

Five to be inducted into 2018 Humboldt Hall of Fame

This year's Humboldt Hall of Fame will have five new inductees, Valerie June Hockett, Kacy Rodgers, Bruce Zacharzuk, Joseph Zacharzuk and Paul Zacharzuk. The annual Hall of Fame Honoree Reception will be held Strawberry Festival week on Thursday, May 10 at 5 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Humboldt.

Valerie June Hockett

With her eclectic blend of folk, soul, country and R&B music, Valerie June Hockett is making a name for herself in music worldwide. She considers herself a songwriter first, and stands apart from the crowd as she blurs the lines between genres and eras of sound. Rolling Stone magazine calls her "unstoppable" and it is hard to disagree.



She has performed at Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the White House and has impressed television audiences with performances on the Tonight

Show, The Late Show, Austin City Limits and many more. Whether in New York or Australia, Hockett is a true performer with a sound and presence that is all her own.

In March 2017, she was on the cover of Southwest Airlines magazine, which also included an article describing her contributions to the music world.

Kacy Rodgers

After graduating from Humboldt High School, Kacy Rodgers attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (1988-1991) where he lettered four times and contributed to a pair of SEC Championships (1990 and 1991).

Rodgers signed as an undrafted free agent with the Pittsburgh Steelers and after training camp, signed with the Shreveport Pirates in 1994. Prior to his career in the National Football League (NFL), he coached at several colleges including the University of Tennessee at Martin



and Middle Tennessee State University at Murfreesboro.

In the NFL, Rodgers has served as coach with the Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins and is currently defensive coordinator with the New York Jets.

Captain Joseph Zacharzuk

After graduation from Humboldt High School, Joe Zacharzuk attended and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering. He also holds a Master of Science Degree in Systems Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif.

Captain Zacharzuk had eight major battle group and numerous out-of-area deployments while stationed aboard five different ships including frigates, destroyers, and aircraft carriers and two seagoing command staffs.

Zacharzuk's tours ashore included Instructor at the Surface Warfare Department Head School in Newport,



Rhode Island and planned and executed OPSAIL 200, the first sailing of the USS Constitution in 116 years. His last duty assignment was as the senior military assistant for the assistant Secretary of Defense.

Following retirement, Zacharzuk was employed to lead and manage programs for Exxon/Mobil Oil Corporation.

Colonel Paul Zacharzuk

After graduation from Humboldt High School, Paul Zacharzuk attended and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He served in a variety of infantry and comptroller assignments over a 30-year career.

Colonel Zacharzuk commanded an infantry company in the 101st Airborne Division (air assault) and a base support battalion in the Netherlands. After promotion to Colonel, his assignments included being the United States European Command's Comptroller and



as the U.S. Army Pacific Command's Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management.

Zacharzuk graduated from the National War College, the Command and General Staff College and has an MBA from Niagara University. He currently works at Arlington National Cemetery as director of Resource Management.

Bruce Zacharzuk

Bruce Zacharzuk, a 1988 graduate of Humboldt High School has a long, distinguished United States Diplomatic career. His specialty code is information management specialist and he holds a State Department grade of FS-03.

Included in his long list of high level assignments include: Arlington, Va.; Embassy, Yemen; Consulate, St. Petersburg, Russia; Consulate Peshawar, Pakistan. He is currently with the U.S. Department of State on the United States Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.



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