



## HALL OF FAME 2014 Meritorious Service

### **Donnell (D.J.) Johnson**

D.J. started bowling in leagues in 1959 at Naval Air Station Cubi Point in the Philippines. He has bowled in leagues in Virginia Beach, VA., Naval Air Station Agana in Guam, San Diego, CA, Bremerton, WA and Fredericksburg. He was the president of the Military Traveling league in Guam and for a year was a member of the Guam ABC association. In San Diego, he was the secretary of the 5<sup>th</sup> Naval District (south) bowling league. That league included teams from of the Naval and Marine Corp bases in the San Diego area.

In 1977, he qualified for the All Navy team from the 5<sup>th</sup> Naval District which allowed him to compete in the All Navy Bowling Tournament in Charleston, SC. In Charleston he qualified for the All Navy team which allowed him to compete in the All Military Services tournament held at Camp Pendleton, CA.

D.J. arrived in Fredericksburg in 1984. From 1985 thru 1988, he coached Youth Bowling leagues at Princess Anne lanes. He served as the president and secretary of several leagues including Friday Nite Early Mixed, Monday Night Mixed, Wednesday Night Men's, Thursday Night Mixed and Rappahannock Men's league. He bowled in the World Wide Travel league in Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC area for 3 years and served as the Vice President for 1 year.

D.J. first became involved with local association service through the Fredericksburg Area Women's WBA (FAWBA). He was enlisted to run brackets for all of the FAWBA tournaments. When FAWBA dissolved, he helped the Greater Fredericksburg USBC association with organization and assisted in the charter process. He was elected to the GFUSBCA Board of Directors in 2005 and continues as a Director. D.J. created and maintains the association's web site ([gfusbca.org](http://gfusbca.org)). He has been the lead inspector for lane certification and lane dressing inspections since the association was chartered in 2005. As a board member, D.J. has served on the Web Site, Lane Certification, Constitution and Bylaws and Awards committees. He has run the Brackets at all of the association tournaments since 2006, and the Virginia State Mixed tournament held in Fredericksburg in 2011.

D.J. has enjoyed the time on the board and hopes he will be able to continue to serve the bowlers of the GFUSBCA as a member of the board for many more years.