

# JOINT VETERANS COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY

Army and Navy Union  
Association of the U.S. Army  
Catholic War Veterans  
Italian American War Veterans  
Jewish War Veterans  
Korean War Veterans Association  
Marine Corps League  
Military Officers Association of America  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Navy Seabee Veterans of America



Paralyzed Veterans of America  
Polish Legion of American Veterans  
Reserve Officers Association  
Southwest Asia Veterans  
Special Forces Association  
Ukrainian American Veterans  
United Spanish War Veterans  
Vietnam Veterans of America  
Waves National  
82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association

## *Invitation to Attend the* **JVCOCC 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Luncheon** **Officers Installation and Veteran of the Year Award**

**Saturday February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 12:00 p.m. Social: 11:00 a.m.**

**Embassy Suites Cleveland-Independence 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd. Independence, OH 44131 at I-77**

### Incoming Officers - 2016 Term

<i>President</i>	Ron Schwachenwald	Association of the U.S. Army – Newton D. Baker Chapter
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Vice President</i>	Darrell Hudson	Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter 15
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President</i>	Thomas Jenks	Military Officer Association of America
<i>Secretary/Treasurer</i>	Gary Rezabek	82 <sup>nd</sup> Airborne Div. Association - John Towle Clev. Chptr
<i>Chaplain</i>	Charles H. Kiessling, Sr.	Marine Corps League - Major S.J. Logan Detachment

**2015 Outstanding Veteran of the Year Award Honoree – U.S Military Noncommissioned Officers Corps**  
Sergeant James D. (Jim) Quisenberry (U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran) our selectee as the Veteran of the Year for 2015, represents our Noncommissioned and Petty Officer Corps, and will receive the award on their behalf.

**Luncheon: \$35 per Person - Reservation Deadline – February 15, 2016 or Sold Out**

**Note: After deadline price is \$40.00 each, need to reserve online by February 24**

**DISCOUNT ON TABLE ORDERS OF 10= \$300( \$30 Per individual if by reservation deadline)**

**Sit-down Luncheon** – Garden Salad, **Main:** Chicken Piccata, roasted red skin potatoes and veg. (**Option:** Tilapia w/rice pilaf and veg. **or** Fruit Plate w/cottage Cheese), Dessert. **Cash Bar.** All tables seat 10 and are available. **Mail** form stub & payment or pay Online at <http://jvcocc2016.eventbrite.com/>. For further information e-mail [info@jvcocc.org](mailto:info@jvcocc.org) or call JVCOCC [216-373-7799]. Mail orders – tickets pickup is at the door.

**If your order does not fill a table of 10, we will be adding other guests to your table**

### **Ads & Congratulatory: Artwork and Payment Deadline - February 15, 2016**

The ads and congratulatory artwork to be provided in both color & gray scale or b/w as JPEG and PDF files. Art work sizes (portrait mode) with 1 point border: Half page: 6-1/8” wide by 3-5/8” high \* \* \* Full Page: 6-1/8” wide by 7-5/8” high - Prices: Half page \$60.00, Full page \$100.00 and if designed by JVCOCC please send/pay additional \$40.00 donation. Art work or full text of ad or congratulatory send via e-mail to [info@jvcocc.org](mailto:info@jvcocc.org) (send separate check or pay Online at <http://jvcocc2016.eventbrite.com/> – donations support program printing & event)

**LUNCHEON TICKET ORDER** - Allow 5 days for mail to arrive - no later than February 15, 2016-

**Make checks payable to JVCOCC and mail to: JVCOCC P.O. Box 5350 Cleveland, Ohio 44101-0350**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ **Requests: MAIN** **FISH** **FRUIT** \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ **Tables request (circle # seats) 8, 9, 10 - Qty** \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/201\_\_ Amount Rcvd \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Tickets other names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ad/Congratulatory Order:** \_\_\_\_\_ Half Page \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page \$100.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Design \$40.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **JVCOCC 91<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Luncheon – February 27<sup>th</sup> , 2016**

#### **Kenneth O. Preston, Sergeant Major of the US Army (Ret)**

##### **DIRECTOR OF NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS PROGRAMS AT THE ASSOCIATION OF THE US ARMY (AUSA)**

Sergeant Major of the Army Kenneth O. Preston served as the 13th Sergeant Major of the Army from January 15, 2004 to March 1, 2011 and retired as the longest serving Sergeant Major of the Army.

As Sergeant Major of the Army, Preston served as the Army Chief of Staff's personal adviser on all enlisted-related matters, particularly in areas affecting Soldier training and quality of life. He devoted the majority of his time to traveling throughout the Army observing training, and talking to Soldiers and their Families.

He sat on a wide variety of councils and boards that made decisions affecting enlisted Soldiers and their Families and was routinely invited to testify before Congress.

Preston is a native of Mount Savage, Md., and was born Feb. 18, 1957. Preston entered the Army on June 30, 1975. He attended Basic Training and Armor Advanced Individual Training at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Throughout his 35-year career, he had served in every enlisted leadership position from cavalry scout and tank commander to his position as Sergeant Major of the Army. Other assignments he held as command sergeant major were 3rd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, 3rd "Grey Wolf" Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany, and V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. Prior to serving as Sergeant Major of the Army he was the command sergeant major for Combined Joint Task Force 7 serving in Baghdad, Iraq.

His military education includes Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course, First Sergeant's Course, M1/M1A1 Tank Master Gunner Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer's Course, and the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. Preston holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration from TUI University.

His awards and decorations include two Legions of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, four Army Meritorious Service Medals, one Joint Service Commendation Medal, four Army Commendation Medals, three Army Achievement Medals, nine Good Conduct Medals, two National Defense ribbons, the Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, four NCOES Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, five Overseas Ribbons, the NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait), two Joint Meritorious Unit Awards, an Army Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Department of the Army Staff Badge.



# **Micheal P. Barrett**

## **Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps (Ret)**

### **DIRECTOR OF THE MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION (IN)**

Micheal P. Barrett was born in Niagara Falls, N.Y., and raised in Youngstown, N.Y. He enlisted in March 1981 and underwent recruit training at Parris Island, S.C. In November 1981, he completed Infantry Training School at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He served with 1st Battalion, 4th Marines, Twentynine Palms, Calif., in capacities from Grenadier to Platoon Sergeant. He was Inspector-Instructor with 2nd Battalion, 25th Marines, New Rochelle, N.Y. Besides his primary duties he provided support as an Armorer, Nuclear Biological Chemical Noncommissioned Officer, and Training Chief. Starting in September 1987 he served as Sergeant of the Surveillance Target Acquisition Platoon, 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines.



During the Gulf War he deployed forward with Task Force Papa Bear.

In 1992, Staff Sergeant Barrett completed Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif., was assigned to Company F, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Chief Drill Instructor. In January 1994, he was selected as the Battalion Drill Master. In January 1995, Gunnery Sergeant Barrett was assigned as the Chief Instructor at the Scout Sniper Instructor School, Quantico, Va.. From September of 1996, he served as Company Gunnery Sergeant and liaison to the United States Secret Service with the Marine Security Company, Camp David Presidential Retreat. In August 1998 he returned to Twentynine Palms, Calif and served until April 2000 as the First Sergeant of India Company, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, then assigned to Headquarters and Service Company until March 2001 and was the Senior Enlisted Leader of Weapons Company to June 2002.

Barrett was then assigned as the Sergeant Major of Recruiting Station Cleveland, Ohio until May 2005. Sergeant Major Barrett completed two combat deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (04-06.2 and 06-08.1) in the Al Anbar Province, Iraq with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines. And from October 2007 to May 2009, he was the sergeant major of Officer Candidates School, Quantico, Va.

He became the 1st Marine Division Sergeant Major in June 2009. In December 2009, he assumed the duties as I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) Sergeant Major, and in March 2010 deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom (10.1/10.2), also becoming the NATO Regional Command (Southwest) Command Sergeant Major for Nimruz and Helmand Province, Afghanistan and ending tour April 2011. Sergeant Major Barrett assumed his post as the 17th Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps on June 9, 2011, and served in this position until February 20, 2015.

His personal awards include the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with combat "V" and gold star, Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal with combat "V" and three gold stars, Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two gold stars, Combat Action Ribbon with gold star, and the Presidential Service Badge.

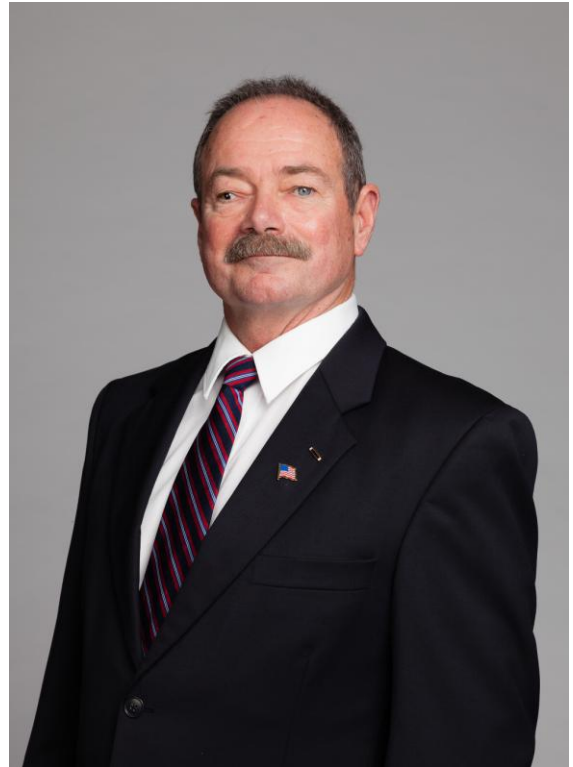
# James D. Quisenberry

2015 JVCOCC Veteran of the Year

Recipient On behalf

**U.S. Military Noncommissioned Officers Corps**

Jim was born on July 3, 1948 in Waynesboro, Virginia and in the early 50's his family relocated to Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from West Technical High School in 1966, enlisted in the Army Infantry Airborne that December. In 1967, after Basic, AIT, and Jump School, he was assigned to Bravo Co. 1st Battalion 508th Infantry 82nd Airborne Division, and with an alert ready force was deployed to the Congo. Upon his return from Africa, he completed Sniper School and Red Eye Missile Gunner School. In February of 1968 he arrived in Vietnam, was assigned to Delta Co. 3rd Battalion 503rd Infantry 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was promoted to Sergeant (E-5), served as rifle squad leader until medically evacuated that September. He was a patient at various hospitals for the rest of his enlistment and discharged from Valley Forge Hospital in December 1969.



Upon returning home and convalescing, Jim started working as a skilled laborer and attended Cuyahoga Community College at night. In 1974 he began working for The Illuminating Company, First Energy Corp. as a Transmission Lines Helper on overhead transmission lines and towers plus various maintenance duties. He retired in 2006 as Journeyman Lineman with almost 32 years of service between the Transmission and Overhead Line Departments while a member of the Utility Workers Union of America/AFL-CIO Local 270. After retirement Jim was voted an honorary member of the National UWUA/AFL-CIO. He then went to work for Synergetic Design, an Emergency Storm Assessor, on an on call basis. He now works part time for The First Federal of Lakewood Bank.

Even while working and going to school, Jim immersed himself in serving his community and fellow veterans and their families. From 1971-73, he volunteered as a Scout Master with his boyhood Buckeye Council Boy Scouts of America Troop 38 in Cleveland, Ohio – leaving with inner city youth lifelong character building lessons. From there he went on to serve with the Lakewood Jaycees, including as Board Member, and in 1976 was honored as Jaycee of the Year, served as Co-Chair of the group's Lakewood 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and implemented improvements still in use today. The youth continued to benefit from Jim's caring spirit when in 1986 he volunteered and was for 2 years an Assistant Coach for Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Flag Football in his city. Jim, as a delegate from VVA Chapter #15 for over 15 years, has also served on the City of Lakewood Veterans committee involved in the planning/staging of Lakewood's Memorial Day & Veterans Day programs each year as well as a committee of local veterans, city leadership and staff, and friends in the community that spearheaded a major renovation of the Lakewood Park Veterans Memorial.

Jim continued to be committed to volunteer activities, many in a leadership position that resulted in their greater visibility and number of volunteers attracted due to his exemplary dedication and people skills.

He got active in the veteran community in 1982 when he joined the Disabled American Veterans local chapter. In 1984 he joined American Legion Post 385 and also joined the Greater Cleveland Chapter 15 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. In 1986, his experiences with the reception that Vietnam Veterans received from previous generations veterans, motivated Jim to help establish the April 30<sup>th</sup> End

of the Vietnam War Ceremony which is continuing today. He was a President of the chapter for 5 terms, served on as a board member at large, served for 25 years on the Honor and Color Guards, and has continued to be an active and committed volunteer for many chapter events and fund raisers. Also in 1986 Jim became a member of a Veterans of Foreign Wars local Post and currently belongs to Post 2533. Jim's active association with veterans organizations grew to include the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade Association, the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Association, the Catholic War Veterans, Polish Legion of American Veterans and the Northeast Ohio Joint Veterans Honor Guard - with many of them he holds life memberships.

Since 1987 he has been committed to establishing a special place to honor together those who died from Cuyahoga County during our wars since 1899 (Spanish American War), he was a co-founder, a Past President, and continues as a trustee of Greater Cleveland Veterans Memorial Inc., (was Greater Cleveland Vietnam Veterans Memorial Inc.), with initial rededication of the 1964 Marshall Fredericks "Fountain of Eternal Life" Veterans Memorial Plaza commemorated in 2004 and a 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original dedication and 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary rededication commemorated in 2014. Details/Honor Roll at [www.clevelandvetmemorial.org](http://www.clevelandvetmemorial.org).

In 1988 Jim contributed to the successful and memorable North Coast Vietnam Veterans Coalition "Vietnam Veterans Reunion" in Cleveland, Ohio as the Chairman of the Parade Committee.

Jim has served on Veteran countywide and regional organizations for over two decades, the Joint Veterans Council of Cuyahoga County (JVCOCC) [[www.jvcocc.org](http://www.jvcocc.org)] and the Memorial Association of Greater Cleveland [[www.mdaogc.org](http://www.mdaogc.org)] and had held various offices including President of each, he remains a dedicated volunteer each year with those who decorate our Veterans gravesites for Memorial Day. Jim has also volunteered for five Vietnam Veterans Memorial Moving Wall projects in the region.

He has actively participated in the efforts/events of civic organizations such as the Cleveland Grays (trustee), March of Dimes "Walk America" (volunteer with VVA Chapter15 workforce), The Cleveland Cultural Gardens (representative from JVCOCC to establish Liberty Veterans Honor Garden), and Citizens Vision [[www.citizensvision.org](http://www.citizensvision.org)] work with the preservation of our history and heritage on its Friends of the Hulett Ore Unloaders and Steamship William G. Mather committee, Committee For Responsible Waterfront Development, as well as the Friends of Whiskey Island committee.

On a state and national level Jim is co-founder and officer of Equal Honor For All [[www.equalhonor.org](http://www.equalhonor.org)], an organization formed to promote the establishing of a National Military Honor and Service Museum in our nation's capital that will present in one place with continuity our nations defenders and their families stories of sacrifice and service starting with the Revolutionary War, throughout our country's existence and into the future. Equal Honor For All is also actively promoting and supporting, through legislation in Congress, the establishment of a permanent national March 29<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Day commemoration.

Civic/Veteran honors bestowed on Jim included induction into the 2005 Class of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and in 1994 the Cablevision's & Discovery Channel - Volunteer Award of Honor.

Jim's military awards/decorations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart w/OLC, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/v, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/3 Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation w/Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/1960 Bar, Combat Infantry Badge, Parachutist Badge, Expert Marksman Badge w/Auto Rifle Bar/Machine Gun Bar & Rifle Bar.

Jim married Donna in 1972. She just recently retired as a registered nurse from the pediatric unit at Fairview Hospital. They are blessed with two children, Jim and Angela, son-in-law Rocky and three grandchildren.