

WASHINGTON STATE AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL PRESS RELEASE

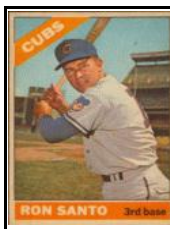
2012 "HALL OF FAME" INDUCTEES

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**HOWARD "EARL" AVERILL**  
"The Earl of Snohomish"

Born: 5/21/1902  
High School: Snohomish HS  
School Location: Snohomish, WA  
First Pro Game: 4/16/1929  
Last Pro Game: 4/25/1941  
Pro Teams: Indians, Tigers - MLB Hall of Famer  
Legion Commissioner: 1970's - 1980's  
1st WA State MLB Player elected to Hall of Fame



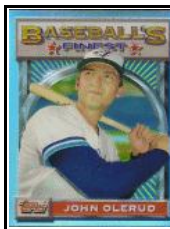
**RON SANTO**

Born: 2/25/1940  
High School: Franklin HS  
School Location: Seattle WA  
First Pro Game: 6/26/1960  
Last Pro Game: 9/29/1974  
Pro Teams: Cubs, White Sox - MLB Hall of Famer



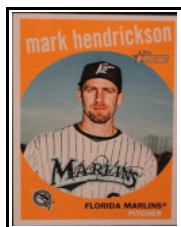
**FRED HUTCHINSON**

Born: 8/12/1919  
High School: Franklin HS  
School Location: Seattle WA  
First Pro Game: 5/2/1939  
Last Pro Game: 9/27/1953  
Pro Teams: Tigers



**JOHN OLERUD**

Born: 8/5/1968  
High School: Interlake HS  
School Location: Bellevue WA  
First Pro Game: 4/3/1989  
Last Pro Game: 10/2/2005  
Pro Teams: Blue Jays, Mets, Mariners, Yankees, Red Sox



**MARK HENDRICKSON**

Born: 6/23/1974  
High School: Mount Vernon HS  
School Location: Mount Vernon WA  
First Pro Game: 8/6/2002  
Last Pro Game: 8/28/2011  
Pro Teams: Blue Jays, Devil Rays, Dodgers, Marlins, Orioles



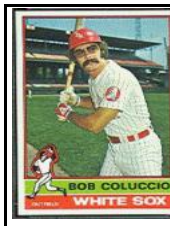
**LYLE OVERBAY**

Born: 1/28/1977  
High School: Centralia HS  
School Location: Centralia WA  
First Pro Game: 4/19/2001  
Last Pro Game: Active  
Pro Teams: Diamondbacks, Brewers, Blue Jays, Pirates, Braves



**BUD BLACK**

Born: 6/30/1957  
High School: Mark Morris HS  
School Location: Longview WA  
First Pro Game: 9/5/1981  
Last Pro Game: 7/9/1995  
Pro Teams: Mariners, Royals, Indians, Blue Jays, Giants



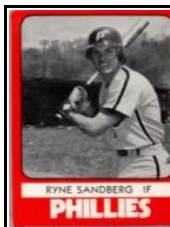
**BOB COLUCCIO**

Born: 10/2/1951  
High School: Centralia HS  
School Location: Centralia WA  
First Pro Game: 4/15/1973  
Last Pro Game: 7/28/1978  
Pro Teams: Brewers, White Sox, Cardinals



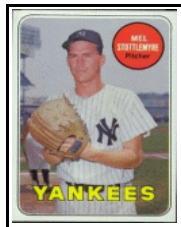
**STEVE KLINE**

Born: 10/6/1947  
High School: Chelan HS  
School Location: Lake Chelan WA  
First Pro Game: 7/10/1970  
Last Pro Game: 7/24/1977  
Pro Teams: Yankees, Indians, Braves



**RYNE SANDBERG**

Born: 9/18/1959  
High School: North Central HS  
School Location: Spokane WA  
First Pro Game: 9/2/1981  
Last Pro Game: 9/258/1997  
Pro Teams: Phillies, Cubs - MLB Hall of Famer



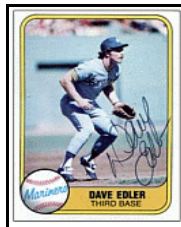
**MEL STOTTLEMYRE SR**

Born: 11/13/1941  
High School: Mabton HS  
School Location: Mabton WA  
First Pro Game: 8/12/1964  
Last Pro Game: 8/16/1974  
Pro Teams: Yankees



**DAVE HEAVERLO**

Born: 8/25/1950  
High School: Moses Lake HS  
School Location: Moses Lake WA  
First Pro Game: 4/14/1975  
Last Pro Game: 9/27/1981  
Pro Teams: Giants, Athletics, Mariners, Athletics



**DAVE ADLER**

Born: 8/5/1956  
High School: Eisenhower HS  
School Location: Yakima WA  
First Pro Game: 9/4/1980  
Last Pro Game: 6/9/1983  
Pro Teams: Mariners

THE 1953 LEGION TEAM FROM  
YAKIMA WASHINGTON  
1953 WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONS



**BRYAN "BUSER" LEWIS**

**Born:** 1899  
**High School:** Whatcom High School  
**College:** Washington State University  
**Semi-Pro:** Bellingham Bells  
**High School Coach:** Whatcom High School  
**Legion Fact:** Started Bellingham Legion Baseball - 1929  
**Legion Program:** Bellingham Post 7  
**Legion Coach:** 1929-1935  
**WWII Veteran:** 1941-1945



**MAL WALTON**

**Born:** 9/14/1933 in Oklahoma City  
**High School Coach:** Bellingham HS - 1959-1990  
**College:** Central State Oklahoma  
**Pro Team:** Pittsburgh Pirates AAA - 1955-1958  
**Semi-Pro:** Bellingham Bells 1959-1967  
**Legion Program:** Bellingham Post 7  
**Legion Coach:** 1974-1976, 1978-1982  
**Korean War Veteran:** Navy 1951-1954



**JIM CLEM**

**Born:** 4/3/1953  
**High School Coach:** Dayton HS 1977-1978  
**High School Coach:** Burlington-Edison HS 1979-2006  
**Legion Programs Coach:** Skagit Sox & Burlington Sox  
**AAA Legion Coach:** 1982-1987 W162-L76  
**Legion Fact:** Co-founded Area 1 Junior Legion in 1987  
**WA State Legion Commissioner:** 1991-1994  
**AA Legion Coach:** 1991-2005 Record: W596-L148  
**HS/Legion Coach:** Combined Records: W1139-L435



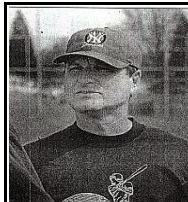
**SPIRO "SPEDO" SOUTHAS**

**Born:** 1923  
**High School:** Everett HS - 1941  
**Legion Program:** Bellingham Post 7  
**Legion Coach:** 1950-1954, 1963-1965, 1967-1968  
**General Manager:** Seattle Mariners Farm Club 1977-1986  
**WWII Veteran:** Marines 1942-1945



**VERNE HAYERTZ**

**Born:** 1919  
**Legion Program:** Grant Hodge Post 17 - Centralia  
**Legion Coach:** 1953-??  
**Post 17 Commander/Officer:** 1953 until age 93  
**WA State Legion Commissioner:** 40 Years  
**WWII Veteran:** Army 1944-1946  
363rd Field Artillery, 96th Infantry Division



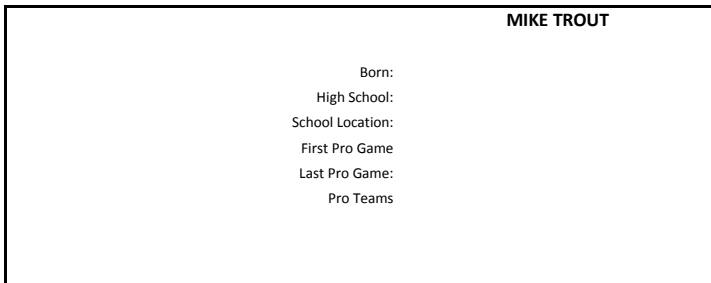
**CURT DANIELS**

**Born:** 12/13/1949  
**High School:** Pasco HS  
**College:** Oregon State University  
**High School Coach:** Columbia River HS  
**High School Hall of Fame:** Hudson's Bay HS - 13 years  
**Legion Programs Coach:** Vancouver Cardinals - World Series Runner-Up  
**San Diego Padres Coach:** Walla Walla  
**First Pro Game:** 1971  
**Last Pro Game:** 1980  
**Pro Team:** Giants Minor Leagues



**BRIAN MUNHALL**

**Born:** 6/17/1980  
**High School:** Ferris Hogh School in Spokane, WA  
**College:** Gonzaga University, Columbia Basin College  
**First Pro Game:** 2002  
**Last Pro Game:** 2008  
**Pro Teams:** Giants Minors  
**Legion Coach:** Gonzaga Prep



**MIKE TROUT**

**Born:**  
**High School:**  
**School Location:**  
**First Pro Game:**  
**Last Pro Game:**  
**Pro Teams:**

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HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH

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American Legion Baseball has a rich history in Washington State stretching back to 1928. Over those 85 years thousands of young men have competed in summer baseball and many of them learned skills that propelled them into becoming leaders in professional sports, business & industry, education, government and/or the private sector. The fundamental goal of the American Legion Baseball program is to teach all involved about the importance of becoming good citizens and to develop good skills that will benefit you for the rest of your life. Skills like; sportsmanship, teamwork, respect, pride, and to be responsible for your own actions, are all useful skills that can be beneficial to anyone in their daily lives.

As in many sectors of our society, there are times we want to honor those people who have made a difference in the lives of our youth and/or who have gone on to make a difference in society. So the Washington State American Legion Baseball Commission established the Washington State American Legion Baseball Foundation and will have our first annual induction ceremony on November 3, 2012 in

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**WA STATE FACTS**

Playing summer baseball in WA State since 1928  
14 World Series Appearances  
3 National Championships  
14 World Series Runner-up