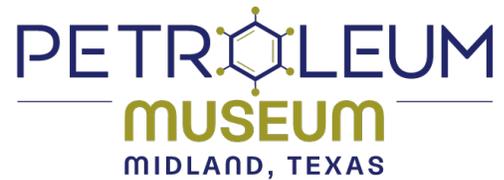


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## **Petroleum Hall of Fame 2019 Inductees Announced**

**MIDLAND, TEXAS** - The Petroleum Hall of Fame is dedicated to those who cherished the freedom to dare, and whose work and service helped build the Permian Basin. The Petroleum Museum's Hall of Fame Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 Petroleum Hall of Fame inductees:

- **Robert C. Bledsoe**
- **Arlen L. Edgar**
- **George P. Mitchell**
- **L.D. "Buddy" Sipes, Jr.**

The Petroleum Hall of Fame is composed of 145 members including some of the most influential men and women in the history of the petroleum industry such as former Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, Erle P. Halliburton, and former U.S. Secretary of Commerce Donald Evans. Industry leaders of today's Permian Basin inducted into the Hall of Fame include State Rep. Tom Craddick, Tim Leach, Scott Sheffield, and Jim Henry.

The Petroleum Hall of Fame was instituted in October 1967 by the authority of the charter of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum "to honor those persons and firms who have made outstanding contributions to the development of the petroleum industry or have served as worthy examples to those in the petroleum industry, and thereby to record such examples of service, strength of character and achievement for the inspiration and education of present and future generations." Each of the 2019 inductees have distinguished themselves with their accomplishments and their leadership. They have served as worthy examples to those in both their community and the petroleum industry.

The Induction Ceremony and Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at The Petroleum Club of Midland. To learn more about the inductees, go to [pbpetro.org](http://pbpetro.org). For more information about the event, contact Luanne Thornton at [lthornton@petroleummuseum.org](mailto:lthornton@petroleummuseum.org) or 432-683-4403.

"Induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame is a great honor. It was no small task for the Hall of Fame Committee to review many worthy candidates. We believe that this year's class of inductees are men that have contributed greatly to the Permian Basin petroleum industry," said John L. Kennedy, Hall of Fame Committee Chairman.

### **About the Petroleum Museum**

The Permian Basin Petroleum Museum was founded in 1975 by over 500 community leaders under the leadership of George T. Abell. The Museum is one of the largest in the country dedicated to the petroleum industry and its pioneers, and has expanded its offering to include a Transportation Wing, featuring the world-renowned Chaparral Car Gallery, as well as one of the state's largest mineral galleries. Through education, technology and community leadership, the Petroleum Museum continues to serve the Permian Basin community as an evolving resource for the petroleum industry and honors the individuals that have helped create its rich history.