



HOOP HISTORIAN TELLS HIS PERSONAL STORY



Honorary Hoop Historian **Jim Harrick** was recognized at the Los Angeles Golf Classic. Affected by cancer in many ways, especially with the passing of his late son Jim Jr., Coach Harrick spoke about the importance of regular cancer screening and spreading awareness. Click on the video link below to hear more of the Harrick family's story.

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Over the years, the Hoop Historians have made donations to Coaches vs. Cancer in memory of many of our past members in our group. You can learn more about the ongoing nationwide collaboration with the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the American Cancer Society at:

<https://www.cancer.org/about-us/our-partners/coaches-vs-cancer.html>



HALL OF FAME HONOR FOR HH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

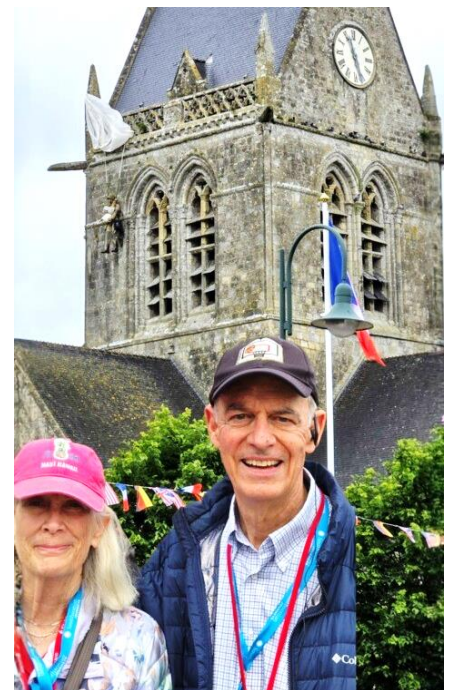
Hoop Historian Executive Director **Joe Spagnolo** was recently inducted into the Athletic Officials Association Hall of Fame. The organization is the oldest local officials group in the entire nation, dating back to 1917. Spagnolo has been involved in basketball officiating for over 40 years as a referee, division president, assignor, clinician, lead instructor, and collegiate observer. The AOA Hall of Fame ([click HERE for the website](#)) features officials from all sports whose works have included the NBA All-Star Game, the Super Bowl, the NCAA basketball tournament, the NCAA College Football National Title Game, along with many state final, regional and local tournaments. Congrats, Joe.



ABOVE: Friend of the Hoop Historians **Bill Mushrush** (left), a previous inductee of the AOA Hall of Fame, poses with 2024 inductee **Joe Spagnolo** at the Athletic Official Association Hall of Fame ceremony.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE HOOP HISTORIANS

Hoop Historian **Al Sack** and wife **Nancy** recently went abroad to visit France on the 80th anniversary of D-Day and embark on a train tour in Switzerland. While on the trip Al was stopped by fellow Americans who wanted to know more about the Hoop Historians, as he was wearing his cap with the Hoop Historians logo. Along with visiting the historic sites, Al was able to strike up conversations about basketball halfway across the globe and support the mission of the Hoop Historians by promoting goodwill through basketball!



ABOVE: **Nancy & Al Sack** (with his Hoop Historians cap) take in the sites at Sainte-Mere-Eglise, France, in front of the famous church with a paratrooper hanging from the roof.