



## 2009 Inductee

### James (Jim) Bernard Lippard

No one has done more for the sport of baseball in Lexington and Davidson County than Jim Lippard. He has been Athletic Director for American Legion Post 8 for 23 years. There came a time when the fate of Legion baseball grew very dim as finances were not available to continue the program in Lexington. Jim Lippard



would not allow that to happen and spearheaded a campaign to save the sport and take it to levels that have produced teams that have reached state finals. His personal involvement in baseball began as he attended Lexington Senior High School from 1951-54. While there, he was a four-year letterman and captain of the 1954 team. He also played on the American Legion team in the 1951 and 1952 seasons. From high school Jim went to Catawba College until Uncle Sam called and he served his country from 1954-56 and is a Korean War veteran.

In addition to his many years of service as Athletic Director of Post 8, he was honored by being inducted into the NC American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame, 2000, has been selected as the NC State American Legion Baseball Commissioner, 2008-09, recognized by the City of Lexington, NC, "Jim Lippard Day", and the recipient of Uptown Lexington's Pigs in the City pig by local citizens. He is also a member of the Piedmont Baseball Historical Society Hall of Fame, Thomasville, NC 2006. Jim is also the founding father of the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame as he was chairman of this group from its inception in 2002 until his retirement in 2008.

