

## Lonnie O'Haver



San Antonio, Texas  
Director Category  
Inducted November 2004

In 1990 Lonnie O'Haver began his journey to the NSA Hall of Fame as an umpire and the President of the Metro East Officials Association. In 1991 Lonnie was recruited by Mike Coppinger to become the Illinois State UIC. In 1991, Lonnie also was instrumental in the development of the NSA 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary commemorative coin. In 1992, Lonnie helped establish the All Military World Series where he served as the tournament director at Scott AFB located in Illinois. By the end of 1992 Lonnie was appointed as the State Director for the state of Illinois. Lonnie was also honored at the National Convention of the NSA by being awarded the NSA State UIC of the Year, and was also honored by Region 6 as being the Region 6 UIC of the Year. He began his reign as the man in charge of the state of Illinois in 1993 and again was the Tournament Director of the All Military World Series, and was the recipient of the NSA Illinois State UIC of the Year. In 1994, Lonnie served as Tournament Director of the Women's Class B, C, & D World Series in Bellville IL. In 1995, Lonnie served as the Tournament Director for the Men's Class B World Series. In 1996, Lonnie served as the Tournament Director for the Men's Class A World Series as well as serving as a Tournament Coordinator for the Girls Fast Pitch World Series in Columbus Ohio, and was also appointed the Texas State UIC after retiring from the Military and moving to San Antonio, TX with his wife and children.

In September of 1997 Lonnie again served as the Tournament Director for the Men's Class A World Series as well as serving as the Tournament Director for the E Division of the Men's Super World Series. Lonnie was the Tournament Director of the D South World Series in 1998. In 1999 Lonnie was appointed the Assistant Texas State Director as well as being appointed the Region 8 UIC and once again found himself as the Tournament Director of yet another World Series when he was at the helm of the Hispanic World Series. He also was the Tournament Director for the Men's Super D World Series in that same year. At the National Softball Association's National Convention Lonnie was elected to the NSA Hall of Fame Committee and well as receiving the prestigious appointment to the NSA's Advisory Board. In 2000, Lonnie was the Tournament Director for the Men's AA World Series. In 2002, at the NSA National Convention, Lonnie was awarded the prestigious 110% award, which is the NSA's second highest honor. In 2003, Lonnie once again served as the Tournament Director of the Men's AA World Series. In 2004 at the NSA National Convention, Lonnie was appointed as the Regional Director for Region 8.

From humble beginnings as an NSA umpire, to State UIC, to State Director in 2 different states that has never been done before, Lonnie's journey has lead him to becoming a Regional Director, and into the NSA Hall of Fame. In November of 2004, Lonnie O'Haver became the 12<sup>th</sup> Director to be inducted into the NSA Hall of Fame.