

ARKANSAS OUTDOOR HALL *of* FAME BANQUET

2023 INDUCTEES

JIM RONQUEST

Stuttgart, AR

A lifelong outdoorsman and well-known entrepreneur, Ronquest has helped develop two of the mid-South's Arkansas's most iconic outdoor brands. Following a long and distinguished career with Rich-N-Tone duck calls of Stuttgart, he's now vice president, development with Mississippi-based Drake Waterfowl, a manufacturer of technical hunting and fishing apparel. Ronquest also won the World's Championship Duck Calling Contest in 2006.

BOB BARRINGER & RONNIE RITTER

Little Rock, AR

Hot Springs, AR

Recognizing the problem of hunger in the state, Barringer founded Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry in 2000 to help connect a portion of harvested deer with those in need. Shortly thereafter, Ritter signed on to lead the mission-driven organization. Today, Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry has processed and distributed tens of thousands of pounds of meat to needy families.

TOM FOTI

Little Rock, AR

For years the state's foremost ecologist, Tom Foti is widely credited with bringing science to the natural area preservation movement in Arkansas. His career with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission resulted in the creation of several important natural areas in the state, particularly in the West Gulf Coastal Plain of southwestern Arkansas and served as a model for similar efforts nationwide.

Legacy Award Winner

LARRY & BRENDA POTTERFIELD

Columbia, MO

Both country kids from Missouri, Larry and Brenda Potterfield turned their passion for shooting sports into a career by opening a small gun shop in 1977 that would eventually become MidwayUSA (midwayusa.com). Built on family values like honesty, integrity and respect for others, they strive to maintain this culture with each employee added to their growing team. They take a similar approach in their philanthropic efforts through the MidwayUSA Foundation, established in 2007 to provide sustainable funding to youth shooting sports teams across the nation.

Steve Smith Spirit of Giving Award

The Morrell Family

Alma, AR

The family behind the highly successful Morrell® Targets, the Morrell name has come to mean quality, innovation and above all, community-mindedness and commitment to the sport of archery. Recognized as the gold standard of targets in the U.S., the Morrell Corporation is relentlessly focused on investing in future generations of archers through the National Archery in the Schools Program and Archers USA's Varsity Archery. In addition, Dale Morrell created Archers USA, which is taking root across America.