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Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame Annual Ceremony and Silent Auction

Vallejo, CA, January 23, 2016 – In honor of local sports legends, the 14th annual Vallejo Sports Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017, 3:30pm – 9:00pm at the Dan Foley Cultural Center. Each year former athletes gather with hundreds of supporters and kick off the celebration with a cocktail hour. Over a dozen male and female athletes will be honored including Victor Wallace who coached the best basketball team in the history of Vallejo, 1963 Vallejo High Baseball team who were NBL League Champions and ranked as the #1 team in Northern CA by SF pollsters, and Reggie Hubbard who was drafted by the Montreal Expos and Pittsburg Pirates.

“It is inspiring to spend the evening with so much homegrown talent in Vallejo,” says Event Co-Coordinator Justin Saroyan. “This is one of the few events held in our city where we truly honor these incredible athletes. And, it’s for a good cause too!” All proceeds benefit Vallejo Youth Sports by providing scholarships for low-income families.

In addition to a catered dinner, there will be a silent auction and a Sports Exhibit Hall. Local favorite, Steve “Raider Mort” Mortara, will provide the entertainment and emcee the event.

A slew of sponsors and donors are already on board including: SF Giants, Lagunitas Brewing Co., Markstien Beverage, 3 Badge Beverage, Kenny Ross TEAM Superstores, Sugar Bowl, Alexander Valley Vineyard, A-1 Guaranteed Heating & Air, Mark Cameron, San Francisco Ballet, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, San Francisco Exploratorium, SMUIT Ballet, Sports Basement, Sonoma Canopy Tours, ENCORE Dance, Spin Sity, Benicia Jazzercise, Napa Golf Course, Sea Horse Ranch, Jump Highway, Tom Cosso, Henry Thorpe, Sac’s Tasty Hotdogs, Oriental Trading Company, Buttercup Grille & Bar, Tony & Helen Intintoli, and First St. Café of Benicia.

“We want to thank all of our current and former sponsors and donors,” said Event Co-Coordinator Eddie Behle. “We simply could not hold this important and historic event without them. And, we’re honored to partner with all of these businesses who cherish our incredible sports legacy as much as we do.”

Before February 1, 2017 Adult tickets can purchased for \$40.00 and under 17 can be purchased for \$25.00 a ticket. After February 1, 2017 Adult tickets will sell for \$50.

To purchase tickets, make a donation, or for more information, stop by the GVRD main office at 395 Amador Street in Vallejo, California or call the front desk at (707) 648-4600.

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About GVRD

The Greater Vallejo Recreation District (GVRD) is a separate government agency from the City of Vallejo that provides parks and recreation programs for children, families, and seniors in Vallejo. GVRD operates primarily by means of locally-controlled funding and also receives revenue from fees for services, park entrances, programs, and facility rentals. Grants and park dedication permit fees assist in the provision for new park development projects and ongoing maintenance. GVRD manages 407 acres of public park space including 20 neighborhood parks, 10 community parks, 6 special purpose parks, an olympic-size swimming pool and 4 community centers. GVRD maintains over 1,000 acres of public land and offers programs that benefit over 120,000 Vallejo residents of all ages each year. Visit the website for more information at <http://www.gvrd.org>.