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**FLORIDA REGION RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR DONATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME**

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball was recently recognized at USA Volleyball's annual meetings in Detroit, Michigan for milestone giving to the International Volleyball Hall of Fame.

**Eustis, FL – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015** – The International Volleyball Hall of Fame (IVHF) presented an award of recognition to the Florida Region of USA Volleyball for both the financial and marketing support throughout their partnership. The Florida Region has supported the IVHF since 2005 and has reached the \$5,000 - \$9,999 level of contribution.

**George Mulry**, Executive Director of the International Volleyball Hall of Fame, commented on his appreciation for all of the contributions made by the Florida Region. "The Florida Region and its leadership have been tremendous supporters of the Hall of Fame since the start of our appeals in 2005," said Mulry. "The impact of the region to our hall goes far beyond just a monetary contribution as members consistently attend our Induction ceremony in Holyoke, promote our museum on their Region website & through social media, and proudly display our hall of fame logo on their PVL team uniforms. We are truly thankful for their support over the years and look forward to our continued relationship."

**Steve Bishop**, Executive Director and President of the Florida Region, said, "Once you attend the annual Induction Ceremonies at the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke and get a chance to meet the inductees from all parts of the world, you truly get a snapshot of the history of our sport and the amazing people that have come before us to pave the way. It is very humbling to read the stories and bios of some of the greatest volleyball people to have ever contributed to the sport. Seeing the historical artifacts firsthand and the pictures dating back to 1895 is something that every volleyball enthusiast should see at least once in their lifetime. The mission of the IVHF is very important and the Florida Region is proud to provide annual support. I would encourage all volleyball enthusiasts (athletes, fans, coaches, officials, and administrators) to get involved and join us in supporting our very own International Volleyball Hall of Fame here in the USA."

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame is located in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the birthplace of the sport. It officially opened to the public in 1987 and was established for the purpose of planning, promoting, establishing and maintaining a living memorial to the sport of volleyball.

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### **About The International Volleyball Hall of Fame**

The International Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke, Massachusetts, the birthplace of volleyball, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to honoring those who have made outstanding contributions to this international sport and to fostering the appreciation of the historical development of the game by collecting, preserving, exhibiting and interpreting its collections for a global audience. Additional information on the International Volleyball Hall of Fame can be found at [www.volleyhall.org](http://www.volleyhall.org).

### **About Florida Region of USA Volleyball:**

The Florida Region of USA Volleyball is a 501c3 non-profit that began operations in the 1960's and was officially incorporated in 1982 to promote the sport of volleyball and to create competitive playing opportunities for volleyball enthusiasts of all ages throughout the State of Florida. The Florida Region is one of the 40 regional volleyball associations under the umbrella of USA Volleyball and currently serves approximately 12,500 members. Indoor and outdoor programming is available for adults, juniors, coaches and officials. The Florida Region of USA Volleyball headquarters is located in Eustis, FL. Additional information on the Florida Region can be found at: [www.FloridaVolleyball.org](http://www.FloridaVolleyball.org).

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