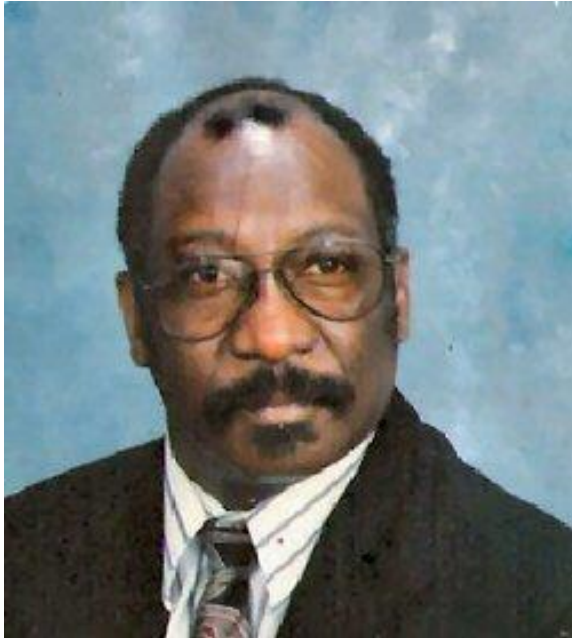


Lawrence “Doc” Holliday Meritorious Service



Lawrence “Doc” Holliday is a native of St. Michaels, Maryland, born on January 5, 1944, to the late Lawrence and Margaret Holliday. He has three sisters, Ruth Holliday, Dorothy Palmer and Gladys Giddens. Lawrence is married to the former Vastine Caldwell and together they have three daughters and one son; Elizabeth Dickerson (Kevin), Laura Stanford (Thomas), Lisa Conti (Ralph) and Randy Holliday (Deidra) and ten grandchildren who fondly call Doc, “Pop Pop”.

Doc has always been very active in his community and church. He belongs to Union United Methodist Church in St. Michaels where he serves as a member of the Trustees, the Senior Choir,

The Men’s Choir and the Treasure of the Methodist Men’s Group. Doc is also a Life Member of the Talbot County Branch of the NAACP, member of the Moton High School Alumni Association and Blake Blackston Post #77 of the American Legion. Sports, in general, has also been one of Doc’s favorite pastimes. Doc was a Little league coach, a past member of the Talbot County Parks and recreation Board and past President of the St. Michaels High School Sports Boosters.

Doc served in the military (U.S. Air Force) for six years. Doc served four years of active duty in various foreign countries and the last two years as a Reserve. It was during this time that Doc was introduced into the game of bowling in 1967, while he was stationed in Japan. Doc and some of his friends would get together and bowl just for fun. However, he became hooked on the game and joined a league later that year. His first bowling ball was the Ole “Black Beauty”. In 1968, when Doc was transferred to Turkey, “Black Beauty” made the trip with the rest of his belongings.

In 1970, Doc was honorably discharged and returned to St. Michaels, Maryland, where he continued to bowl regularly. In 1972, he joined the local Sunday Night League and subsequently joined the Monday Night League as well. Through the years, Doc continued to bowl and improve. Doc has never bowled a 300 during regulated games or carried a very high average, but he has a genuine love for the sport of bowling. Doc even took his children to the bowling

center and taught them the sport. Eventually, all four became members of the local Junior Bowling league under their father's watchful eye.

In 1977, Doc attended his first Greater Eastern Shore Bowling Association Annual meeting as a league Delegate. The following year, he was asked to be a Director. As Doc got more involved, he began to learn how the Association worked and who we worked for "the bowler". After several years as Director, Doc moved up to 3rd Vice President, then 2nd Vice President and eventually President for two terms.

In 1988, Greater Eastern Shore Bowling Association hosted their first jamboree and in 1989 hosted the Maryland State Championship Bowling Tournament. They encountered many problems, but were able to weather the storm and eventually got through these events. During the local meeting, the trail and errors of the tournament were discussed and what could be done better the next time. Doc suggested that someone should attend the Maryland State Association meeting and give a report. Doc volunteered to attend the meeting. Doc was unsure of what to say, but felt strongly that (the local association) needed to be heard and represented.

Well the rest is history. Doc was elected to the Maryland State Bowling Association Board as the Greater Eastern Shore Bowling Association Director and made every effort to keep the Shore group involved on the State level. While as a member of the MSBA Board of Directors, Doc was awarded the Director of the Year by President Robert Evans and was instrumental in establishing the Maryland State Mixed Championship Tournament. Doc moved up through the ranks and eventually became 1st Vice President.

Although, Doc will never be found in the record books, his contributions included being an advocate of the sport and an advocate for the bowlers. If asked, Doc would tell you I thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Maryland State Bowling Association Board. I enjoyed meeting and working with the various people across the state. Amidst the fun and camaraderie, we always managed to get a lot done.

Therefore, for his overall contribution to the bowlers in the sport of tenpin bowling, the Maryland State Bowling Association welcomes Lawrence "Doc" Holliday into its Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service category.