

# **NEWS**

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## **AROUND THE HORN**

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### CHAMPIONS TO BE HONORED

The 2022 World Series champions will be celebrated in Cooperstown in *Autumn Glory*, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's exhibit that chronicles the postseason...The 2022 edition of *Autumn Glory* will be unveiled in the coming weeks on the Museum's third floor and feature artifacts from the 2022 postseason...The exhibit will run through the 2023 Major League Baseball postseason...The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the entire history of World Series and postseason play, including Don Larsen's cap and Yogi Berra's mitt from Larsen's 1956 perfect game; Joe Carter's bat from his 1993 Series-ending blast; and World Series rings from the last century of Fall Classic competition.

ASTRO-NOMICAL: The Astros are making their fifth appearance in the World Series following their Fall Classic debut in 2005 when they played in the National League and their 2017, 2019 and 2021 appearances as a member of the American League...The Astros fell to the White Sox in the 2005 World Series, defeated the Dodgers in 2017, were defeated by the Nationals in 2019 and fell to the Braves in 2021...The Museum collections contain several artifacts from the 2005 Astros, including: A jersey worn by Jeff Bagwell in Game 4 of the World Series, the last game of Bagwell's Hall of Fame career; spikes worn by Hall of Famer Craig Biggio during the 2005 World Series; dirt from the home plate area of Minute Maid Park from the World Series, the first Fall Classic to be played in the state of Texas; and the jersey worn by Chris Burke in Game 5 of the 2005 NLDS when Burke's walk-off home run in the 18th inning gave Houston the series win...Artifacts in Cooperstown from the 2017 Astros world title include a glove used by Alex Bregman throughout the World Series; the jersey worn by Justin Verlander in Game 6; and the cap worn by Game 7 winning pitcher Charlie Morton...Artifacts from Houston's 2019 World Series appearance in Cooperstown include a glove worn by Michael Brantley during the 2019 regular season and Postseason and a batting helmet worn by ALCS MVP Jose Altuve during the 2019 Postseason...Artifacts from the 2021 Astros include a cap worn by manager Dusty Baker during the season and a batting helmet worn by ALCS MVP Yordan Álvarez during the Postseason.

PHILLED WITH JOY: The Phillies are making their eighth appearance in the World Series... The Phillies fell to the Red Sox in 1915, were defeated by the Yankees in 1950, won their first championship against the Royals in 1980, fell to the Orioles in 1983, lost to the Blue Jays in 1993, defeated the Rays in 2008 and lost to the Yankees in 2009... The Museum preserves several artifacts from Phillies World Series appearances, including: 1950: A jersey worn by Hall of Famer Richie Ashburn during the World Series; 2008: The jersey worn by World Series MVP Cole Hamels in Game 5 of that year's Fall Classic, along with a bat used by Ryan Howard in Game 4, spikes worn by Jayson Werth throughout the World Series, a cap worn by Eric Bruntlett during home games throughout the Series, a helmet worn by Carlos Ruiz and a bat used by pitcher Joe Blanton to hit his Game 4 home run; 2009: A cap worn by Cliff Lee throughout the postseason and a bat used by Phillies second baseman Chase Utley during the World Series, when he tied a record with five World Series home runs.

<u>MEMBERS OF TEAMS WITH ARTIFACTS AT MUSEUM</u>: Several members of the 2022 Phillies and Astros are represented in the Museum's collection beyond those listed above, including:

- Jose Altuve, with a bat used on Sept. 28, 2014, when he recorded his 224<sup>th</sup> and 225<sup>th</sup> hits of the season
- Dusty Baker, with a jersey he wore as a player with the Dodgers from 1980-82
- Justin Verlander, with a cap worn when he recorded his 3,000<sup>th</sup> career strikeout
- Christian Vázquez, with a jersey worn during the 2019 London Series
- Kyle Schwarber, with a bat used in the 2015 Futures Game
- Aaron Nola, with a jersey worn during the 2018 season and a cap worn on June 25, 2021, when he tied a record by striking out 10 straight Mets batters
- Bryce Harper, with a jersey from the 2018 season

### THE FALL CLASSIC

21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY FALL CLASSIC GEMS IN COOPERSTOWN: The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the history of World Series and postseason play...Among the most recent: From 2021, the pearl necklace that the Braves' Joc Pederson wore throughout the Postseason; From 2020, a bat used by NLCS and World Series MVP Corey Seager of the Dodgers during Game 6 of the World Series; From 2019, a jersey worn by World Series MVP Stephen Strasburg of the Nationals during his Game 6 victory; From 2018, the bat used by World Series MVP Steve Pearce in Game 4 and the jersey worn by the Red Sox's David Price in Game 5; From 2017, the glove used by the Astros' Alex Bregman throughout the Series and the cap worn by Charlie Morton when he notched the win in Game 7 for the Astros; From 2016, a base from the 10<sup>th</sup> inning of Game 7, when the Cubs scored the go-ahead runs that eventually brought them their first World Series championship since 1908; From 2015, the catcher's mitt used by World Series MVP Salvador Perez and the jersey worn by the Royals' Eric Hosmer during his daring dash for home plate in Game 5; From 2014, the cap worn by World Series MVP Madison Bumgarner and the spikes worn by the Giants' Game 7 winner Jeremy Affeldt; From 2013, the spikes worn by Boston's Koji Uehara throughout the World Series; From 2012, the bat used by the Giants' Pablo Sandoval to hit the first two of his three home runs in Game 1; From 2011, the game-worn Game 6 jersey from World Series MVP David Freese along with the bat the Cardinals' third baseman used to hit his game-winning home run in Game 6, and the spikes worn by St. Louis' Albert Pujols when he hit three home runs in Game 3; And from 2010, the road jersey from the Giants' Tim Lincecum from Game 5, and the bat used by World Series MVP Edgar Renteria to hit his game-winning home run in Game 5.

20<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY FALL CLASSIC ARTIFACTS HERE TOO: The Museum collections contain many artifacts documenting the entire history of World Series and postseason play...The first and last pitched baseballs from the original modern day World Series in 1903...The gloves worn by Al Gionfriddo (1947), Willie Mays (1954) and Brooks Robinson (1970)...Babe Ruth's bat from one of his two 3-HR games (1928) and the radio given to the 1940 Reds as the World Series share for winning...The Temple Cup, presented to the top two NL teams from 1894-97, is in Cooperstown, as is the Hall Championship Cup, presented to the 1888 World Champion New York Baseball Club.

ERNIE BANKS IS NOT ALONE: Of the 55 Hall of Fame AL/NL players who did not appear in a World Series, 23 played prior to the first Fall Classic in 1903...The other 32 played at least five years after 1902...The unlucky 32 by position: C: Rick Ferrell...1B: Jake Beckley, George Sisler, Frank Thomas...2B: Rod Carew, Nap Lajoie, Ryne Sandberg...SS: Luke Appling, Ernie Banks, Bobby Wallace...3B: George Kell, Ron Santo...LF: Joe Kelley, Ralph Kiner, Minnie Miñoso, Billy Williams...CF: Ken Griffey Jr....RF: Andre Dawson, Elmer Flick, Harry Heilmann, Willie Keeler...DH: Edgar Martinez...Pitchers: Jim Bunning, Jack Chesbro, Roy Halladay, Ferguson Jenkins, Addie Joss, Ted Lyons, Phil Niekro, Gaylord Perry, Lee Smith and Rube Waddell.

**LEADERS OF THE PACK**: Among the 132 Hall of Fame position players with World Series experience, seven are the career leaders in key batting and service categories: **Yogi Berra**: years (14), games (75), at-bats (259), hits (71), singles (49) and doubles (10, tied with **Frankie Frisch**); **Joe DiMaggio**: most Series playing in all games (10); **Mickey Mantle**: HR (18), RBI (40), extra base hits (26), walks (43), total bases (123) and runs (42); **Tris Speaker:** triples (4 – tied); **Lou Brock**: steals (14, tied with **Eddie Collins**).

<u>FORD TOUGH</u>: Among the 58 Hall of Famers to pitch in the World Series, "The Chairman of the Board," Whitey Ford, leads in virtually every career category including innings (146), wins (10), strikeouts (94), years (11) and consecutive scoreless innings (33)...2019 inductee Mariano Rivera leads in career games (24) and saves (11), while Christy Mathewson leads in CG (10), SHO (4) and consecutive scoreless innings in one series (27.0).

<u>DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>: Did you know that the all-time leader in World Series games played at four of the eight fielding positions are Hall of Fame members?...**Yogi Berra** (C); **Frankie Frisch** (2B); **Phil Rizzuto** (SS) and **Mickey Mantle** (OF).

# FRICK AND BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALISTS IN SPOTLIGHT

**2023 FRICK AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED DEC. 7**: The 2023 Ford C. Frick Award winner will be announced on Wednesday, Dec. 7...Following the Frick Award voting restructuring announced by the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Board of Directors in April, a new election cycle has been established, with a composite ballot featuring local and national voices whose careers began after, or extended into, the Wild Card Era in four consecutive years, followed by a fifth year featuring a ballot of candidates whose broadcasting careers concluded prior to the advent of the Wild Card Era in 1994...The new cycle will begin with the 2023 Frick Award, with composite ballots of local and national voices continuing with the Awards in 2024, 2025 and 2026 before the pre-Wild Card Era ballot is considered for the 2027 Award...The cycle then repeats every five years...The finalists for the 2023 Frick Award are: Dave Campbell, Joe Castiglione, Gary Cohen, Jacques Doucet, Tom Hamilton, Jerry Howarth, Pat Hughes, Ernie Johnson Sr., Duane Kuiper and Steve Stone...The 2023 Frick Award winner will be honored at the *Awards Presentation* on July 22, 2023, in Cooperstown as part of Hall of Fame Weekend.

FRICK AWARD HISTORY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum's Ford C. Frick Award has been presented annually since 1978 by the Museum for excellence in baseball broadcasting...Annual winners are announced as part of baseball's Winter Meetings each year, while awardees are presented with their honor the following summer during Hall of Fame Weekend in Cooperstown, New York...Jack Graney became the 46<sup>th</sup> winner of the Frick Award in 2022.

**2023 BBWAA CAREER EXCELLENCE AWARD FINALISTS**: The Baseball Writers' Association of America has announced its three finalists for the 2023 BBWAA Career Excellence Award...The finalists are: The late Gerry Fraley, who spent three decades covering baseball and the Texas Rangers for the *Dallas Morning News*; Bruce Jenkins, writer and columnist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*; and longtime *Detroit Free Press* beat writer John Lowe...The winner of the 2023 BBWAA Career Excellence Award for writers will be announced Dec. 6.

**SCRIBES AND MIKEMEN:** Winners of the Frick and BBWAA Career Excellence Awards are featured in the Museum's *Scribes and Mikemen* exhibit, located on the first floor as part of the Library and Education Center of the Hall of Fame...Text of the award given to the current year's award winner and photos of past award winners are featured in the exhibit, which outlines the media's contributions to the game's history.

# CONTEMPORARY BASEBALL PLAYER ERA COMMITTEE VOTE ON DECK

The Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee will consider Hall of Fame candidates this fall, with eligible candidates among those players whose most indelible contribution to the game came from 1980 to the present day...The Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee meets for the first time this fall following restructuring of the Era Committee process that took place in April of 2022...The Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee ballot will be announced on Nov. 7.

Highlighting the changes is a consolidation of eras into two timeframes – the *Contemporary Baseball Era*, consisting of the period from 1980 to present day, and the *Classic Baseball Era*, consisting of the period prior to 1980 and including Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues stars...The *Contemporary Baseball Era* will split into two separate ballots – one ballot to consider only players who made their greatest impact on the game since 1980, and another composite ballot consisting of managers, executives and umpires whose greatest contributions to the game have come since 1980...Each of these three Era Committees – the Contemporary Baseball Era player ballot, the Contemporary Baseball Era non-player ballot, and the Classic Baseball Era composite ballot – will rotate on an annual basis, and each ballot will consist of eight candidates...Candidates exhausting their BBWAA ballot eligibility in 2022 will be immediately eligible for this fall's Contemporary Baseball Player Era ballot...Effective beginning in January 2023, eligible players must have been retired for 16 or more seasons, equal to a one-year waiting period following their final potential year of eligibility on the BBWAA ballot...Eras considered for yearly election are as follows: December 2022 (for Class of 2023) – *Contemporary Baseball/Players*; December 2023 (for Class of 2024) – *Contemporary Baseball/Managers-Umpires-Executives*; December 2024 (for Class of 2025) – *Classic Baseball*...This cycle will repeat every three years, with Contemporary Baseball/Players eligible for consideration again in December 2025 for the Class of 2026.

Eligible candidates include: Players who played in at least 10 major league seasons, who are not on Major League Baseball's ineligible list; Managers and Umpires with 10 or more years in baseball and retired for at least five years; and Executives who have been retired for at least five years, with any active executives 70 or older eligible for consideration...Results of the Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee vote will be announced live on MLB Network's "MLB Tonight" at 8 p.m. ET on Sunday, Dec. 4...Any candidate to receive votes on 75 percent of the ballots cast by the 16-member Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee will earn election to the National Baseball Hall of Fame and will be inducted in Cooperstown on July 23, 2022, along with any electees who emerge from the 2023 Baseball Writers' Association of America election, to be announced on Jan. 24, 2023...Members of the Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee will be announced later this fall...Each era committee voting body will consist of 16 members, reconstituted for each election...The ballots will be constructed by the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Historical Overview Committee.

BALLOT CONSTRUCTION: The Contemporary Baseball Player Era Committee ballot will be determined this fall by the Historical Overview Committee, comprised of 11 veteran historians: Bob Elliott (Canadian Baseball Network); Jim Henneman (formerly Baltimore Sun); Rick Hummel (St. Louis Post-Dispatch); Steve Hirdt (Stats Perform); David O'Brien (The Athletic); Jack O'Connell (BBWAA); Jim Reeves (formerly Fort Worth Star-Telegram); Tracy Ringolsby (InsidetheSeams.com); Glenn Schwarz (formerly San Francisco Chronicle); Susan Slusser (San Francisco Chronicle); and Mark Whicker (Los Angeles News Group).

<u>VETERANS VOTING HISTORY</u>: The Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has been a part of the Hall of Fame voting process since the first class of electees in 1936, with the first Veterans Committee electees coming in 1937...In all its forms, the Veterans Committee/Eras Committee has elected 179 individuals (105 major leaguers, 33 executives, 22 managers, nine Negro Leaguers and 10 umpires) to the Hall of Fame.

THE COMMITTEE ON BASEBALL VETERANS: In 1953, the Baseball Hall of Fame Committee on Baseball Veterans was formed, outlining parameters that were similar through 2001, though with some variance throughout its time... Voting was conducted every other year from 1953-1959, with annual votes from 1961 until 2001...From 1961 through 2001, the Committee elected 101 members in 41 meetings, electing a candidate on all but three occasions: 1988, 1990 and 1993.

TURN OF THE CENTURY CHANGES: From 2001 through 2007, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans considered long-retired players, managers, umpires and executives on a bi-annual cycle featuring one ballot for players and another for managers, umpires and executives...The electorate was comprised of the living members of the Hall of Fame, the living recipients of the BBWAA Career Excellence Award, the living recipients of the Ford C. Frick Award and Veterans Committee members whose terms had not yet expired...Beginning in 2003, the Committee held its election of players every other year...Also beginning in 2003, the election of managers, umpires and executives was held every four years...The three players elections (2003, 2005 and 2007) and the two composite-ballot elections (2003 and 2007) produced no candidates who received the 75 percent of the vote necessary for election.

REVAMPING THE PROCESS: From 2007 to 2010, the Hall of Fame's Committee on Baseball Veterans was revamped to consider managers and umpires on one ballot, executives and pioneers on one ballot, players who began their big league careers prior to 1943 on one ballot and players who were retired for at least 21 seasons and whose careers began after 1942 on a fourth ballot...The electorates consisted of panels of Hall of Famers, executives and media members...Players whose big league careers began after 1942 were considered every other year, with the managers/umpires and executive pioneers ballots considered in the opposite years from the players...Players whose big league careers began prior to 1943 were considered every five years starting in the fall of 2008...In the fall of 2007, the Committee considered the managers/umpires ballot and the executives/pioneers ballot...Managers Billy Southworth and Dick Williams each received 13 of a possible 16 votes (81.3%) to earn election from the managers/umpires ballot, while Barney Dreyfuss (10 of 12 votes, 83%), Bowie Kuhn (10 of 12 votes, 83%) and Walter O'Malley (9 of 12 votes, 75%) were elected from the executives/pioneers ballot...In the fall of 2008, Joe Gordon received 10 of 12 votes (83%) to earn election from the pre-1943 players ballot...No player reached the 75 percent threshold needed for election on the post-1942 players ballot...In the fall of 2009, the managers/umpires and the executives/pioneers ballots were again considered...Umpire Doug Harvey (15 of 16 votes, 93.8%) and manager Whitey Herzog (14 of 16 votes, 87.5%) were elected from the managers/umpires ballot...No candidate received the necessary 75 percent of the vote to earn election from the executives/pioneers ballot.

A NEW ERA: From 2011-15, the Veterans Committee transitioned to the Eras Committee, which featured three candidate categories based on the era in which the candidate left his or her most indelible mark...The Expansion Era Committee, the Golden Era Committee and the Pre-Integration Era Committee met on a three-year rotating basis, with two complete cycles of the committee votes held from 2011-15...The Expansion Era Committee elected executive Pat Gillick to the Hall of Fame as part of the Class of 2011 in its first session, then elected managers Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa and Joe Torre to the Class of 2014...The Golden Era Committee elected Ron Santo as part of the Class of 2012, with no Golden Era candidates receiving the necessary 75 percent of the vote to be elected with the Class of 2015...The Pre-Integration Era Committee elected umpire Hank O'Day, executive Jacob Ruppert and third baseman Deacon White to the Class of 2013, with no Pre-Integration Era candidates reaching the 75-percent mark needed to be included with the Class of 2016.

FOUR FOR ALL: In 2016, the Hall of Fame Board of Directors revamped the eras committees, placing a much greater emphasis on modern eras...Additionally, those major league players, managers, umpires and executives who excelled before 1950, as well as Negro Leagues stars, will still have an opportunity to have their careers reviewed, but with less frequency...Four eras for committee consideration were identified: Today's Game (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1988 to the present); Modern Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1970 to 1987); Golden Days (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball from 1950 to 1969); and Early Baseball (for candidates who made their most indelible contribution to baseball prior to 1950).

<u>VETERAN INFLUENCE</u>: The Veterans Committee, in all its forms, has been electing players to the Hall of Fame since 1937, when **Morgan Bulkeley, Ban Johnson, Connie Mack, John McGraw** and **George Wright** comprised the first Veterans Committee class...The largest class came in 1946 when 11 men were elected to the Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee...The 11 electees in 1946 were: **Jesse Burkett, Frank Chance, Jack Chesbro, Johnny Evers, Clark Griffith, Tommy McCarthy, Joe McGinnity, Eddie Plank, Joe Tinker, Rube Waddell** and Ed Walsh...The 17 former Negro league players and executives chosen for enshrinement in 2006 were elected through a special committee on Negro Leagues and pre-Negro Leagues candidates.

## 2023 BBWAA ELECTION

2023 BALLOT ANNOUNCED NOV. 21: The BBWAA will announce the candidates for 2023 Hall of Fame election Nov. 21...Any candidate who received votes on 5% or more of ballots cast in 2022 – and was not elected nor exhausted his eligibility – will return...First-year eligible candidates must have last appeared in a major league game in the 2017 season and have received support through the BBWAA's Screening Committee in order to appear on the ballot...Any candidates who receive 75 percent or more of votes on ballots cast will earn election to Cooperstown.

**2023 RESULTS ANNOUNCED JAN. 24:** The Hall of Fame and BBWAA will announce the results of the 2023 election live from Cooperstown on Tuesday, Jan. 24...The results will be delivered live on MLB Network by Hall of Fame President Josh Rawitch and will also be released on the respective websites of the two organizations, <u>baseballhall.org</u> and <u>bbwaa.com</u>...A press event featuring any electees is scheduled to be held the following day.

### BBWAA BALLOTING RECAP

THE 2022 BALLOT: The BBWAA ballot featured 30 players, including 13 new candidates and 17 returnees...Candidates appearing on the necessary 75 percent of all ballots cast to earn election appear in bold below...Candidates receiving less than five percent of the vote are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Curt Schilling and Sammy Sosa each appeared on the ballot for the 10<sup>th</sup>-and-final time and are no longer eligible for BBWAA consideration and appear in italics below...Bonds, Clemens, Schilling and Sosa will each be eligible for the Contemporary Player Era Committee ballot, which will be announced Nov. 7 and voted on in December...Two first-year candidates received the five percent of the vote necessary to remain on the ballot: Álex Rodríguez (34.3%) and Jimmy Rollins (9.4%)...Fourteen players will return for consideration in 2023...A total of 394 votes were cast, with 296 votes necessary for election and 20 votes necessary to remain on the ballot...Six blank ballots were cast...The final results, in order of percentage received with number of years on the ballot:

NAME	YR	2022	NAME	YR	2022	NAME	YR	2022
David Ortiz	1	77.9%	Jeff Kent	9	32.7%	Tim Hudson	2	3.0%
Barry Bonds	10	66.0%	Manny Ramírez	6	28.9%	Tim Lincecum	1	2.3%
Roger Clemens	10	65.2%	Omar Vizquel	5	23.9%	Ryan Howard	1	2.0%
Scott Rolen	5	63.2%	Sammy Sosa	10	18.5%	Mark Teixeira	1	1.5%
Curt Schilling	10	58.6%	Andy Pettitte	4	10.7%	Justin Morneau	1	1.3%
Todd Helton	4	52.0%	Jimmy Rollins	1	9.4%	Jonathan Papelbon	1	1.3%
Billy Wagner	7	51.0%	Bobby Abreu	3	8.6%	Prince Fielder	1	0.5%
Andruw Jones	5	41.4%	Mark Buehrle	2	5.8%	A.J. Pierzynski	1	0.5%
Gary Sheffield	8	40.6%	Torii Hunter	2	5.3%	Carl Crawford	1	0.0%
Álex Rodríguez	1	34.3%	Joe Nathan	1	4.3%	Jake Peavy	1	0.0%

THE VOTING ELECTORATE: Of the 405 Hall of Fame ballots distributed to BBWAA voters for the 2022 election, 394 were returned, a return rate of 97.2 percent...The most ballots ever cast in one BBWAA Hall of Fame election came in 2011 with 581...Voting privileges are extended to those BBWAA members meeting their organization's Hall of Fame voting qualifications and in good standing with the BBWAA...Voters can select from zero to 10 names on their Hall of Fame ballot...Votes on 75 percent of all ballots cast are necessary for election.

CAREFUL SELECTION: 2022 marked the 78<sup>th</sup> Hall of Fame election held by the BBWAA...Starting in 1936, the BBWAA has elected someone 69 times and on nine occasions it did not elect anyone (1945, 1946, 1950, 1958, 1960, 1971, 1996, 2013, 2021)...On nine occasions, no election was held (1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1965)....The BBWAA membership has elected from zero to five candidates in each of its 78 elections...As quantified in the chart below, the BBWAA has voted in two players or one player more than any other quantity (27 times each).

ELECTED	TIMES	LAST	CLASS
5	1	1936	Cobb, Johnson, Mathewson, Ruth, Wagner
4	5	2019	Halladay, Martinez, Mussina, Rivera
3	9	2017	Bagwell, Raines, Rodríguez
2	27	2020	Jeter, Walker
1	27	2022	Ortiz
0	9	2021	

<u>LUCKY SEVEN</u>: The seven-member Class of 2022 marks just the third time in the last 50 years – and just the 11<sup>th</sup> time in Hall of Fame history – that a class of seven-or-more electees has been named...In 2006, a record 18 candidates were elected by the BBWAA and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues...In 1999, three candidates were elected by the BBWAA and four were named by the Veterans Committee...Other classes that included seven or more members are: 1972 (8), 1971 (8), 1964 (7), 1953 (8), 1946 (11), 1945 (10), 1939 (10) and 1937 (8).

58 AT FIRST: The election of David Ortiz brings the total of first-year BBWAA inductees to 58 and marks the eighth class in nine years with at least one first-ballot inductee...The last stretch of at least eight first ballot electees in nine years was 1986-95 when – in that 10-year period – only the 1987 election did not feature a first-ballot electee.

RED SOX IN COOPERSTOWN: Including players, managers and executives, the Red Sox now have 11 Hall of Famers represented as their primary team in Cooperstown, with David Ortiz the most recent addition to the list...The Red Sox are tied for ninth among all teams on that list with the Brooklyn Dodgers, Cincinnati Reds and Philadelphia Phillies with 11 Hall of Famers...The Yankees sit atop that list with 30 Hall of Famers.

<u>FOUR DOMINICAN LEGENDS</u>: David Ortiz is the fourth native of the Dominican Republic to earn election to the Hall of Fame, following Juan Marichal (1983), Pedro Martínez (2015) and Vladimir Guerrero (2018)...Overall, Ortiz is the 16<sup>th</sup> Latino to earn election.

**DESIGNATED THIRD**: David Ortiz becomes the third player elected to the Hall of Fame who appeared in at least 60 percent of his games at designated hitter – and the first one to earn election on his first time on the BBWAA ballot...Edgar Martinez, elected on his 10<sup>th</sup> time on the BBWAA ballot, and Harold Baines, elected by the Today's Game Era Committee, became the first two DHs inducted in 2019.

**POWER OF 10**: David Ortiz is the 340<sup>th</sup> candidate elected to the Hall of Fame, following a career where he wore No. 34 for 14 seasons with the Boston Red Sox.

**ROLEN ALONG**: Scott Rolen reached the 60-percent mark in the BBWAA voting for the first time this year after being named on 63.2 percent of all ballots cast...Barry Bonds (66.0 percent) and Roger Clemens (65.2 percent) also hit the 60-percent mark this year after having first reached the mark in 2020...All other candidates who have ever reached the 60-percent mark in any BBWAA election have subsequently been elected to the Hall of Fame by either the BBWAA or a Hall of Fame veterans committee.

10 CHANCES: Four candidates – Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Curt Schilling and Sammy Sosa – fall off the BBWAA ballot starting in 2023 because they have reached the 10-year maximum time allowed by rule on the ballot...This marks the most players to age out of the BBWAA ballot since the 10-year maximum rule was put into place in 2014....The last time as many as three players aged off the ballot in one season was in 1996 when Curt Flood, Tony Oliva and Vada Pinson were dropped following their 15th year (then the maximum allowed) on the ballot.

**FIRST IS ENOUGH**: By appearing on 77.9 percent of all ballots cast, David Ortiz becomes the fifth candidate in history to earn election in his first year on the BBWAA ballot while receiving less than 80 percent of the vote...Jackie Robinson (77.5% in 1962), Lou Brock (79.7%), Robin Yount (77.5% in 1999) and Iván Rodríguez (76.0% in 2017) each earned election in their first year eligible.

**RULES FOR ELECTION:** Voting criteria for BBWAA electors can be found at <a href="http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa">http://baseballhall.org/hall-famers/rules-election/bbwaa</a>...Voting rules state that: "Voting shall be based upon the player's record, playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to the team(s) on which the player played."

BOOK NOW FOR FUTURE WEEKENDS: Hall of Fame Weekend is typically scheduled for the last weekend in July, though there are exceptions...The 2023 Induction Weekend is scheduled for July 21-24, with the Induction on July 23...Future Induction Ceremony dates include July 21, 2024; July 27, 2025; and July 26, 2026...A partial list of eligible first-time players for upcoming Hall of Fame elections includes: 2023: Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey, Francisco Rodríguez, Jayson Werth; 2024: Adrían Beltré, Joe Mauer, Chase Utley, David Wright; 2025: Brian McCann, CC Sabathia, Ichiro Suzuki, Troy Tulowitzki; 2026: Ryan Braun, Edwin Encarnación, Matt Kemp, Nick Markakis; 2027: Jay Bruce, Jon Lester, Buster Posey, Kyle Seager.

THE GAME'S ELITE: The Hall of Fame is comprised of 340 elected members...Included are 268 former major league players, as well as 40 executives/pioneers, 22 managers and 10 umpires....The BBWAA has elected 135 candidates to the Hall while the veterans committees (in all forms) have chosen 179 deserving candidates ...The defunct "Committee on Negro Baseball Leagues" selected nine men between 1971-77 and the Special Committee on Negro Leagues in 2006 elected 17 Negro Leaguers...There are currently 74 living members.

74 AMBASSADORS: The 74 living members of the Hall of Fame are: Roberto Alomar, Luis Aparicio, Jeff Bagwell, Harold Baines, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, Bert Blyleven, Wade Boggs, George Brett, Rod Carew, Steve Carlton, Orlando Cepeda, Bobby Cox, Andre Dawson, Dennis Eckersley, Rollie Fingers, Carlton Fisk, Pat Gillick, Tom Glavine, Goose Gossage, Ken Griffey Jr., Vladimir Guerrero, Rickey Henderson, Whitey Herzog, Trevor Hoffman, Reggie Jackson, Ferguson Jenkins, Derek Jeter, Randy Johnson, Chipper Jones, Jim Kaat, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Tony La Russa, Greg Maddux, Juan Marichal, Edgar Martinez, Pedro Martínez, Willie Mays, Bill Mazeroski, Paul Molitor, Jack Morris, Eddie Murray, Mike Mussina, Tony Oliva, David Ortiz, Jim Palmer, Tony Pérez, Gaylord Perry, Mike Piazza, Tim Raines, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Brooks Robinson, Iván Rodríguez, Nolan Ryan, Ryne Sandberg, Mike Schmidt, John Schuerholz, Bud Selig, Ted Simmons, Lee Smith, Ozzie Smith, John Smoltz, Frank Thomas, Jim Thome, Joe Torre, Alan Trammell, Larry Walker, Billy Williams, Dave Winfield, Carl Yastrzemski and Robin Yount.

CONNECTING GENERATIONS: Willie Mays, born May 6, 1931, is currently the oldest living Hall of Famer at 91...The Hall of Famer to reach the highest age was **Bobby Doerr**, who was 99 years, 220 days old when he passed away in 2017...**David Ortiz**, who was born on Nov. 18, 1975, is the youngest living Hall of Famer at 46 years of age...The youngest elected Hall of Famer was **Sandy Koufax**, who was 36 when he was elected in 1972.

**<u>BETWEEN THE LINES</u>**: Including Negro League players, the following is a breakdown by position of the 268 Hall of Famers who earned their election on the playing field...Also included is the last major leaguer to be elected at each position...Numbers in parentheses indicate Hall of Famers elected by the BBWAA at each position.

<b>Pitchers</b> 84 (45)	Second Basemen21 (11)	<b>Left Fielders</b> 23 (12)
Catchers 19 (10)	<b>Third Basemen</b> 17 (8)	Center Fielders24 (8)
<b>First Basemen</b> 25 (12)	<b>Shortstops</b> 26 (12)	Right Fielders27 (15)

**Designated Hitter....** 3 (2)

DH: Ortiz (2022)

 P: Kaat (2022)
 2B: Biggio (2015)
 LF: Miñoso (2022)

 C: Simmons (2020)
 3B: Jones (2018)
 CF: Griffey Jr. (2016)

 1B: Hodges (2022)
 SS: Jeter (2020)
 RF: Oliva (2022)

FIRST THINGS FIRST: With the election of David Ortiz, 58 players have been elected in their first year of eligibility (18 pitchers, seven RF, six 3B, six LF, six SS, five CF, four 1B, three 2B, two catchers and one DH; position based on where electee played the majority of his big league games)...In 15 of the last 21 elections, at least one player has been elected in his first year of eligibility...Other than the inaugural Hall of Fame election, 1999, 2014 and 2015 are the only three years where as many as three first-year candidates were elected at once...NOTE: Lou Gehrig (who received votes in 1936 while active and then was elected by acclamation in 1939) and Roberto Clemente (by special election in 1973) were each elected through a non-traditional process and are not counted in the 58.

YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME	YEAR	NAME
1936	Ty Cobb	1981	Bob Gibson	1995	Mike Schmidt	2014	Tom Glavine
1936	Honus Wagner	1982	Hank Aaron	1999	Nolan Ryan	2014	Frank Thomas
1936	Babe Ruth	1982	Frank Robinson	1999	George Brett	2015	Randy Johnson
1936	Christy Mathewson	1983	Brooks Robinson	1999	Robin Yount	2015	Pedro Martínez
1936	Walter Johnson	1985	Lou Brock	2001	Kirby Puckett	2015	John Smoltz
1962	Jackie Robinson	1986	Willie McCovey	2001	Dave Winfield	2016	Ken Griffey Jr.
1962	Bob Feller	1988	Willie Stargell	2002	Ozzie Smith	2017	Iván Rodríguez
1966	Ted Williams	1989	Johnny Bench	2003	Eddie Murray	2018	Chipper Jones
1969	Stan Musial	1989	Carl Yastrzemski	2004	Dennis Eckersley	2018	Jim Thome
1972	Sandy Koufax	1990	Joe Morgan	2004	Paul Molitor	2019	Roy Halladay
1973	Warren Spahn	1990	Jim Palmer	2005	Wade Boggs	2019	Mariano Rivera
1974	Mickey Mantle	1991	Rod Carew	2007	Cal Ripken Jr.	2020	Derek Jeter
1977	Ernie Banks	1992	Tom Seaver	2007	Tony Gwynn	2022	David Ortiz
1979	Willie Mays	1993	Reggie Jackson	2009	Rickey Henderson		
1980	Al Kaline	1994	Steve Carlton	2014	Greg Maddux		

TRY AND TRY AGAIN: The 75 players not elected by the BBWAA in their first year eligible were done so on a later ballot, taking from two to 16 elections... The length of time a player could stay on the BBWAA ballot has varied throughout history... From 1946-56, the rule was that a player must have been active at some point in the 25 years prior to the election – it was increased to 30 years from 1956-62, was 20 years from 1963-2014 and is now 15 years... When one walks through the Hall of Fame Gallery, though, the year or method by which players were elected are not noted... The 75 non-first year BBWAA electees: 2nd election (Alomar, Berra, Fingers, Fisk, Ford, Guerrero, Lajoie, Speaker, Young); 3rd election (Alexander, Biggio, Grove, Hoffman, Hubbell, Hunter, Jenkins, Larkin, Marichal, Ott, Perry, Sandberg); 4th election (E.Collins, DiMaggio, Keeler, Killebrew, Piazza, Roberts, Sisler, Wynn); 5th election (Campanella, Hornsby, Mathews, Niekro, Sutton); 6th election (Aparicio, Carter, Cochrane, Frisch, Gehringer, Mussina, P.Waner, B.Williams); 7th election (Appling, Bagwell, Foxx); 8th election (Pennock, Traynor, Wilhelm); 9th election (Dawson, Gossage, Greenberg, Medwick, Pérez); 10th election (Boudreau, Cronin, Dickey, Drysdale, Lyons, E Martinez, Raines, Simmons, Walker); 11th election (Snider); 12th election (Dean, Hartnett, Heilmann, Lemon); 13th election (Kiner, Sutter); 14th election (Blyleven, Maranville, Terry); 15th election (Rice, Ruffing); 16<sup>th</sup> election (Vance).

ONE-TEAM WONDERS: There are 56 Hall of Famers who spent their entire career with one team, with 2022 electee Tony Oliva the most recent addition to this list...The list includes: Luke Appling, Jeff Bagwell, Ernie Banks, Johnny Bench, Craig Biggio, George Brett, Roy Campanella, Roberto Clemente, Earle Combs, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Bobby Doerr, Don Drysdale, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Whitey Ford, Lou Gehrig, Charlie Gehringer, Bob Gibson, Tony Gwynn, Carl Hubbell, Travis Jackson, Derek Jeter, Walter Johnson, Chipper Jones, Addie Joss, Al Kaline, Sandy Koufax, Barry Larkin, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Mickey Mantle, Edgar Martinez, Bill Mazeroski, Bid McPhee, Stan Musial, Tony Oliva, Mel Ott, Jim Palmer, Kirby Puckett, Pee Wee Reese, Jim Rice, Cal Ripken, Mariano Rivera, Phil Rizzuto, Brooks Robinson, Jackie Robinson, Mike Schmidt, Willie Stargell, Alan Trammell, Pie Traynor, Bill Terry, Ted Williams, Carl Yastrzemski, Ross Youngs and Robin Yount.

<u>NINE TENTHS OF THE LAW</u>: In 2020, Derek Jeter became the 35<sup>th</sup> player to earn at least 90 percent in any one BBWAA election...The 35 players with at least 90 percent of votes cast in their favor:

YEAR	PLAYER	BALLOTS CAST	VOTES RECEIVED		OMITTED BALLOTS
			425		
			396		
2016	Ken Griffey Jr	440	437	99.32%	3
1992	Tom Seaver	430	425	98.84%	5
1999	Nolan Ryan	497	491	98.79%	6
2007	Cal Ripken	545	537	98.53%	8
1936	Ty Cobb	226	222	98.23%	4
1999	George Brett	497	488	98.19%	9
			406		
2007	Tony Gwynn	545	532	97.60%	13
2015	Randy Johnson	549	534	97.27%	15
2014	Greg Maddux	571	555	97.20%	16
2018	Chipper Jones	422	410	97.16%	12
1995	Mike Schmidt	460	444	96.52%	16
1989	Johnny Bench	447	431	96.42%	16
			436		
1936	Honus Wagner.	226	215	95.13%	11
			215		
2009	Rickey Henders	on539	511	94.81%	28
			409		
			423		
1962	Bob Feller	160	150	93.75%	10
1993	Reggie Jackson	423	396	93.62%	27
1966	Ted Williams	302	282	93.37%	20
1969	Stan Musial	340	317	93.23%	23
2018	Vladimir Guerre	ero 392	422	92.89%	30
1990	Jim Palmer	444	411	92.57%	33
1983	Brooks Robinso	n374	344	91.97%	30
2014	Tom Glavine	571	525	91.94%	46
2005	Wade Boggs	516	474	91.86%	42
2002	Ozzie Smith	472	433	91.74%	39
			500		
1936	Christy Mathew	son 226	205	90.70%	21
1991	Rod Carew	443	401	90.50%	42
			523		
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<u>CLOSE, BUT NO CIGAR</u>: Several individuals have come close to being elected to the Hall of Fame, but have missed by the slimmest of margins in a given year. All on the list below were subsequently elected to the Hall of Fame:

YEAR			VOTES RECEIVED		
2014	. Craig Biggio	571	427	429	2
1985	. Nellie Fox	395	295	297	2
1947	. Pie Traynor	161	119	121	2
1986	. Billy Williams	425	315	319	4
1988	. Jim Bunning	427	317	321	4
2010	. Bert Blyleven	539	400	405	5
2017	. Trevor Hoffman.	442	327	332	5
1994	. Orlando Cepeda.	455	335	342	7
1967	. Joe Medwick	292	212	219	7
			179		
1953	. Bill Terry	264	191	198	7
			305		
			162		
1968	. Roy Campanella	283	205	213	8
2010	. Roberto Alomar.	539	397	405	8
1975	. Robin Roberts	362	263	272	9
1997	. Don Sutton	473	346	355	9
2002	. Gary Carter	472	343	354	11

<u>CLOSE</u>, <u>AND CIGAR</u>: Twenty-seven Hall of Famers have earned election by 10 votes or less:

YEAR	PLAYER	VOTES NEEDED	RECEIVED	MARGIN
1939	. Willie Keeler	206	207	1
1953	. Al Simmons	198	199	1
1975	. Ralph Kiner	272	273	1
	. Ferguson Jenkins			
	. Cy Young			
1947	. Lefty Grove	121	123	2
	. Pie Traynor			
1948	. Herb Pennock	91	94	3
1962	. Jackie Robinson	120	124	4
2017	. Iván Rodríguez	332	336	4
	. Early Wynn			
	. Jim "Catfish" Hunter			
1954	. Bill Terry	189	195	6
1955	. Gabby Hartnett	189	195	6
2005	. Ryne Sandberg	387	393	6
2020	. Larry Walker	298	304	6
	. Eddie Collins			
1942	. Rogers Hornsby	175	182	7
1947	. Mickey Cochrane	121	128	7
	. Joe Cronin			
1970	. Lou Boudreau	225	232	7
2009	Jim Rice	405	412	7
	. Mike Mussina			
1951	. Jimmie Foxx	170	179	9
1991	. Gaylord Perry		342	9
1974	. Whitey Ford	274	284	10
	. Tony Pérez			

### MUSEUM NEWS FROM COOPERSTOWN

MUSEUM INITIATIVE TO HIGHLIGHT STORY OF BLACK BASEBALL: Seventy-five years ago, Jackie Robinson changed a game, and a nation, forever...His stepping onto the diamond at Ebbets Field on April 15, 1947 created a monumental shift in America's path toward Civil Rights...Robinson's debut for the Brooklyn Dodgers remains one of the most significant moments in our country's history...But it's just one of the many important chapters to the story of Black baseball - a story that has inspired and empowered generations...The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum will honor this history and celebrate its impact with an initiative to tell the story of Black baseball, culminating in the opening of a new permanent exhibit at the Museum in Cooperstown in April 2024...This exhibit will replace Ideals and Injustices, the Hall of Fame's current exhibit about the Black baseball experience...Originally titled Pride and Passion, it opened in 1997 in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier...In the 25 years since the Museum opened the Pride and Passion exhibit, extensive research has allowed the baseball community to better understand the statistics, as well as the significance, of those who created and participated in Black baseball...Utilizing innovative technology to enhance and improve the visitor experience, the new exhibit will tell a more complete story of civil rights initiatives in the United States and throughout the baseball world...To develop this initiative, the Hall of Fame has fostered new partnerships and expanded on existing relationships with cultural and historical institutions around the country, including the formation of an Advisory Board with representation from Major League Baseball, the MLB Players Association, the Smithsonian Institution, Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, the Jackie Robinson Foundation, The Players Alliance and more...The Hall of Fame will also hire a full-time curator to help provide an authentic perspective in the development of the project...The Advisory Board will also include a number of living Hall of Famers, former players, historians, media members and others from the baseball family, including Ken Griffey Jr., Barry Larkin, Dave Winfield, Doug Glanville, Adam Jones and Dave Stewart, among others...In addition to the resulting exhibit, this initiative will develop a plan to integrate more stories of Black baseball into existing exhibits throughout the Museum...New online content will be developed, as well as an outreach plan to create positive impacts in communities throughout the country.

COMING TO COOPERSTOWN: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum has already received treasures from the 2022 season, including: The cap worn by Cleveland pitcher Shane Bieber in the team's first game as the Guardians on April 7...The first PitchCom system used in a game by the Brewers' Corbin Burnes and Omar Narváez, along with Burnes' cap from the game...Several items commemorating Rachel Balkovec's managerial debut on April 8 for the Tampa Tarpons, including the jersey she wore, the first pitch ball from the game, the original dugout lineup card, the official scorer's scorecard and tickets to the game...The cap worn by Cooperstown native Phil Pohl when he made his debut as Lansing Lugnuts' manager on April 10... A ball from Roki Sasaki's 19strikeout perfect game for the NPB's Chiba Lotte Marines on April 10...The batting helmet worn by Giants' coach Alyssa Nakken when she coached first base for the team April 12...The cap worn by the Brewers' Andrew McCutchen on April 15, featuring the Jackie Robinson Day patch and a patch commemorating him as a winner of the Roberto Clemente Award...The jersey worn by Guardians pitcher Zach Plesac on April 15 in the team's first home game as the Guardians...The jersey worn by the Tigers' Miguel Cabrera when he recorded his 3,000th career hit on April 23... A ball thrown by Mets starting pitcher Tylor Megill and signed by all five Mets pitchers - Drew Smith, Joely Rodríguez, Seth Lugo and Edwin Díaz - along with catcher James McCann - who combined for a no-hitter against the Phillies on April 29...The ball thrown by the Dodgers' Clayton Kershaw for his 2,699th career strikeout on April 30, the same game where he set a new strikeout record for Dodgers' pitchers...Cap and wristband worn by Astros manager Dusty Baker on May 3 when he recorded his 2,000th big league win...The cap worn by the Giants' Sean Hjelle during his big league debut on May 6 when the 6foot-11 Hjelle matched Jon Rauch as the tallest player in big league history... A ball thrown by the Reds' Hunter Greene on May 15 when Greene helped the Reds no-hit the Pirates in a game Cincinnati lost 1-0...A jersey worn by the Angels' Mike Trout on June 7 when he hit one of his 40 home runs during the 2022 season...A helmet worn by Katie Krall when she became the first on-field coach at the Double-A level during the 2022 season with the Portland Sea Dogs... A ball from the June 25 combined no-hitter by the Astros against the Yankees...The bat used by the Cardinals' Dylan Carlson when he hit the fourth of four straight home runs for St. Louis on July 2...A ball from the Astros' 20-strikeout game against the Angels on July 3...The jersey worn by All-Star Game Most Valuable Player Giancarlo Stanton on July 19 at the All-Star Game in Los Angeles...The bat used by Futures Game MVP Shea Langeliers on July 16...A hat worn by legendary Dodgers scout Mike Brito, who passed away July 7...The pitching mound from the Lexington Legends from the first official Atlantic League game that used an experimentally extended distance between the mound and home plate of 61-feet, 6-inches...A game-used ball from the Mariners vs. Guardians game on Aug. 27 when Ichiro Suzuki was inducted into the Mariners Hall of Fame...A game-used Uvalde (Texas) Little League jersey of Willa Suarez...The bat used by Chandler Redmond of the Double-A Springfield Cardinals on Aug. 10 when he hit for the home run cycle...The cap worn by 17-year-old pitcher Genevieve Beacom on Jan. 7 when she made her Australian Baseball League debut with the Melbourne Aces...Caps worn by Yadier Molina and Adam Wainwright of the Cardinals on Sept. 14 they set the record for most starts by a catcher/pitcher battery in big league history...The base stolen by Royals shortstop Bobby Witt Jr. in the sixth inning of a 5-3 win in Cleveland on Oct. 3 to give him 30 stolen bases (to go along with 20 homers and 30 doubles) in his first big league season.

### COOPERSTOWN CONNECTION

MUSEUM EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP WITH MORGAN STANLEY, LINCOLN AVENUE CAPITAL UNDERWAY: The National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, in partnership with Morgan Stanley and Lincoln Avenue Capital, is continuing programming initiatives based on the Hall of Fame's award-winning educational curriculum in low-income communities across the country...In 2021, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum received a grant from Morgan Stanley that is funding a four-year effort to support students across the country, including Morgan Stanley-funded affordable housing developments, through inspiring and educational programming... As part of this initiative, Lincoln Avenue Capital – a mission-driven affordable housing acquirer and developer, investor, and operator serving low-income individuals and families nationwide – will hold afterschool programs at several of its properties... Locations to benefit from Morgan Stanley's grant this spring will be Lincoln Avenue Capital properties Jubilee Courtyards in Florida City, Fla.; Logan Heights in Sanford, Fla.; Orchard Place in Rochester, N.Y.; Troutdale Terrace in Troutdale, Ore; and Zephyr Pointe in Reno, Nev.... Each off-site education program funded by Morgan Stanley will run for eight weeks, with local partner educators delivering the Hall of Fame's curriculum...A weekly live connection to Cooperstown with a Hall of Fame expert educator is integrated into each week's lesson plan, with these virtual field trips reinforcing the lessons being taught on-site using distance-learning technology...Participating community groups will have the opportunity to customize their individual curriculum to their own interests and needs.

<u>VIP TREATMENT</u>: Fans have the opportunity to explore the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum through a special program designed to give Cooperstown visitors a Hall of Fame VIP Experience...The Museum has partnered with Cooperstown accommodations to offer this unique package, which includes behind-the-scenes experiences at the Museum...This special package is only available through participating accommodations...Your VIP Experience will begin with exclusive after-hours access to the Hall of Fame on Thursday evening and wrap up on Friday with a private reception...Upcoming dates include **Nov. 17-18**...For more information, please visit <u>baseballhall.org/visit/vip-experience</u> or call 607-547-0249.

TIME TO VISIT: The Museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Memorial Day Weekend, when summer hours resume...The Museum is open every day of the year, except for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day...Ticket prices are \$28 for adults (13 and over), \$22 for seniors (65 and over), \$19 for those holding current memberships in the VFW, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion and AMVets organizations, and \$17 for juniors (ages 7-12)...Members and active or career retired military personnel are always admitted free of charge and there is no charge for children 6 years of age or younger...For more information, visit our website at www.baseballhall.org or call (607) 547-7200.