

The Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award

The Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award recognizes the honoree as one who exemplifies Doniphan's outstanding characteristics and personal commitments in Education, Jurisprudence, Statesmanship, Patriotism in Defense of Country, and Success in Business.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2009 Dr. W. Christian Sizemore
2008 Raymond R. Brock, Jr.
2007 Juarenne Hester
2005 John A. Dillingham
2003 John and Mary Pritchard
2002 Judge R. Kenneth Elliott



The Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award is made possible through the efforts of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Liberty Stake, the Clay County Millennium Historical Board and the Clay County Commission.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

The Alexander Doniphan statue at the courthouse in Ray County, Missouri was placed there, "in honor of Colonel Alexander Doniphan, Commander of First Regiment Missouri Mounted Volunteers in the War with Mexico."

ALEXANDER DONIPHAN

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Alexander W. Doniphan

IN 2008, ALEXANDER W. DONIPHAN WAS SELECTED FOR INCLUSION IN THE HALL OF FAMOUS MISSOURIANS AT THE MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL. DONIPHAN'S BUST WAS PLACED AMONG SOME 30 OTHERS WHICH OCCUPY THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE ROTUNDA IN THE STATE CAPITOL.

THE FIRST CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER

As a leader in education, Doniphan's name appears as trustee of a number of early schools in Missouri.

WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE

Doniphan is among honored founders, educators and philanthropists. He joined with Major Alvin Lightburne and others as founders of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, nearly 160 years ago.

FORT LEAVENWORTH HALL OF FAME

Alexander Doniphan is one of nine distinguished pre-Civil War honorees who share the honor of this Hall of Fame with Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Colin L. Powell, and Gen. William C. Westmoreland. An American hero, Doniphan was the Brigade Commander in the Missouri State Militia, traveling more than 6,000 miles within 12 months. It was during this time (1846-1847) he fought three important battles - Brazito, Sacramento and El Paso - conquering the states of Mexico and Chihuahua.

A MISSOURI LEGISLATOR OF THE WHIG PARTY

Elected to represent Clay County in 1836, 1840 and 1854, Doniphan was instrumental in organizing Caldwell and Daviess counties. He is also credited as a leading force in facilitating the Platte Purchase.

WASHINGTON PEACE CONFERENCE

Doniphan was appointed by President Abraham Lincoln as a delegate to the conference in 1861.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

In 1838, as a Brigadier General of the Missouri State Militia, he refused a direct order to execute Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Church. That action saved the life of Smith and other church leaders.

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The 2010 Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award



S. PRESTON WILLIAMS

S. Preston Williams has been named the 2010 recipient of the Alexander W. Doniphan Community Service Award, having demonstrated a lifelong commitment to the ideals of service exemplified by Alexander Doniphan.

Mr. Williams was born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri in 1918 and moved to North Kansas City as a child. He graduated from high school there and attended college at Drake University and the Kansas City Art Institute -- including classes under Thomas Hart Benton.

Before graduating from college, Mr. Williams enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1941, serving with the 3rd Marine Division in the South Pacific. He returned to the United States in May 1944 as an instructor at Camp Pendleton before returning to Guam in 1945, where he remained until returning home to be discharged in December 1945.

After his military service Mr. Williams attended Rockhurst College and the Kansas City School of Law, graduating law school in 1950.

In addition to his private practice, Mr. Williams has served as both city attorney and city counselor for North Kansas City, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of Clay County, Missouri and Assistant Attorney General of Missouri. In 1960 he was named an honorary Colonel by Governor Dalton. In 1998 he served as president of the Clay County Bar Association and, in 1999, he was honored as Dean of the Bar by the Missouri Bar Association.

An avid member and Sponsor in Perpetuity of Ducks Unlimited, he has served as national president, Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Executive Committee. He is a Life Sponsor of Ducks Unlimited in the United States, Mexico and Canada. In February of this year the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Ducks Unlimited named Mr. Williams the first recipient of the S. Preston Williams Conservation Award.

Mr. Williams has served as a North Kansas City councilman, president of the North Kansas City Historical Society, a member of the Greater Kansas City Sports Commission, the Mayor's Corps of Progress and the Law Alumni Board of the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Mr. Williams is married to the former Bernice Hargarten of Milwaukee, Wisconsin who, in 1944, was a Marine Corps staff sergeant, serving at Camp Pendleton when Mr. Williams was an instructor there. They have two sons, Mark and wife Lisa, and Tim and wife Carra. Two children died in infancy, Mary Colleen and Patrick James. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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JOHN GANO MEMORIAL CHAPEL • WILLIAM JEWELL COLLEGE • 6:30 P.M., JULY 9, 2010

Prelude	Dr. Tracey Johnson, Adjunct Professor in Music, William Jewell College
Welcome and Introductions	Tony Sarver, Co-chair, Alexander W. Doniphan Award Selection Committee
Presentation of Colors	Leavenworth, Kansas United States Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps
National Anthem	Phillip Schaefer, Assistant Professor of Music, William Jewell College
Pledge of Allegiance	Alexander Doniphan Elementary School Students
Pledge of Allegiance to the State of Missouri	Vivian Stockwell, Past Regent, Alexander Doniphan Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
<i>"I pledge allegiance also to the State of Missouri and to the ideals for which it stands. United with other states for the benefit of all, we march forward to a greater America."</i>	
Invocation	Dr. Harvey M. Thomas, Chaplain, William C. Corum Chapter, National Society Sons of the American Revolution
Welcome	Dr. Anne Dema, Chief of Staff/VP for Institutional Efficiency, William Jewell College
"Alexander Doniphan -- Community, State and National Service"	John A. Dillingham, Chairman, Clay County Millennium Historical Board
"Alexander Doniphan-- Service to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints"	Donald D. Deshler, Area Authority Seventy, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Introduction of 2010 Award Recipient	Rodney A. Ames, Second Counselor, Liberty Missouri Stake Presidency, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Presentation of Award to S. Preston Williams	Rodney A. Ames, Second Counselor, Liberty Missouri Stake Presidency, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and John Dillingham, Chairman, Clay County Millennium Historical Board
Response	S. Preston Williams
Proclamations	Tony Sarver, Co-chair, Alexander W. Doniphan Award Selection Committee
Introduction of "Alexander Doniphan March"	Juarenne Hester, 2007 Alexander Doniphan Community Service Award Recipient
"Alexander Doniphan March"	Dr. Tracey Johnson, Adjunct Professor in Music, William Jewell College
Benediction	Elder Steve Nelson, Director, Historic Liberty Jail Visitors' Center
Retirement of Colors	Leavenworth, Kansas United States Army Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps

A wreath laying ceremony at the grave of Alexander W. Doniphan will follow the award ceremony.

Guests are invited to participate in this event which will begin at approximately 8 p.m. at the Fairview Cemetery on Shrader Street in Liberty, Missouri.

Lt. General Robert Arter (U.S. Army, Ret.) will lead the ceremony. General Arter is the former commanding general of the Sixth United States Army and along with General Doniphan, is listed on the Fort Leavenworth Hall of Fame.

Directions to Fairview Cemetery: From the campus of William Jewell College, proceed west on either Franklin or Mill street to Gallatin Street. Go south on Gallatin Street to Shrader Street then west to the cemetery.