

The Rotaripost November 15, 2016



## Independence Bowl



Eric Barkley

**Eric Barkley** is the chairman of the 2016 Camping World Independence Bowl and has been involved with the Independence Bowl Foundation for many years.

Eric played in the third edition of the Independence Bowl as the starting quarterback for Louisiana Tech against East Carolina in 1978. He finished his playing career at Northwestern State University where he earned his B.A. in mass communications. He also graduated with an M.A. in liberal arts from LSU-S.

Eric's career has taken him to many areas of the Ark-La-Tex, and he currently serves as the North Louisiana district director for CenterPoint Energy.

In addition to volunteering time with Independence Bowl Foundation, Eric is a past chairman of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce and currently serves on their senior

council. He is on the board of directors of the Shreveport-Bossier Military Affairs Council and was named the 2015 Eagle of the Year for the MAC. He is a member of the Committee of 100 and is a past president of the United Way of North Louisiana.

### Did you know?

- The Independence Bowl is the 11th oldest bowl game in the country.
- ESPN is televising the game for the 24th straight year and will be shown on the "Worldwide Leader in Sports" until 2019.
- There has been only one tie in Independence Bowl history.
- Ole Miss leads the way with five all-time appearances in the bowl-Louisiana Tech is second with four appearances.

## **IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR TUESDAY**

Meeting this coming Tuesday will be on the first floor of the Convention Center in Exhibit Hall 2



#### Tuesday, 12:00 Noon

12:13 p.m. Bell-Ringing

Shreveport Convention Center

Rotarians Serving Others	
Charles Henington	Money Table
Charlotte Jones	Raffle
	Scanner- Greeter-4Way Test
Rodney Crews	Invocation
Reggie Abrams And Kermit Poling	Music

## **Veterans Day Special**

Last Tuesday's Veteran Day program was very special. Thanks to the efforts of Rotarian Jon Lowe we have secured Louisiana Veterans Honor Medals for our veterans who completed the paper work for the VA Department.

Our first medal presentation was to William and Callie Hamm, son and daughter in law of Bob Hamm who passed away suddenly in October. The presentation and the Memorial Resolution to Bob's memory that was read by Rotarian Jim Graves (Maj. Gen., retired) were very special.



(Left) Callie and William Hamm hold the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal presented by Maj. Gen. Jim Graves as Gard Wayt joins them. Gard was Bob Hamm's sponsor in the club.

(Below) Brig. Gen. Peyton Cole introduces Col. Ty Neuman.

We were then further inspired by the message brought by Col. Ty Neuman, the new 2nd Bomb Wing Commander at Barksdale. As Brig. Gen. Peyton Cole introduced Col. Neuman, Peyton remarked that it had "finally happened" - that a 2nd Bomb Wing Commander (who has the same position that he once had) joined the Air Force <u>after</u> Peyton retired from the Air Force.

## **Notice to Veterans**

We will be presenting the Louisiana Veterans Honor Medal a couple at a time over the next several weeks. Please schedule your presentation with Judy.

If you have not ordered your medal, please see Jon Lowe for instructions or download the application <u>here</u>.



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(Above) Jon Lowe and Sarah Collier display the banner received for the Grand Champion goat that was purchased by the Rotary Club of Shreveport and Manpower.



(Above) Bruce Willson points out Merrill Wautlet's patriotic socks.

# Social—Wednesday, November 16th

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.—Great Raft Brewing Company First beer token provided by the Club—Bring a potential new member! Food truck will be on location.



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#### **Raffle Winners Last Week**

TRF Raffle—Sarah Collier Rose-Neath Flower Shop—Emily Mott Andy Shehee's hen eggs—Ken Tate Rotary coffee cup—Charlie Henington

### Program on November 22, 2016

Robert "Super Mann" Blount Foods for Life

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Rotarian Tom Arceneaux was recently inducted into the Captain Shreve High School PTSA's Circle of Honor. This Circle of Honor recognizes and honors men and women who have contributed time, service and support to Captain Shreve High School.

Tom was an honor graduate of Captain Shreve Class of 1969 and was the first alumnus of Captain Shreve elected to public office. He remains involved with the Captain Shreve Academic Foundation.

Tom served as our club president in the 2007-2008 Rotary year.