

2016 Texas Guard Hall of Honor Nomination Guide

1. Complete Nomination Form
2. Complete Nomination Narrative, reference example provided
3. Attach supporting documents
4. Attach 8x10 photograph
5. Submit nomination to:

Texas Guard Hall of Honor Committee
(NGTX-CDO), P.O. Box 5218, Austin,
TX 78763-5218

Or online at:

<https://www.txmf.us/hall-of-honor>

Texas Guard Hall of Honor
Nomination Form

All new nominations and re-nominations must be received no later than 1 March.

Full Name of Nominee _____

Home Address _____

Home Telephone No. _____ Work Phone No. _____

Years & Location of TX Residency _____

Did Nominee Receive an Honorable Discharge? Yes No (attach verification documents,
(eg. DD Form 214, NGB Form 23, etc)

Is Nominee Deceased? Yes No

Is this a Re-nomination of a veteran who was not selected previously? Yes No

Please attach an 8x10 photograph and the typed narrative summary to this nomination form.

Nominee Statement: I hereby affirm the information contained herein is accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding, and in conformance with the Nomination Guidelines. I agree to provide additional information if requested by the Texas Guard Hall of Honor Committee.

Nominator's Name _____ Day Telephone _____

Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Nominator's E Mail Address _____

Nominator Signature (REQUIRED) _____

Please Note: Only the nominator will be notified if their nominee is not selected.

Mail this form and completed packet by March 1

Texas Hall of Honor (NGTX-ZCS)

P.O. Box 5218

Austin, Texas 78763-5218

Nomination Narrative

- Format

- Typed and double-spaced on 8 ½" x 11" single-sided white paper
- Arial 12 point font with one-inch margins.
- Not to exceed three pages.
- Nominee's name and title centered in ALL CAPS at the top

- Content

- Nominee's Texas Military Forces (TXMF) actions and achievements
 - How the actions and achievements have enhanced the image of the TXMF
- Significant academic achievements, recognitions, etc.
- Any post-military professional and employment history
 - Significant awards, recognition, etc. that may be a pertinent item
- Contributions and recognition of the nominee by veterans' support programs or initiatives
 - Any active involvement with veterans' organizations
 - Any involvement in community patriotic projects and committees,
 - Any involvement in patriotic events, parades, etc.
- Significant community service/or advocacy activities
 - Volunteer activities, civic activities and contributions
 - Elected or appointed political offices held
 - Organizational affiliations
 - Community awards and recognitions
 - Selected community publications and presentations
- Awards or honors
 - Example: presidential awards, Who's How, Citizen of the Year, etc.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (EXSUM). HALL OF HONOR NOMINATION-Col Harold Blackshear. Colonel Harold Blackshear's excellence as Base Civil Engineer and Director of Plans, HQ Texas ANG personified his dedication, professional demeanor, and technical excellence which contributed to the creation of a master plan. The plan resulted in: a customized Alert Aircraft Scramble Facility; a headquarters administration and clinic building; the first metal x-ray Non Destruct Inspection Lab; an air to surface gunnery range; a jet engine test facility with hush house adopted world-wide. The National Guard Bureau appointed Colonel Blackshear to the Air Technician Advisory Committee where he chaired the development of the Prime Beef mission. Colonel Blackshear's contributions to the ANG have greatly enhanced the image of the Texas Military Forces.

SUBMITTED BY: Brig Gen (Ret) Chris Luna

EXAMPLE

Nomination Example

Harold H. Blackshear Colonel U.S. A.F. Retired

As a leader, his unwritten policy of non-profanity or smut bode him well at all levels and capacities. His work ethic: Mission oriented 24/7; the go to guy to get things done. He has no peer in dedication to God, country and family; as evident in unmatched performance as the Air Technician Base Civil Engineer. Under his command, the 149th Civil Engineering Flight maintained a C-1 combat ready status.

He developed a Facilities Utilization Board in which all unit commanders were members to evaluate and assist in prioritizing fully dispersed engineering work load. Thus, informed decisions for mission requirements and services were fully coordinated. He successfully challenged Corps of Engineers policy which denied states in-house construction over \$50,000.00. This action resulted in authorization of states to determine expenditures in excess of that amount and resulted in savings of approximately 27% in in-house construction. This also allowed follow-on construction and justification for retention and modernization of 149th TFG.

His base master plan was approved invaluable. He set design standards, cut costs, programmed and built state of the art facilities. Colonel Blackshear designed a first of a kind mobile hydraulically operated thrust frame supporting an engine test stand to provide safe change-over (3-4 minutes), for use of a unique noise suppressor with either aircraft or engine. This earned Colonel Blackshear the highly prestigious Texas Minute Man Award. Much later he designed the highly specialized foundation and appurtenances for the first "hush-house", a jet engine testing facility. It's success resulted in the first 12 hush houses going to ANG units. At least 126 have been built all of which incorporate a replica of his thrust frame. Noise reduction greatly impact public relations. Also, heavy demurrage fees were avoided by meeting very challenging USAF deadlines. He helped develop and implement the first IDAS (Intrusion Detection Alarm System) to secure weapons and ordinance storage facilities. Adopted by all branches of the military it became Joint Services Intrusion Detection Systems, (JSIDS). Also, he designed and built the first military Non-Destruct Inspection, (NDI), Laboratory in which

high-intensity x-rays of metal identifies imperfections. It is the safest technological flying safety system since the parachute. Benefits: virtually unlimited.

As an appointed member of the National Guard Bureau Air Technician Advisory Committee, and directed by the Director of Civil Engineers, he chaired a select group of Base Civil Engineers to develop a mission directive for a Base Engineer Emergency Force. The resulting document is Air Force Instruction 10-210. It provides for skilled "Prime Beef" teams to be in place anywhere within 72 hours to address any civil engineer problem. Just one shining example: The ship docking pier built in Teceira Azores, Portugal for Lajas AFB (1971). Years later a 50 year typhoon destroyed all piers except the concrete and steel pier built by Prime Beef Teams. It is difficult to understate the impact and benefits for island recovery as damage was extensive.

He developed a career progression plan endorsed by Senator Joe Bernal which resulted in adoption of Senate Concurrent Resolution SRS Number Eight, 30 Jan 1967, effective state-wide. Impact: much better pay for State Employees, a precedent for the future. Colonel Blackshear designated as an Ambassador of Good Will by the San Antonio Mayor Walter W. McAllister for representing the city and Air National Guard in support of the Centennial of America Hemisfair. (1968) As the "Clean and Green" project officer the 149th Tactical Fighter Group received the Facility Beautify Award from the San Antonio Garden Club and over a period of 13 years won 26 consecutive traveling trophies from the Kelly AFB clean-up competition.

Reelected, he served 3 years as Chief Engineer of the ANG Civil Engineers Association in support of the National Guard Bureau. He was drafted by unit personnel to sit on the Credit Union Board. As a Command Pilot with 3639 hours, flight status proved invaluable for expediting events especially life-saving mercy missions 24/7. He served as Director of Plans, State Headquarters where he was promoted to Colonel, 9 June 1984.

Retired, his best friend and wife, sing with the Friday Singers in nursing homes. Colonel Blackshear has reverential appreciation for opportunities with which he has been blessed.

Awards Received / (Ref Blocks 12, 15, 18 of NGB Form 22) 1 Feb
1983

Meritorious Service Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal w/2 devices
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Combat Readiness Medal
Good Conduct Medal
National Defence Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Texas Faithful Service Medal with Four Bronze Cactus Leaves
Texas Service Medal
Adjutant General's Individual Award
The Texas Minuteman Award
Beautify San Antonio Association Award
Holds / Held: Commercial Pilot Certificate (1419035) For Single and
Multi-Engine (Land) Conventional and Jet Aircraft; Command Pilot
Instrument Rated. Instructor / Test / Flight Examiner Member, Society of
American Military Engineers; Air Force Association; Member of World
Champion Chessmen Chorus, (S.P.E.B.Q.S.A.) Barber Shoppers.
Member NGA

Military Service / Etc.

Date of Enlistment - 9 Aug. 1948

Date of Separation - 8 Aug. 1949

Transferred to USAFR for a period of 6 years of active reserve ,
Bergstrom AFB Austin, Tx. For completion of obligation.

Ref. ARG615-630 (ETS) as amended & AFR 35-9

(Entered University of Texas Business School Sept. 49)

Date of entry into active service - 31 May 1951.

Date of Separation - 16 Nov. 1952 S/SGT; 43171 MOS

Returned to Active Reserve to complete six (6) year obligation.

Promoted to T/SGT.

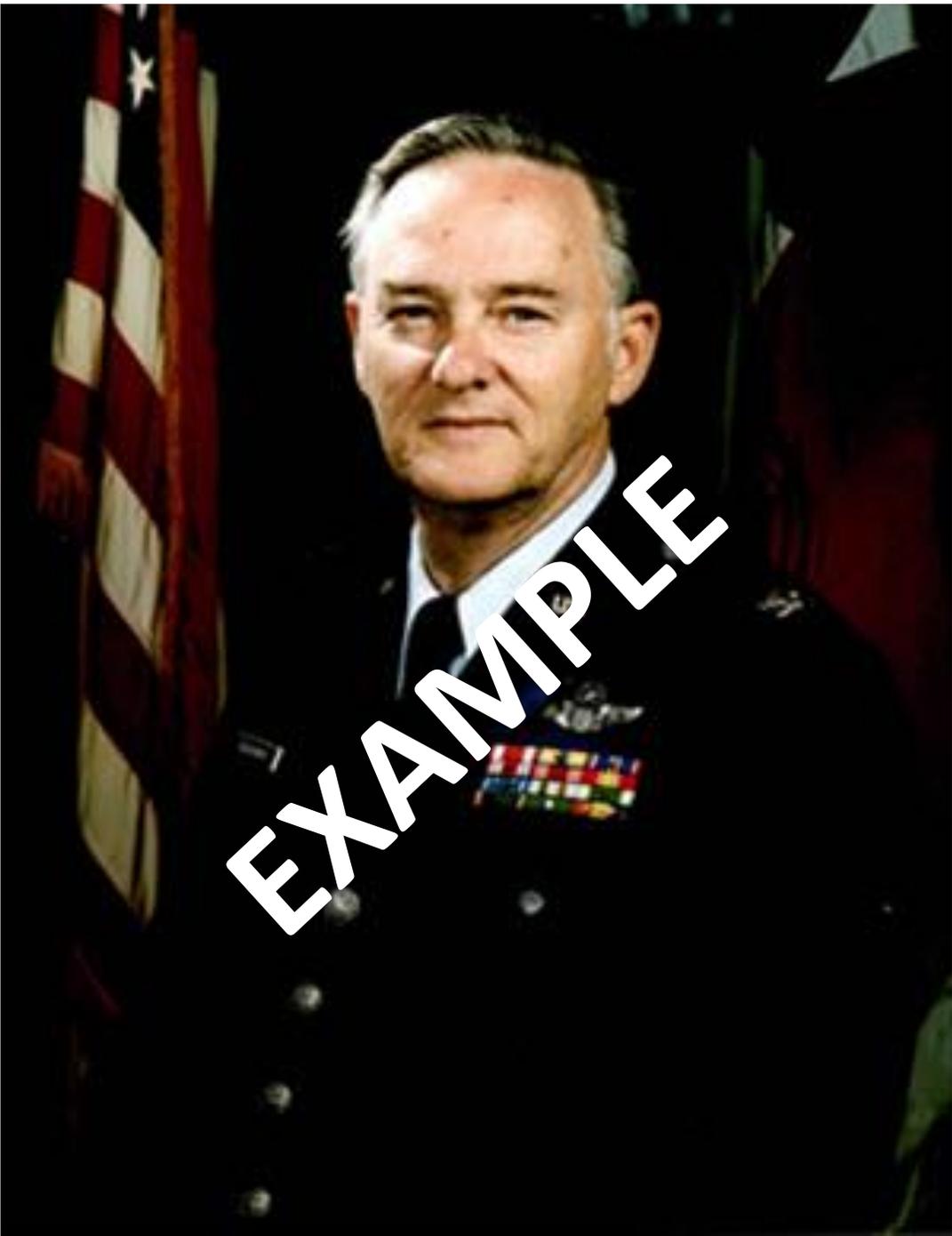
Entered University of Texas School of Architectural Engineering, spring
1954.

Date of Commission and Enlistment in the Texas ANG - 4 June 1956.

Date of Separation - 28 June 1986, Transferred to HQ ARCP Denver,
Co. 80280-5000.

Education

1. Stephen F. Austin High School 1948
2. A&E Mech OJT 747 MOS Jun 49; 43171 MOS 31 May 1951
3. University of Texas Architectural Engineering (3 years) 1956
4. Basic & Advanced Pilot Training Dec 57, Advanced Instrument Pilot Training (F-86 D/L #112102C June 58
5. Graduate Base Civil Engineering Course Institute of Technology May 1960
6. Air Crew Familiarization Course 112, June 60
7. Military Management 0001D May 67
8. ADC Life Support Training Class 6T-38 Nov 67
9. Military Environmental Course 0003E May 68
10. Graduate USAF Air Command and STAFF Col-US (C) 69
11. Military Employment Course 3C Nov 69
12. Graduate Industrial College of Armed Forces 74
13. ADC Life Support Training School Course 70-34 Sept 70
14. ANG OJT Trainer / Supervisor Orientation - Course AJF75000-016, Sept 72
15. Fire Protection Orientation Course 2ASR5715012 Nov 75



8x10 Photograph of Nominee
(may be used for display if needed)