

## **Extended CALL FOR NOMINATIONS, 55th Wing , HALL OF FAME 2017**

Nominations (submit just one original copy plus documentation) are due **NLT 15 JULY 2017** . “Just the facts.” Contributions to the missions of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth are the only currency of the Hall of Fame. Who can submit someone for consideration to be inducted into the Hall of Fame? Anyone who has knowledge of outstanding service to the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth as described, defined below and who complies with the requirements of submission. The Hall of Fame process, criteria, and format specifics are highlighted below. Follow it or get a returned package. Any questions, please ask. Contact me: JThomas927@cox.net.

Videmus Omnia

Jim Thomas, President

55th Wing Association

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55 WING HALL OF FAME Process is administered by the 55th Wing Association

Each year the timelines have to be modified to coincide with the date of the Wing Birthday Ball.

**The 55<sup>th</sup> Wing Birthday has been delayed to a day TBD in September 2017.**

**Objective:** To recognize those former members of Fightin' Fifty-Fifth whose mission accomplishments, contributions, and/or sacrifices stand out while performing, and providing direct support to, the missions of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth.

**General:** A maximum of two (target) awards (a crew will be considered as one award) may be given in one year. Consideration of nominees does not mandate selection to the H o F. Formal induction ceremonies for the Hall of Fame will be conducted during Heritage Week and final presentation at the 55 Wing Birthday Ball, date TBD.

**Nominees** for the H o F recognition will be former military members who have served as members of any of the following units: 55th Pursuit Group, 55th Fighter Group, 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing and/or the 55th Wing. These units are herein referred to collectively as the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth. The selection process consists of actions by both a Screening Committee and a final Selection Committee. These committees are made up of both retired and active duty members of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Must have been assigned to the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth.
2. Mission accomplishments, contributions, and/or sacrifices must have been accomplished while assigned to and performing the missions of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth; or having been assigned to the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth, the mission accomplishments, contributions, and/or sacrifices must have had a direct, significant and sustained impact on the accomplishment of the Fightin' Fifty-Fifth's mission(s).
3. Nominee cannot be on active duty.

**Selection Process:** The H o F selection(s) will be the end result of two processes:

1. The H o F Screening Committee will receive and review all nomination packages and forward those to be considered by the Selection Committee. The H o F Screening Committee will be chaired by an Omaha area-based member of the Board and be comprised of at least four Association members in good standing, one of which will be the 55 Wing Vice Commander or his designated representative.

2. The Selection Committee will consider all nomination packages forwarded by the Screening Committee and make the final selection recommendations to the 55thWA Board of Directors for their approval. The Selection Committee will be comprised of Chairman of the Awards Committee, Chairman of Screening Committee and not less than three, or more than five, Omaha area-based Association members in good standing, one of which will be the 55 Wing Vice Commander or his designated representative.

**NOMINATION PROCEDURES:**

Nomination packages will be comprised of the following items:

1. Nominator: (One nominator only) (see para 6)

Name

Address

Phone number/e mail

Consolidated letter of justification for favorable consideration of the nominee signed by the nominator.

2. Nominee(s):

Name

Address

Phone/ e mail

If nominee(s) is/are deceased, please provide name, address and phone number of an appropriate family member who can represent the individual (if possible) at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

3. Photo of nominee (color preferred)(for publication)

4. Assignment Dates – Provide assignment history to the Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth and/or assignment history and nature of relationship in direct support to the mission of the Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth.

5. Narrative – Detail specific mission accomplishments, contributions, and/or sacrifices to the missions of the Fightin’ Fifty-Fifth. Detail the impacts on mission success, i.e. how did, what was done, cause mission success. The nominator must provide best available supporting documentation wherever possible to ensure the H o F committees can be convinced of the authenticity of the information forwarded in the nomination.

6. Nominations must be signed by nominator(letter of justification) and no more than one/two additional individual(s) who was/were either witness to the acts, unyielding service, etc., or someone

who can attest to the validity of the nomination. A signed letter of justification/statement of observation will do.

7. Submit nominations to the Awards Chairman, Hamilton Kennedy. Nominations packages with supporting documentation should be sent to him at 13701 S 129 St, Springfield, NE 68059. Only one original package must be submitted. The Awards Chairman will be responsible for providing best copies of all documents to all committee members.

8. Nominations may also be submitted electronically but only after pre-coordination with the Awards Chairman to HHAAMMKK@aol.com.

9. Nomination schedule: **15 July 2017**- All nomination packages are due unless alternative timelines are agreed to.

10. 55th WA President:

- a. Prepares "Call for Nominations" memo for inclusion in the 55th WA newsletter and/or website.
- b. Informs the 55th Wing Commander of the approved inductees.

11. Awards Chairman

- a. Directs the screening and selection committees.
- b. After the Selection Committee has made final selection of (any) new inductees, the Awards Chairman will forward this information to the Board of Directors for concurrence.
- c. Informs the 55th Wing Commander of the approved inductees.
- d. In consonance with the 55 Wing POC (normally Protocol and Wing Birthday Ball Project Officer), coordinates presentations by the 55th Wing commander at an Induction Ceremony during Heritage Week and the annual Wing Birthday Ball, or other event or venue as coordinated between the 55th Wing and the 55thWA.

***James W. Thomas,***

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