



ODENTON VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY, INC.

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Ms. Patricia Kidwell  
Chairperson, Hall of Fame Committee  
Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association

Ms. Kidwell and Members of the Hall of Fame Committee:

The officers and members of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (OVFC) are proud to nominate our Life Member, William "Bill" Penrhyn Rose, Sr. for induction into the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association (AACVFA) Hall of Fame. Bill Rose joined OVFC in 1963 as a Junior Member and is now a Life Member with over 58 years of dedicated service to our fire company.

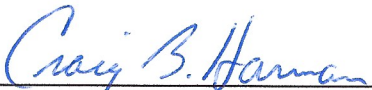
Initially an active responding member at OVFC, Bill joined the United States Navy in 1965 where he completed training as an Aviation Boatswains Mate specializing in Aircraft Crash Firefighting and Rescue. After initial assignments to bases in Florida, he was assigned to an aviation squadron doing training operations in Nevada. Bill's active-duty military service culminated with a tour of duty on the USS Kitty Hawk with Attack Squadron 105. The tour, which included flight operations on Yankee Station (Viet Nam) and extended contingency operations in Northeast Asia during heightened tensions with Korea, garnered the Kitty Hawk and her crew the Navy Unit Meritorious Commendation for Exceptional Meritorious Service. After his separation from active duty, Bill served an additional 12 years with the Navy Reserves.

On returning to Maryland, Bill once again became an active member of OVFC. He was then hired as a career firefighter by Prince George's County (graduating from Recruit Class 9) where he served several years before sustaining a career-ending line of duty injury. Although no longer physically able to serve as an active responder, Bill transitioned to serving OVFC in numerous administrative capacities. He was an active supporter of nearly all of our fundraising events, including our bull roasts and carnivals, for many years. He served on numerous committees and in several elected positions, including Financial Secretary from 1984 to 1996 and Director at Large in 2002. He received the President's Award for outstanding administrative support to OVFC in 1988. Additionally, Bill represented OVFC as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firefighters Association and the Maryland State Firemen's Association for many years. He continues to regularly attend the MSFA Conventions.

In recent years Bill moved to Pennsylvania after retiring from his second career with the Department of Defense at Fort Meade to be nearer his children and grandchildren. He continues to visit and support OVFC events whenever possible.

Bill's lifelong support and contributions to the successful operations and administration of the Odenton Volunteer Fire Company has made our fire company stronger, which in turn has strengthened the volunteer fire service in Anne Arundel County. For these reasons we proudly endorse William Penrhyn Rose, Sr. for induction into the AACVFA Hall of Fame.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Craig B. Harman, President  
Odenton Volunteer Fire Company, Inc.