

## The 2025 North Plains Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Ladies and gentlemen, distinguished guests, and members of the North Plains community, it is an incredible honor to be here today to present the **2025 North Plains Lifetime Achievement Award**. This award is given to an individual whose commitment to the betterment of our community has spanned decades—someone who has not only contributed time and effort but also led by example, inspiring others to join in and make a difference.

Our recipient this year has done just that and more. For over **30 years**, **Daniel Stinchfield** has served the North Plains community in countless ways, making a lasting impact on our town and the lives of those who call it home. From the early days of volunteering after his return from military service, Daniel has never shied away from doing the hard work that builds a stronger, more vibrant community.

In **1992**, recognizing the need to keep young people engaged and out of trouble, Daniel took the initiative to create a **youth taskforce**, organizing projects like graffiti removal and encouraging participation in events like **North Plains Clean Up Day**. But his contributions didn't stop there. Over the years, Daniel has served on the **Planning Commission**, the **City Council**, and as **Police Commissioner** in the early 90s. His leadership extended to supporting some of our most beloved community events, including the **Fourth July Parade & BBQ** and the **1<sup>st</sup> ever North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival**, which he has continued to support and work ever since.



Through it all, Daniel has given countless hours of service, not for the recognition, but because he believes in the power of community. He's said many times, "**Get involved in your community**," and he's lived that message every day. But Daniel's commitment extends beyond his work here in North Plains. After serving in the **United States Navy from 1981-1984**, including four years at an **undisclosed location**, Daniel returned home, **servicing thereafter in the reserves until 1997** holding a deep sense of duty to both his country and his community. His advocacy for fellow veterans is unwavering, organizing events to welcome them home and honor their service.

Daniel has also been a stalwart member of **Glencoe Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias**, where he has served in many roles since joining in 1998. As a Trustee and now **Chancellor Commander**, he has been instrumental in leading the Lodge's community efforts, including supporting the **Support Our Troops campaign** and establishing the **Glencoe Lodge No. 22 Women's Auxiliary**.

Most recently, Daniel served on the **North Plains Re-look Advisory Committee**, continuing his dedication to shaping the future of our community. His tireless work, humility, and service to others are the very essence of what makes North Plains such a special place.

Today, we recognize Daniel for his lifetime of dedication to the betterment of our community, his leadership, and his unwavering commitment to service. His legacy is not only in the countless hours he has volunteered but in the inspiration he has given to all of us to get involved and give back.

It is with great pride and deep gratitude that we present the **North Plains Lifetime Achievement Award** to **Daniel Stinchfield**.

Please join me in congratulating Daniel for his extraordinary service to our community.

**Presented by Teri Lenahan, Former Mayor of North Plains**  
**North Plains Events Association, Secretary**  
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