

OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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NORLYN L. (BUD) ALLISON Class of 1944



In 1943 Norlyn "Bud" Allison attained the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America. He entered the U.S. Army Air Corps shortly after graduating from OTHS in 1944, serving his country for three years, including service in Europe. Upon his return from military service he attended LPO Jr. College, and the University of Illinois, before completing his undergraduate degree in zoology with minors in botany and chemistry at Colorado A&M College. He later received a Masters of Education degree in Adult and Extension Education from Texas A&M University. After graduation from Colorado A&M, Bud Allison was accepted for and attended the National Boy Scouts of America Training Center for Professional Leaders, thereafter first entering the professional ranks of Scouting in Des Moines, Iowa as a Field Scout Executive in 1950. He moved through a variety of positions and promotions with B.S.A. in the United States before being transferred to Western Europe as the Deputy Scout Executive for the Transatlantic Council. Returning to the U.S. he developed a number of training programs, including among others, a Master's Degree Program in Adult Education through Texas A&M University. He retired from B.S.A. in 1987 as Director of Training and International Programs. He has served as World President of Scouting/Rotarians (IFSR). During his time with the B.S.A., Norlyn "Bud" Allison received the prestigious Silver Beaver Award as well as the Silver Antelope Award, among many other B.S.A. awards. Norlyn "Bud" Allison has been active in the international training and development field for over 50 years, has been a presenter at numerous conferences in the U.S., Europe, and Japan, has participated in several Congressional inquiries related to adult education, and is listed in the International Edition of the "Who's Who in International Training and Development."