

## WMA Announces the 2023 Recipients of the Ron Taylor Award of Integrity and Commitment World Millwork Alliance recognizes lifetime commitment and humanitarian efforts.

**NEW PORT RICHEY, FLORIDA (September 12, 2023)** - World Millwork Alliance (WMA), a nonprofit global trade organization servicing the millwork industry, has named Edward Galt Steves and Sam Bell Steves II as the recipients of the 2023 Ron Taylor Award of Integrity and Commitment. The Ron Taylor Award (RTA) recognizes individuals who have achieved the highest standard of the three key components associated with the RTA – Connection, Commitment and Contribution.

"WMA represents an industry of talented individuals who are leaders in innovation, problem solving, and are trailblazers paving the road for a better tomorrow for their company, the industry, and their community," said Rosalie Leone, president & CEO of WMA. "The 2023 Ron Taylor Award recipients reflect the best of our association and the millwork industry, recognized by former Ron Taylor Award recipients as outstanding individuals for their commitment and life-time contributions."

## Edward Galt Steves and Sam Bell Steves II to be Honored as the 2023 Ron Taylor Award Recipients

Edward Galt Steves is CEO, and Sam Bell Steves II is president of Steves & Sons, Inc., headquartered in San Antonio, Texas. Since 1866 the family-owned business was founded on the principles of conservative growth and environmental responsibility. For over 157 years, Steves & Sons Inc. has provided high-quality interior and exterior doors, representing excellence, style and superior craftmanship nationwide. Today, Steves & Sons team members include its 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation management.



Sam Bell Steves II & Edward Galt Steves Steves & Sons, Inc.

The Steves attribute the company's success to learning about the industry and running the business from their father, Marshall T. Steves, and how to keep the business from their mother, Patsy Steves, whose business practices focused on their customers. Steves & Sons has grown currently into six manufacturing locations including three in San Antonio, TX; and plants in Lebanon, TN, Richmond, VA, and Brigham City, UT. The newest, and seventh facility in Athens, GA, is expected to open in in late 2024.

Edward and Sam exemplify the Ron Taylor Attitude of Connection, Commitment and Contribution. They have been honored as Legacy Leaders by the San Antonio Business Journal for their leadership in steering the company towards record growth and in 2021 received the Pinnacle Award from San Antonio for business sustainability.

The Steves brothers are dedicated to various civic groups and organizations offering their time and resources in support of countless programs throughout the San Antonio community. Steves & Sons has contributed to Habitat for Humanity, Ronald McDonald House, Homes for Veterans and Wounded Warriors, the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, the United Way, cancer research, food banks in locations they serve, and have held eadership roles on multiple civic boards including local Housing Authority, San Antonio Parks Foundation, and World Affairs Council.

A World Millwork Alliance member and supporter for 52 years, Steves & Sons has been committed to the progress and prosperity of the association by serving in leadership and committee roles, being a WMA exhibitor for 49 years, and an event supporter who continues to remain an active member in the organization. Edward and Sam Steves will be honored as the 2023 Ron Taylor Award recipients during the WMA 2023 Millwork Convention & Tradeshow, October 23, 2023, in Louisville, Kentucky.

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## About WMA

Established in 1963, World Millwork Alliance (WMA), is a global wholesale distribution association located in New Port Richey, Florida, serving the millwork industry, including millwork distributors and manufacturers, industry service providers, manufacturers' representatives, and group purchasing organizations. Dedicated to the progression and prosperity of the millwork industry, WMA supports a highly skilled workforce with its education resources, is an advocate on behalf of the millwork industry, and brings the trade community together with its networking events and opportunities. For more information, visit <u>www.WorldMillworkAlliance.com</u>.

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