



# HOOP HISTORIANS NEWS

Committed to promoting goodwill for basketball

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## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF BASKETBALL EXCELLENCE



ABOVE: Friend of the Hoop Historians Howard Garfinkel founded the Five Star Basketball Camp in 1966.

Now in its 50<sup>th</sup> year of service, the Five Star Basketball Camps have been revered as the world's finest and uses the moniker of "where the teaching never stops". Started in 1966 by Friend of the Hoop Historians **Howard Garfinkel**, the camp has blossomed to a Who's Who of basketball. Michael Jordan, LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Isiah Thomas, Moses Malone and Chris Paul are just some of the 500 camp alumni that would later play in the NBA. Garfinkel ran the camps from 1966 through 2008, and for his contributions to the sport of basketball, he was inducted into the National Collegiate Basketball Hall of Fame in 2014. Camps are run nationwide in locations in ten different states -- and this year the event will expand to California. Hoop Historian **Vern Vegso**, who has coached at the camp every year since 2008, will offer a \$25 discount off the regular price at any of the regular sessions for this year. For more information, contact Vern at: [vvegso@vccd.edu](mailto:vvegso@vccd.edu) or visit the Five Star Basketball Camp website at: [www.fivestarbasketball.com](http://www.fivestarbasketball.com)

### TELL US ABOUT YOUR SUMMER

Hoop Historians and Friends of the Hoop Historians are ready to have another exciting summer of traveling and spreading goodwill. Send us your story so we can share it with our membership. Send your photos and information to us at: [hoophistorians@hotmail.com](mailto:hoophistorians@hotmail.com)

## FACTS & FIGURES ABOUT THE HOOP HISTORIANS

Enquiring minds want to know: So just exactly who are these merry men (and women) of mirth that grace the landscape of the Final Four each year? The Hoop Historians are a group of individuals that have a wide range of basketball backgrounds. The group includes former and present coaches, officials and supporters of the game. The group's alliance with attending the Final Four dates back to the 1960's, but the group has collectively met annually at the Final Four site since the early 1990's. Through their love of the game, they have been an unofficial goodwill ambassador for the sport, by sharing their experiences, renewing old acquaintances, making new ones, and continuing to promote the game through education and goodwill. The group currently has 49 full-time members and four honorary members. They reside in eleven different states and two countries. Those 49 full-time members have been to a collective 949 Final Fours and 4503 NCAA post-season tournament games. At this year's Final Four, the group made donations to the LeGore Unit of the Indianapolis Boys and Girls Club and to the V Foundation. The website [www.hoophistorians.com](http://www.hoophistorians.com) chronicles some of the group's past with history, trivia, member biographies and hundreds of pictures from their travels. The group has lived up to its motto of being committed to promoting goodwill through basketball.



ABOVE: The Hoop Historians come out in force at the Final Four every year.



## HOOP HISTORIANS PHOTO GALLERY

Send your pictures to: [hoophistorians@hotmail.com](mailto:hoophistorians@hotmail.com)



Hoop Historians Jim Harrick and Cal Dilworth have combined for more than 100 years of service to the game of basketball



The Hoop Historians always have their share of fun at the Final Four



Jana, Jerome, Cal and Kim enjoy this year's Maui Classic

**FINAL FOUR 2016:  
5,4,3,2,1 – BLAST OFF**



**APRIL 2 & 4, 2016**