

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

### OUTSTANDING BUSINESS FIRMS

1961—A. O. Smith Corporation  
1962—Globe Valve Corporation  
1963—Peters-Revington Mfg. Company  
1964—Delphi Body Works, Inc.  
1965—First Federal Savings and Loan Association  
1966—Union Bank and Trust Company  
1967—Carroll County R. E. M. C.  
1968—Carroll Telephone Co., Inc.  
1969—Public Service Company of Indiana  
1970—Alloy Crafts  
1971—Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
1972—Town of Flora  
1973—Lahr Motors  
1974—Bassett and Talbert  
1975—Delphi Limestone, Inc.

### OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR

1961—Charles Geheb  
1962—Rudolph Minneman  
1963—Jack Sanders  
1964—W. S. Weaver  
1965—Tony Berto  
1966—Delphi Community School Board  
1967—Harold "Ty" Welch  
1968—Homer Myers  
1969—Clarence Marocco  
1970—Tom McCormick  
1971—Norman Ebrite  
1972—J. Stanley Lyons  
1973—Arthur Weddell  
1974—Morris Buck  
1975—Roger Campbell (Posthumously)

### OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

1961—Joseph T. Ives  
1962—Ralph Sullivan  
1963—Arthur M. McDowell  
1964—Wayne L. Talbert  
1965—John McCormick  
1966—Leo C. Craig  
1967—Haughey Mount  
1968—Burton Honan\*  
1969—Hon. William B. Smith  
1970—George W. Obear  
1971—Frank Fitch  
1972—Al Moss  
1973—Joseph T. Ives, Jr.  
1974—Myron\* and Eileen Johnson\*  
1975—Delphi Jaycees

\*Deceased

### ORACLE AWARD WINNER

1970—John R. Smock

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HARRY BOHANNON POST 75  
THE AMERICAN LEGION



# 16th Annual Business, Professional & Farmers Night

BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY



Monday, April 26, 1976

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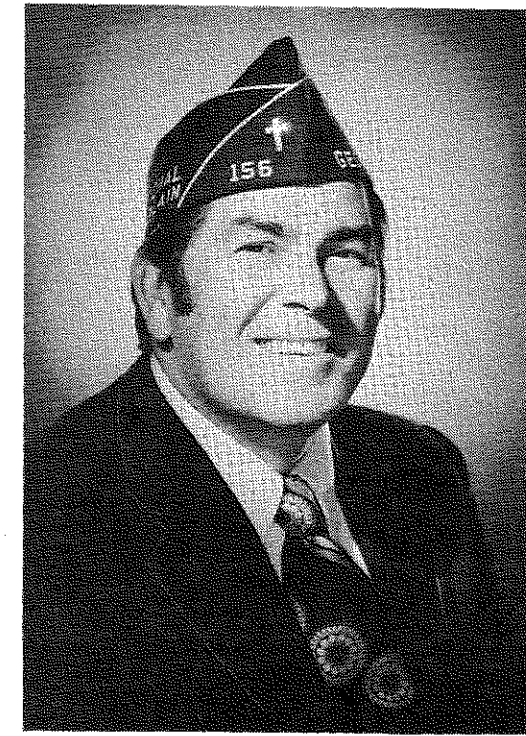
As Commander of Harry Bohannon Post 75, The American Legion, I take this opportunity of welcoming you to this, the 16th Annual Awards Night Ceremony and Banquet. We are particularly happy to have Rev. Smithmier accept our invitation to be the speaker at tonight's ceremony. He is the first National Officer to visit Post 75 since we were founded in 1919.

During this Bicentennial year of our country, we, of Post 75, are cooperating in making the event more meaningful. Tonight's dinner is one of our efforts and we are delighted that you could be with us.

To tonight's winners, I can only say that you join a very select group of persons and firms who have received previous awards. Each of them, just as you, has contributed much to making Delphi and Carroll County an even better place in which to live.

Sincerely,

HERMAN KEMPF  
Commander



REV. CLAUDE E. SMITHMIER  
1975-76 Chaplain  
The American Legion

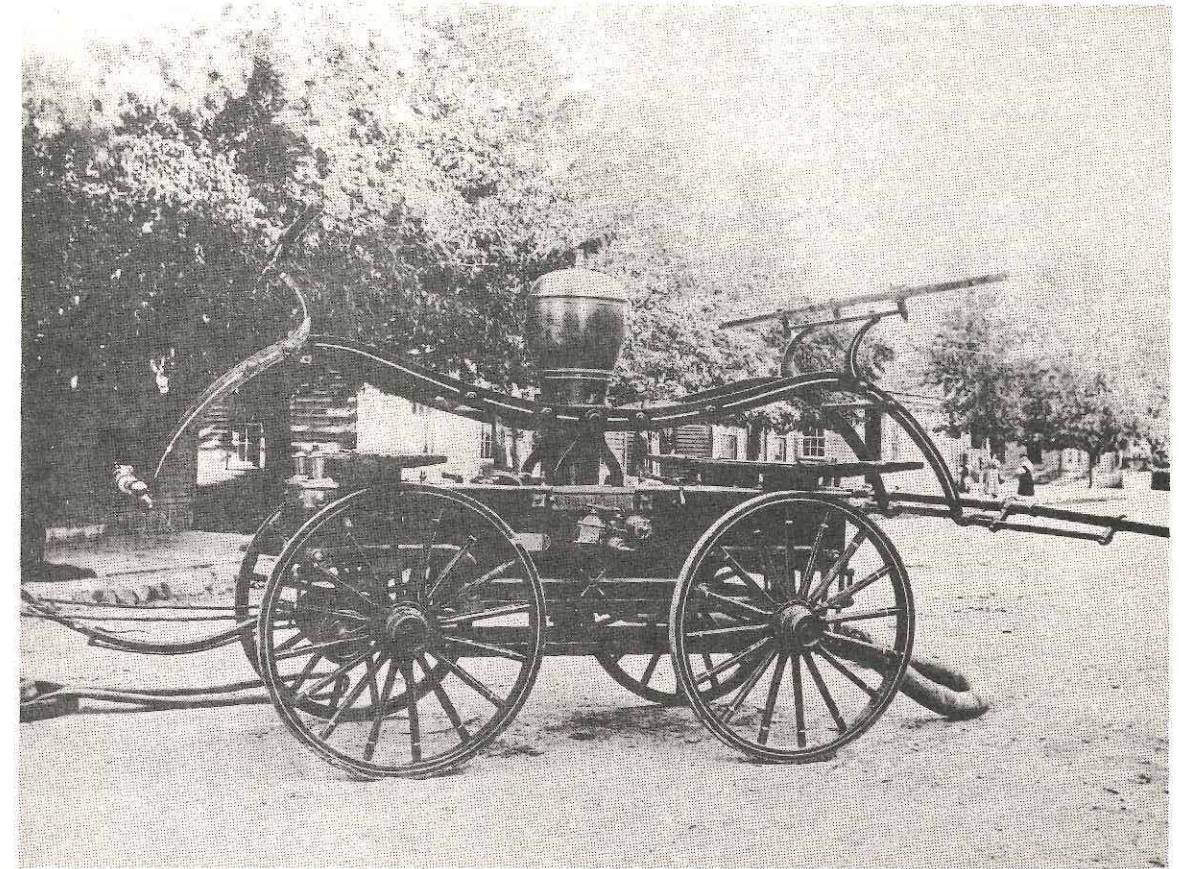
Reverend Smithmier of Atlanta, Georgia, was elected National Chaplain of The American Legion on August 21, 1975 at the 57th Annual National Convention in Minneapolis. He is a veteran of the Korean War. Rev. Smithmier has served as a member of the National American Legion Economic Commission and is presently serving as Chaplain of the National American Legion Press Association. He is a Past Aumonier National of the Forty et Eight.



PROGRAM

- Call to Order - - - - - Herman Kempf  
Commander, Post 75, Delphi
- Invocation - - - - - Father Ambrose Zeigler  
Pastor, St. Joseph's Parish
- Dinner
- Presentation of Guests - - - - Joseph T. Ives, Jr.  
Co-Chairman, 1976 Awards Ceremony
- Response - - - - - Joseph T. Ives  
1961 Recipient of Outstanding Citizen Award
- Response - - - - - Hon. Wayne Van Sickle  
Mayor, City of Delphi
- Response - - - - - Al Waichulis  
Commander, Indiana American Legion
- Introduction of Speaker - - Arthur M. McDowell  
Co-Chairman, 1976 Awards Ceremony
- Guest Speaker - - - - - Rev. Claude Smithmier  
National Chaplain, The American Legion
- Presentation of Awards - Mr. Ives and Mr. McDowell
  - Outstanding Business Firms
  - Outstanding Educator
  - Outstanding Citizen or Group
- Response by Recipients
- Closing - - - - - Commander Herman Kempf
- Benediction - - - - - Father Ambrose Zeigler

# Delphi Fire Department



One of the oldest, continuing agencies of government in Carroll County is the Delphi Volunteer Fire Department. In 1835, when Delphi was first incorporated, the Town Council organized the only fire protection, a bucket brigade, formed by the citizens. Each person was supposed to keep handy a bucket for emergency.

In 1837, the Town Board passed an ordinance ordering four or five ladders of sufficient length (25 feet) to be deposited on the Public Square, in charge of the City Marshal. Each householder was to provide himself with buckets, not to hold less than three gallons, subject to the inspection of the Marshal and to be in readiness in case of fire.

In 1863, the City Council purchased a number of rubber buckets and six patented Babcock fire extinguishers and distributed them over town.



1873, the citizens petitioned the City Council for hose and hose carts. During that year a hand-operated engine was purchased and called the "Conquerer". This required a company of men to operate. "Conquerer" Fire Company No. 1 was organized in February, 1873 with 39 members and William Bradshaw as Captain. In March, 1873 after a hook and ladder apparatus had been purchased, the HOPE HOOK AND LADDER COMPANY was organized with 28 members and Charles Brough as Captain.

The interest in the fire companies was so great that there were so many volunteers that in order to give more men a status in the fire fighting field that the Independent Hose Company No. 1 was organized with 20 members and C. D. Barnett as foreman. The First Fire Chief was R. L. Higgenbotham and William Bradshaw was second chief.

From 1873 to 1892, the fire companies, The Hook & Ladder and Hose Units had acted "rather independent" of each other and as a result, the reorganization and codification of 1892 was enacted. The Fire Department of the City of Delphi shall be composed of two companies: A Hook and Ladder Company and a Hose Company. There was a fire chief to superintend the operation of the Department. For a number of years, it appears that the Chief was somewhat of a "position" as he did very little in the operation of the Department. The Department's actual work was done by a Foreman, elected by the men in the company. He presided over the meetings, directed practice, directed fire fighting, and made appointments in the company. Examples of jobs in the company were: First Pipeman; Second Pipeman; Hydrant Man; Nozzle Man; Line Man; Messenger.

In the reorganization of the companies in 1892, Al Gurley was elected Foreman; succeeded in 1894 by Frank Dowe; who in turn was succeeded by William Sullivan in 1897 and then back again to Frank Dowe in 1905.

It was hard to determine who was chief in 1892, as it was found that a D. McAfee was Assistant Chief in 1903 and Chief in 1908. The next in line was Harry Baum, as Chief in 1915, a position he held until 1918, when Frank Blythe was appointed Chief. It appears that at this point the Chief took over the actual directing of the company and did what we think a Chief should do. He directed the complete operation as the Foreman had done in the past. After Frank Blythe, we had Charlie Wilkerson, John Delaney, John Mount, Gene Roskuski, Frank Van Sickle, and finally Bill Schock.

According to the records, there were not a great number of fires in the "olden days", a tribute to the care exhibited by the people of that era. With such things as wooden shingles, coal stoves, kerosene stoves, gasoline stoves, fireplaces, ashes, stoves on the second and third floors, it is a wonder there were not more fires. Here are a few figures: 1893 - 8 fires; 1900 - 5 fires; 1903 - 10 fires; 1908 - 7 fires; 1912 - 11 fires; 1915 - 10 fires; 1918 - 23 fires.

On December 24, 1916, the city had a Motor Fire Truck delivered. It was made by the Indiana Motor Company of Marion. The truck made a trial run to the canning company in three minutes — not bad by today's standards. With the ushering in of the motorized equipment, the era of horse and hand drawn equipment had come to an end, but it was their strong desire to have a good company that leads to our modern department today.

Currently the Delphi Fire Department has two pumpers and one automobile. The Tri-Township Fire Department has one pumper, a grass-fire truck and one tanker. The Department now has 31 members on the Delphi-Tri-Township Fire Department.

They are:

Bill Schock, Chief

John Sacha, Assistant Chief No. 1

Bill Randle, Assistant Chief No. 2

Cliff Baldwin

Mike Baldwin

Lee Calhoon

Terry Calhoon

Perry Cobb

Bill Draper

Fred Draper

Gary Foreman

Rich Goyer

George Griffey

Bob Hewitt

Bill Humphrey

Larry Jenkins

Wayne Van Sickle, Assistant Chief No. 3

Henry Aldrich

Mike Lane

Charlie Moore

Doyle Moore

Danny Myers

Denny Myers

Claude Price

Jim Sacha

John Sacha, Jr.

Ed Sholty

Rex Wilson

Dave Wood

Paul Wray

Jerry Everett

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