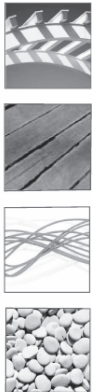


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Of Clark County, Washington

IBEW's Ed Barnes named First Citizen

Ed Barnes, second vice president of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council and a retired business manager of IBEW Local 48, has been chosen the 2019 Clark County First Citizen.

Barnes, 85, lives in Vancouver, Washington, with his wife LuAnne.

"I was speechless when I got the call," said Barnes. "I feel very honored to be getting this award."

The award is presented annually to a Clark County resident "who has modeled exemplary citizenship through actions and services to the community."

Barnes is the first union official to receive the award, which dates back to 1939.

The program is a partnership between the Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, The Columbian newspaper, Biggs Insurance Services, and PeaceHealth Southwest Medical Center Foundation, and it's presented by Pacific Premier Bank.

A pool of candidates is collected through public nominations, then a winner is chosen by a volunteer committee that includes past winners.

Barnes was nominated by Vancouver Mayor Anne McEnerny-Ogle, former state senator



Al Bauer, and two previous First Citizen recipients Sally and Robert Schaefer. The nomination form was signed by 75 other people under a statement proclaiming Barnes' continued commitment to service.

"It is no exaggeration to say that listing Ed's significant accomplishments over his decades of leadership in our community, along with his awards and achievements, by volume alone would make this letter virtually unreadable," the group wrote.

As reported by the Columbian newspaper:

"A union man, U.S. Army veteran and volunteer with many local organizations,

Barnes served as a private during the Korean War before passing up an opportunity to go to West Point in favor of returning home to Vancouver and becoming an electrician.

"He went on to a decades-long career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) union. For 12 years, he served as business manager and financial secretary for Local 48, retiring in 1996.

"Barnes' volunteering résumé is lengthy. He joined the effort to build the United Methodist Church in the Shumway neighborhood, served as the state's

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