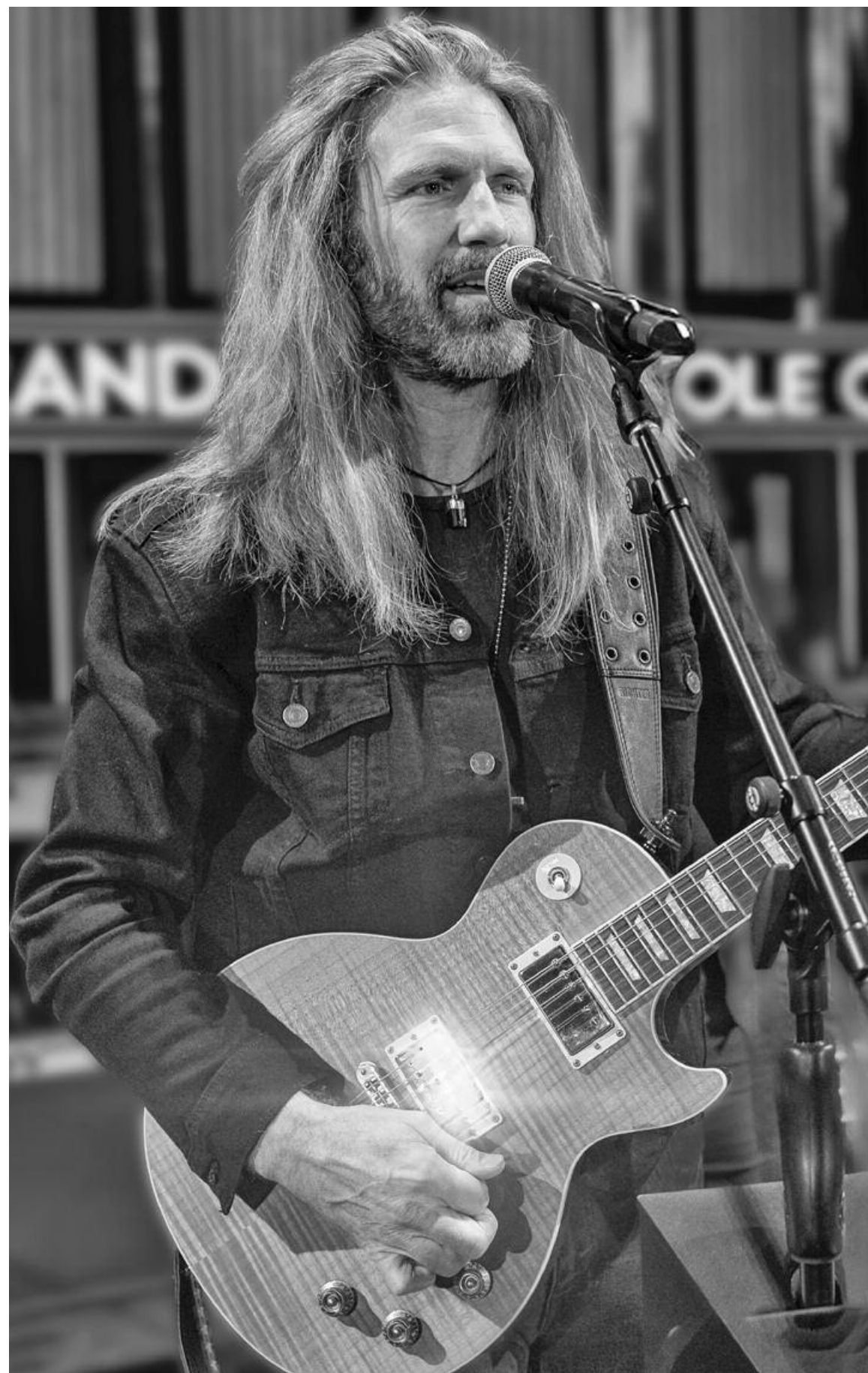




OTTAWA HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

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JEFF VEZAIN

Class of 1991

Jeff Vezain lettered all four years in basketball and track at OTHS, and was co-captain of the basketball team his senior year. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Northern Illinois University in 1996 where he also performed with the university chorus, vocal jazz group, jazz combo program, and university big band. He has performed professionally in a wide variety of artistic endeavors as a singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, actor, and dancer. Over the past 20 years he has performed with numerous bands from Chicago and Los Angeles. He has appeared in national television commercials, print ads, and has lent his voice to radio spots. A drummer as well as guitarist, Jeff was a finalist in his audition for the part of “Blue Man” in the hit theatrical show, “Blue Man Group.” Since 2005 he has been the lead vocalist of the Lt. Dan Band, one of the nation’s most recognized military-support performance groups. The band was originally formed by Kimo Williams and Gary Sinise, and was named after the character that Gary Sinise played in the award-winning film Forrest Gump. Jeff Vezain has performed in the band as lead singer in over 500 shows, in over a dozen countries, at over 150 military bases, the United States Capitol, and the Grand Ole Opry. The Lt. Dan Band was heavily involved in the 2014 building of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.