



MASHOF News From the Hall

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Welcome to the MASHOF second newsletter! And for our first order of business, congratulations are in order for Paul Holt! He submitted the winning name for the newsletter, fittingly now called "News from the Hall." Great job Paul, and thanks to all who submitted the many excellent newsletter suggestions! For his efforts, Paul received a \$50 gift certificate to Olive Garden. **Congratulations!**

2026 NEW MASHOF MEMBERS

Speaking of congratulations, how about major applause for the excellent 2025 class of new MASHOF members! On March 16, the outstanding group below was formally inducted and honored at our annual banquet. Attached to this email is the Daily Memphian article providing bios for each deserving recipient along with accomplishments. Also note below a link to event pictures.

2025 MEMPHIS AMATEUR SPORTS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



Front Row (L to R)- Al Woods, Rachel Heck, Jimmy Ogle, Sarah Harris, Desmond Merriweather*, Larry Rutledge

Back Row (L to R) – Joe Williams, Rick McKee, Dr. Rodney Peterson, Robert Randolph*, Ned Franks, Rob Hunter, Lynn Alford (President MASHOF), Dave Woloshin (MC)

* (Inductee deceased)



Jimmy Ogle
Personal Contributor



Ben Johnson
Baseball



Desmond Merriweather*
(* Deceased)
Youth Coach Basketball



Al Woods
Youth Coach Baseball



Dr. Rodney Peterson
Track



Joe Williams
Fast Pitch Softball



Larry Rutledge
Personal Contributor



Ned Franks
Game Official



Rachel Heck
Golf



Rick McKee
Slow Pitch Softball



Rob Hunter
Personal Contributor



Robert Randolph*
Deceased
Youth Coach Basketball



Sarah Harris
Distance Running



Welcome to a new section where we will spotlight a member of MASHOF each or most issues. This is a place to honor and remember MASHOF members and their sporting accomplishments. This issue, we are pleased to honor Larry Hilbun, who was inducted into the Hall in 1990 for Fast Pitch Softball as both a player (pitcher) and as a coach.



His teams won 20 league championships, 7 city championships, 2 regional championships and competed in 2 national tournaments. For more on Larry's sports and personal background, including additional pictures, please see the attached document

2026 GOLF TOURNAMENT



Stay tuned! More information to come later this year. In the meantime, dust off your golf clubs and hit the driving range!

MARCH 23 MEMBERS MEETING







It was a rousing MASHOF Members meeting March 23 as guest speaker Jack Sammons, General Chairman of the FedEx St. Jude Championship, visited our group. What followed was a very enthusiastic, funny and quite informative walk down memory lane of the tournament and its history. Jack's involvement began when FedEx took over sponsorship of the tournament, and he has been enthusiastically and actively involved ever since.

In closing, Mr. Sammons also surprised MASHOF member Larry Hilbun with a highly coveted "Key to the City" for his many accomplishments. This is a great honor that very few receive. Well done Larry!

FEBRUARY 16 MEMBERS MEETING



Jimmy Ogle, former Shelby County historian, was our guest speaker at the February members meeting. Jimmy enthusiastically displayed his incredible Memphis sports history knowledge, regaling all with tales of old involving many of the Hall's inductees and sports heroes. Along the way he quizzed the group with several brain twisters testing the audience's sports knowledge. It was a timely meeting as in our March banquet, Jimmy was formally inducted into MASHOF - well deserved!!

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING

The speaker at our next member meeting will be a spokesperson for the Miracle League of Memphis. For more information on Miracle Field of Memphis please visit their website=====>
[Miracle League of Memphis](#)

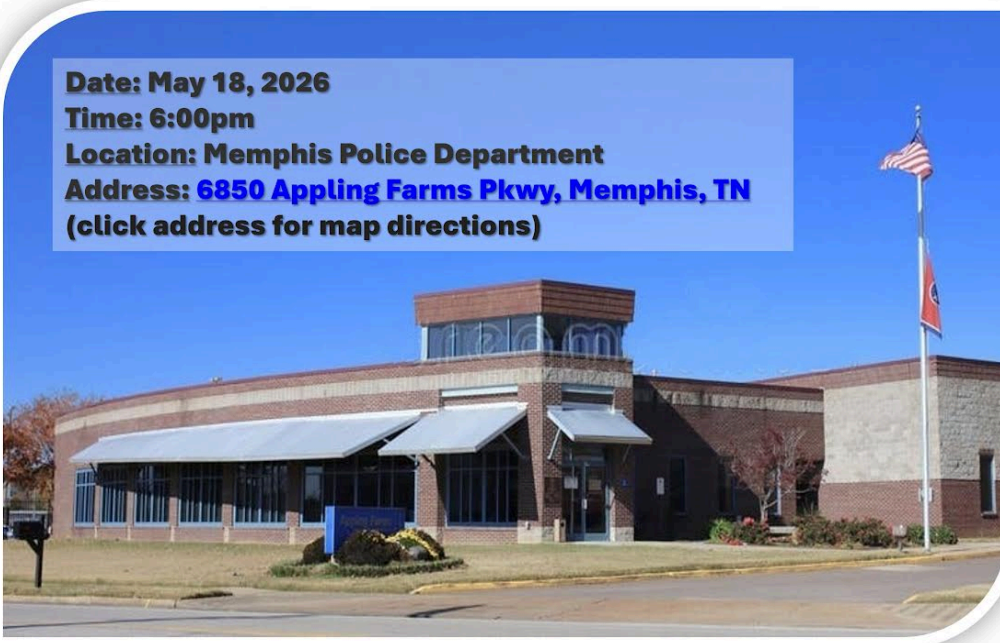
Date: May 18, 2026

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Memphis Police Department

Address: [6850 Appling Farms Pkwy, Memphis, TN](#)

(click address for map directions)



IN MEMORIAM

Please remember these legendary Hall members who have sadly passed away this year.....



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Hall of Fame*

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