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Dear NFL Legend:

As we wrote you earlier this month, we have combined the three newsletters that previously had been distributed to retired players from our League Office. Starting today, there will be just one monthly "NFL Legends Community" newsletter from 345 Park Avenue in New York. We hope you find it informative and worthwhile.

When we originally discussed the term "NFL Legend" with the 20 former players who helped organize this program, there were questions on how to define exactly what an "NFL Legend" is.

There are approximately 20,000 guys who consider themselves former NFL players.

Clearly, Pro Football Hall of Famers such as **Derrick Brooks**, **Curtis Martin** and **Roger Staubach** are NFL Legends.

What about the player who bounced from one team to another but never long enough to be vested in the pension? In the eyes of the 20 player-organizers, any player who was good enough to be drafted or signed as a free agent by an NFL team has earned the right to be a member of the Legends Community.

Finally, the term "Legend" also can be used to describe some of the off the field accomplishments that you former players have performed. For example, former Raiders & Browns LB **Gerald Irons** worked hard so many years on the local school board in Conroe, Texas that the newest school in town is called the "Gerald Irons, Sr. Junior High School." We know "The Honorable **Dwayne D. Woodruff**, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in Allegheny County" outside Pittsburgh as the talented Steelers defensive back in the 1980s.

If you have any questions or comments regarding any of the information in this newsletter, please contact one of us. We look forward to continuing to work for you.

Regards,

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## 2015 NFL YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP GRANTS



Former NFL players who organize and host free, non-contact youth football camps may apply for a **2015 NFL Foundation Youth Football Camp Grant**. This program recognizes former NFL players who give back to communities in their hometowns or team cities with a fun experience for youngsters, while also teaching the importance of an active and healthy lifestyle, sportsmanship and positive character.

Former NFL players must partner with a nonprofit organization or elementary/middle/high school in order to be eligible for funding. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$4,000 and checks can only be written to nonprofits or schools. The deadline to submit an application is **Wednesday, March 25**. Please go to [www.nflfoundation.org](http://www.nflfoundation.org) for more information and to apply online via our Grant Application Management System.

## PLAYER ENGAGEMENT BUSINESS SYMPOSIUM



### CONNECT TO NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Click [here](#) to learn more about the national event that's connecting NFL Players to new career opportunities.

## PLAYER CARE FOUNDATION SCREENING



### HEALTHY BODY & MIND SCREENING PROGRAM

**DATE:** April 17th and 18th.

**TIME:** 8am - 4pm ET.

**LOCATION:** Sawgrass Marriott, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

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## LEGENDS LOUNGE



**LOCATION:** CHICAGO, IL - Palmer House Hilton Hotel.

**DATE:** Thursday, April 30

The NFL Legends Lounge will serve as the official host space for all NFL Legends and current players during the 2015 Draft. Led by 20 NFL Legends, including Hall of Fame greats, the Legends Lounge has set a new benchmark for player hospitality. Through enhanced décor, rich programming and relevant concierge services, a distinct and welcoming experience will be created for all attendees.

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## CURTIS CONWAY SITS DOWN ON THE SET OF PE TV



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## VALUABLE LESSONS FROM THE SUPER BOWL XLIX HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGIATE COACHES FORUM



The recent Super Bowl XLIX High School and Collegiate Coaches Forum at Arizona State University was host to more than 100 high school and college athletic administrators and football coaches from across Arizona.

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## NFL FLAG - IMPACT TODAY'S YOUTH

### BE A PART OF NFL FLAG



As an NFL Legend, you can positively impact the life of a child through football. The fun and fitness that America's favorite sport delivers is a launching pad to a lifetime of health.

More than 250,000 young athletes age 5-17 play in NFL FLAG powered by USA Football leagues, emphasizing fun, safety, teamwork, self-esteem, discipline and goal-setting.

And you can be part of it.

Starting an NFL FLAG league or converting a current flag league into the program - is easy and USA Football can help you.

Rosevelt Colvin established an NFL FLAG league in his hometown of Indianapolis following his 10-year NFL career at linebacker (1999-2008).

USA Football is the official youth football development partner of the NFL.

Every player receives a reversible NFL team jersey, an NFL FLAG belt and set of flags, insurance coverage and more.

All NFL FLAG coaches receive free online training and certification. A Wilson football is included in your league's package for every five players registered.

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### NFL LEGENDS IN THE NEWS



**Jerome Bettis**, who was named to the 2015 Class of the Pro Football Hall of Fame during Super Bowl weekend, received another honor last month when he (and Hall of Famer **Aeneas Williams**) were invited by President and Mrs. Obama to attend a Black History Month reception at the White House. The two Legends joined civil rights leaders, artists and other prominent public figures on February 26.

In order to keep peace in the family, the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame will honor brothers **Jeff** and **Joe Bostic** as members of the same 2015 Hall of Fame Class this spring. Joe, who is one year older than baby brother Jeff, played 10 years (1979-88) with the St Louis/Arizona Cardinals after being a 3rd round draft pick. Jeff, who signed as a free agent with the Redskins, had a 14-year career (1980-93) with the team, including three Super Bowl wins. Although they are North Carolina natives, both offensive linemen played college ball at Clemson.

The Kentucky Pro Football Hall of Fame will induct four new members this summer, including former Pro Bowl **LB Doug Buffone**, who spent his entire 14-year career (1966-79) with the Bears. Also being honored are Steelers 1988 first-round draft choice **Aaron Jones**, current Broncos TE **Jacob Tamme**, and the late **Gil Mains**, who played for the Lions from 1953-61. Kentucky is proud to call itself the only state with its own pro football hall of fame, which includes both native Kentuckians and those such as **Johnny Unitas** and **George Blanda**, who played their college ball in the state.

Congratulations to all those NFL Legends who were inducted last month into the Black College Football Hall of Fame during ceremonies in Atlanta, presented by Falcons owner **Arthur Blank** and the team. Those honored on February 28 included **Donnie Shell**, **Ken Riley**, **Richard Dent**, and **Roger Brown** of Fearsome Foursome fame. **Ernie Ladd** and **L.C. Greenwood** were inducted posthumously. The Hall's Trustees include some pretty good names who have more than a few Super Bowl rings among them: **Mel Blount**, **Shack Harris**, **Willie Lanier**, **Art Shell** and **Doug Williams**.

Lions Legend DT **Doug English** (1975-85) was inducted last month into the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame. He may have been born in Texas, returned there after his playing days, but Doug evidently left his heart in the Motor City: "Detroit means so much to me. The people there are loyal, grounded and just keep fighting. What's not to admire about that?"... Pro Football Hall of Famer and Minnesota State Supreme Court Judge **Alan Page** received yet one more honor when the Minnesota Lawyers Association named him "Attorney of the Year" during a 'purple-tie' dinner on February 19. Congrats, Your Honor!!

Congratulations to ALL the above individuals!

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## EX-PACKER HOWARD SAMPSON: A 'LEGEND' IN HIS COMMUNITY!



Former Packers defensive back **Howard Sampson** starred at the University of Arkansas before signing as a free agent with Green Bay in 1978. He played two seasons as the team's fifth DB but was cut before the '80 season.

Fast forward to 2015 where Sampson now is an assistant general superintendent in public infrastructure in Harris County (TX). That's been his DAY job the last 18 years.

Sampson, who grew up in Baytown, Texas outside Houston, also currently is serving in his second term as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Goose Creek Consolidated Independent School District. It is the same district where he attended school and played high school ball.

"I felt like the time was right to give back so that's why I ran for the school board seat," Sampson says. "I have been working with kids one way or the other since I left the Packers. My parents always pushed me to get the formal education they didn't have and that is my message to everyone from high school students to younger colleagues on the job."

Sampson, who served as school board chairman in 2011-12, earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Arkansas in 1978 and a master's degree in city planning from Texas Southern 10 years later.

As we continue to discuss how we define an "NFL Legend", we probably can start by using Howard Sampson as a benchmark for the combination of his play on the field, his educational credentials, and his contributions to the community.

Howard is one of the thousands of players who are working hard in the real world after a brief NFL career. Below are 20 more examples of successful NFL alumni.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS IN NFL	CURRENT CAREER POSITION (LOCATION)
P Tommy Barnhardt	Saints, Bears, Redskins, Panthers, Buccaneers	1987-2000	President, Guiltless Pleasure Desserts, LLC (NC)
LB Troy Benson	Jets	1986-89	President, Southpaw Industries (PA)
G Doug Brzezinski	Eagles, Panthers	1999-2004	Medical Sales Rep, Stryker Orthopedics (MD)
LB Blake Costanzo	Bills, Browns, 49ers, Bears	2007-13	Head Coach, Paramus Catholic High School (NJ)
G Chris Hinton	Colts, Falcons, Vikings	1983-1995	Owner, Hinton's Wine Store (GA)
QB Doug Johnson	Falcons, Titans,	2000-06	Owner-Agent, Johns & Fletcher Insurance (FL)

	Bengals		
LB Cato June	Colts, Buccaneers, Bears	2003-09	Head Coach, C.H. Flowers High School (VA)
LB Isaiah Kacyvenski	Seahawks, Rams	2000-06	Chairman-Sports Advisory Board, MC10 (MA)
DT Mike Lodish	Bills, Broncos	1990-2000	CEO/Principal, Pat's Gourmet LLC (MI)
G Tom Mack	LA Rams	1966-1978	Principal, Ramco Group (NV)
S Brett Maxie	Saints, Falcons, Panthers, 49ers	1985-97	Assistant Coach, Vanderbilt University (TN)
CB Frank Minnifield	Browns	1984-1992	Owner, Minnifield Enterprize Inc. (KY)
WR Aaron Moorehead	Colts	2003-07	Assistant Coach, Texas A&M University (TX)
QB Doug Nussmeier	Saints	1996-97	Offensive Coordinator, University of Florida (FL)
DB Howard Sampson	Packers	1978-79	Assistant General Superintendent, Public Infrastructure, Harris County; Trustee, Goose Creek Independent School District (TX)
RB John Settle	Falcons	1987-1990	Assistant Coach, University of Wisconsin (WI)
LB Sanders Shiver	Ravens, Dolphins	1976-85	Program Manager, Judy Hoyer Family Learning Center (MD)
DT Terry Unrein	Chargers	1986-87	VP-Global Sales, SEKO Logistics (CO)
LB Matt Vanderbeek	Colts, Cowboys, Redskins	1990-96	Licensed Contractor/Broker, Pro Realty Group (CA)
S Rick Woods	Steelers, Buccaneers	1982-87	Founder/EVP, Security Compliance Associates (FL)

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## STAY CONNECTED

### NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY SOCIAL MEDIA



Stay connected through these private groups which are exclusive to Legends Community members and include updates and photos of recent activity. They are also a great way for you to stay connected with other Legends, learn about various events within your local area, and help you spread the awareness about your camps, initiatives and charities.

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