

# Pioneer Award

Please attach this form to your one page nomination for AAPL Pioneer Award summarizing: **1) Significant impact to the land profession with a distinct contribution; 2) Only one award per year to be presented; 3) No regional awards; 4) No minimum age or work requirement; 5) could be posthumously; 6) Open to groups or companies, not just individuals. (Can be non-members)** To be presented to an individual, group or company who at any time has significantly impacted the land profession with a fundamentally distinct contribution. Current Executive Committee members may not be submitted, and self-nominations will not be considered.

NAME OF NOMINEE/COMPANY/GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL ASSOCIATION AFFILIATION (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

NOMINATED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**OCAPL's Nomination to AAPL for 2023 Pioneer Award**  
**Col. Owen "Monty" Barnhill, CPL**



OCAPL nominates Col. Owen "Monty" Barnhill for the AAPL 2023 Pioneer Award. Monty is an Oklahoma City native. In 1974 he graduated with a PLM degree from the University of Oklahoma as well as a graduate of the U.S. Army Officers Basic Course, Officers Advance Course in Command and General Staff College and is a graduate of the U.S. Military Air War College. Monty also served as State Director for the Selective Service System for the State of Oklahoma for several terms before deciding to retire as a Full Colonel after 43 years' total service to the United States of America.

Monty began his career in the Land profession in 1974 with Getty Oil Company in Midland, TX. In 1977 he returned to Oklahoma City and joined Texas Oil & Gas Corp (TXO) prior to his working for several other companies including, Alpha Energy, Hunt Energy, Leede Exploration and Texas Oil & Gas Corp., before founding his own companies where he serves as Chairman and President.

Monty has served the OCAPL in many capacities as the OCAPL Vice-President, as OCAPL President, AAPL Director and as Executive Committee, comprising a total of 11 years' service to OCAPL Association. In addition to his service, Monty has been awarded OCAPL's Landman of the Year as well as the William M. (Bill) Majors Distinguished Service Award.

Within the AAPL realm, Monty maintains a CPL and has served AAPL in endless capacities including Executive Committee Secretary, 2nd Vice President, Chairman for the Ethics Committee, Chairman for the Publications Committee, Assistant Chair for the Education Foundation Fund Raising committee, the Awards Committee, and the IR/PR Committee. In addition to Committee roles, Monty has been an Instructor for AAPL's Certified Professional Landman Review and Examination teaching Negotiations, Pooling/Unitization, JOA's and Well trades. Mr. Barnhill was the recipient of the AAPL National Committee Member of the Year Award in 1991.

Throughout his land career, Monty Barnhill has demonstrated ongoing dedication and commitment to improving the Land profession and his community, setting an excellent example for others to follow. His contributions are numerous serving the Land industry, his community, and our Nation. Monty Barnhill is without question a person who has served tirelessly and always in a very professional manner. Monty's integrity is impeccable, and he has the utmost respect from all of those that know him.