

2017 Impact Awards

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Robert Blanton is CEO of Warfighter Made, an organization that assists Veterans in all branches of the military, by using various forms of recreational therapy to put a stop to Veteran suicide. A Silver Star Marine who served our County for 21 years, Robert co-founder Brian Meyer, and the team at Warfighter Made have three main missions: Adapting and customizing combat wounded Veterans' vehicles; inviting ill, injured and combat wounded Veterans to participate in recreational therapy trips; and working with other like-minded non-profits, businesses, and individuals to ensure every Veteran gets the best experience. 100% of the donations received from individuals go directly to support injured warfighters.



Jim Bramham is a past president of California Four Wheel Drive Assn and is one of the founding Directors of the American Sand Assn. Jim has been directly involved with legislative issues involving access for off road recreation since the 1980s, and is still engaged in fighting for continued use of the Glamis sand dunes. He was appointed to the California Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Commission and has served for many years on the Bureau of Land Management's advisory group for the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. His love affair with the dunes started in 1964 in the Oregon dunes on a family vacation, and for nearly 40 years, he has worked to maintain access for all. Photo Credit: Petersen's 4 Wheel & Off-Road



Martin Hackworth is the Executive Director of the Blue Ribbon Coalition, a public lands organization with roots in Idaho that have spread across the US. Founded in 1987 by ORMHOF Inductee Clark Collins, BRC/Share Trails fights for recreation rights to public lands through their Legal Action Fund and sharetrails.org. Under Martin's leadership, BRC/Share Trails has grown into a respected national recreation group that champions responsible use of public and private lands, and encourages individual environmental stewardship. Martin, a former Senior Lecturer of Idaho State University's Physics Department, is an avid dirt bike rider, and founder of the 1400-mile Tour of Idaho, one of the longest and most difficult dirt bike rides in the United States.



Ed Stovin is President of the San Diego Off Road Coalition. Under Ed's leadership, SDORC has become involved with off road access issues affecting San Diego area and California. He took it upon himself to apply for an industry grant to enable SDORC to bring a professional lobbyist on board to help guide the off-road groups in fighting to keep the state off road program intact and to fight an effort by ORV critics to eliminate the program. Ed also serves on the boards of CORVA and Friends of Ocotillo Wells, which is fighting the environmentalist inspired lawsuit to close large parts of Ocotillo Wells to off road use. In addition to his advocacy work, Ed has a full-time job at UCSD, and enjoys riding his motorcycle at Ocotillo Wells.



NOMINEE: Dan Thomas is CEO and Founder of Rocky Mountain ATV/MC in Payson, Utah. He started the company in a small, one room warehouse in 1985. The company now ships thousands of products weekly through their website at rockymountainatvmc.com. Dan supports many clubs and organizations with their efforts to maintain access to public lands and trails. Dan and his staff believe that the sport of off-roading is one of the most fulfilling and enjoyable things a person can do. They are passionate about what they do, and ride and live for the thrill and excitement it brings to the individual as well as the togetherness it can create for an entire family. Dan says, "It's more than a hobby or sport...it's a way of life."

The ORMHOF 2017 Advocate Impact Award will be announced at the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, October 30 at the South Point in Las Vegas. For tickets and information visit www.ormhof.org