

# Year 2011 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Meritorious Service

### **Service History**

Post 397 is a veteran's club. It has been in Vermilion since 1919. The post has sponsored Boy Scout troops and boys to the American Legion Buckeye Boy's State. They have donated to the cancer fund, Red Cross, the Ohio Veterans Home, the BVL Fund plus many others.

### **Service to Bowling**

In 1958, a new bowling establishment, Lake Erie Lanes opened. A number of legionnaires got together and formed a new league. They asked the American Legion to be their sponsor. Post 397 agreed and the Vermilion American Legion Bowling League was formed.

After forming the bowling league, Post 397 sponsored a number of the league's teams over the years and has donated \$1,000.00 a year to the league's prize fund. The Vermilion American Legion Bowling League has bowled at Lake Erie Lanes on Mondays until a few years ago when they moved to Tuesday nights. Post 397 has sponsored this league for 52 years.

The Vermilion American Legion Post 397 in conjunction with Amvets Post 22 and VFW Post 7576, sponsor the Sunday night Vermilion Veterans League. Also, the Vermilion American Legion Post 397 sponsors the Legions Women's Auxiliary team on Monday nights.

