was named McCurdy's Blue Shoes Lounge in his honor. A portable armored wall system manufactured by Dynamic Defense Materials was also named McCurdy's Armor in his honor.**
- **Marvin J. Roberts, U.S. Army, served in the Vietnam War. Camp Roberts, a combat base at Quang Tri in South Vietnam, was named in his honor as was the U.S. Army Reserve Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.**