

Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Distinguished Service Award



DEAN CHITWOOD **2000 Recipient**

*“In Recognition of a Lifetime of Outstanding Achievement in the game of Baseball.
The State of Alabama will forever be in your debt.”*

Dean Chitwood, a native of Cartersville, Georgia, served his country in the United States Army from 1967-1968, including a tour in Vietnam. He graduated from Georgia State University in 1972, and worked in the accounting field in Birmingham until 1981. At that time he started developing and growing his Milo’s Hamburgers chain of restaurants, and later sold his sixteen stores in 1998.

Mr. Chitwood was instrumental in providing financial support and stability to the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association during its early days of existence, from 2000-2005. Legendary Vestavia Hills Head Baseball Coach Sammy Dunn was very supportive of the ALABCA and great friends with Mr. Chitwood, thereby garnering his support. Over a six-year period, Mr. Chitwood donated \$24,000 to the ALABCA in support of its Coaching Convention and Summer All-Star game. This was at a time when there were no corporate sponsors of the ALABCA and these funds were vital to the running of the organization. Mr. Chitwood didn’t ask for anything in return. He helped because he knew if Coach Dunn was involved, it was a worthy cause. After meeting with Barry Dean, the Executive Director of the ALABCA, he wanted to support its mission, which was to “Educate, Honor & Promote the state’s amateur baseball Players and Coaches.”

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