



## Jim Lortz

### 2015 Inductee



Jim Lortz began playing organized sports when he was as a freshman at Williamsburg HS in Iowa. He wrestled, ran track, and played football and baseball. While in England with the USAF he was recruited to play fast-pitch softball for the base team, winning three All-England championships. One of his fondest sport's memories was in London in the championship game, batting in the bottom of the seventh, down two runs with two out, two on and hitting a three-run homerun to win it all! He was also selected to the first team All-Military, All-England Football Team. In 1993, Jim joined the Sacramento Golden Senior Softball Club, where he served a five-year term as their President. Jim started playing baseball in 1995 with Freddie Creal's SMSBL Tigers, when Lowell Palmer tricked him into playing baseball...and he will be forever grateful for Lowell's chicanery. While in the SMSBL, he played with the Phillies, River Cats, and the Patriots, and served as League President from 2004-2008. His first MSBL World Series was with the 50+ Gold Miners managed by Bobby Snook. Jim has won 6 MSBL World Series rings over the last twenty years of baseball, and 8 rings with other organizations. He has been very fortunate to earn three MVP's in the last four years with championship teams, and continues to actively play tournament ball. He would like to thank everyone and especially his family for allowing him to have the opportunity to play this wonderful game of baseball! It is with great pleasure and thankfulness that Jim accepts this honor.