

2015 Award Recipients

2015 Man of the Year Award:

Thomas G. Klocker

Founder and President — All Metal Sales, Westlake, Ohio

Clevelanders have always been generous supporters of the community and charitable causes. Throughout its history, there are countless examples of individuals, businesses, and organizations that have stepped to the front in making our community a better place to live. It is our honor to recognize an individual who through his business acumen, philanthropy and commitment to the community has made a significant impact in our region. Tonight, we are honored to recognize Mr. Thomas G. Klocker as our 2015 Man of the Year.



Thomas G. Klocker is the founder and President of All Metal Sales, Inc., a Westlake, Ohio based specialty metals supplier. Tom was born and raised in Euclid, Ohio and is a lifelong resident of Ohio's North Coast. He is a 1987 graduate of Howe Military Academy in Howe, Indiana and attended Bowling Green State University. It was during his time at Bowling Green that Tom's entrepreneurial spirit caught wind. Taking advantage of his love for Lake Erie he started the first of four successful marine related businesses, Get Wet Rentals, a watercraft rental business on Catawba Island. This spawned the creation of a marine maintenance business as well as a separate but related marine supply company. The entrepreneur in Tom did not stop there.

Returning to the Cleveland area in 1999 Tom started his current business, All Metal Sales, Inc. With only a telephone and a vision, Tom has grown All Metal Sales, Inc. from a one-man show working from home to a well-respected operation serving every business sector globally for the past 16 years. During this time Tom stayed in touch with his earlier endeavors and created an Executive Yacht Charter Service, Tommy Time Charters.

Tom's early success with All Metal Sales, Inc. revealed that his company could fill a void in the metal supply chain that was far more profound than just selling metal. Focusing on this void, All Metal Sales, Inc. has become a leader in supplying exotic, unique and rare high-grade metals for endless applications... items that keep us safe, healthy and comfortable every day all around the world.

While at the helm of All Metal Sales, Inc. Tom has navigated the company through projects for countless household names. The scope, not the number of these projects is what has become Tom's focus, such as: supplying custom tungsten shields to Lockheed Martin to meet a time critical missile launch... during which the shields allowed Lockheed to recover data from a rocket plume that had never before been achieved; developing aluminum and titanium tubes for Eaton Corporation for use in the Joint Strike Fighter, a widely used US Fighter Jet; and working with NASA to supply a custom aluminum assembly for use on the Space Shuttle mission to repair the Hubble Telescope.

Further, working with BAE Systems during the Iraq War to urgently supply high-grade metals used on military vehicles... material used on the outside of vehicles to deflect explosives commonly used by insurgents. On the inside of vehicles, All Metal Sales, Inc. supplied custom Aircraft Alloys for seat components designed to absorb the shock of roadside IED explosions. Both efforts served the immediate purpose of protecting our troops in the theatre of war.

Tom's vision for All Metal Sales, Inc. has expanded in to materials for medical implants, the domestic oil and gas industry, sub sea exploration, new energy technologies as well as many other exciting new fields in the metal industry.

Anchoring a company here in Cleveland has solidified Tom's place in the community. Helping to chart the course, Tom's wife Alison has been with him every step of the way. Married now for 11 years they have two beautiful children, Owen and Olivia. In addition to raising a family, Tom and Alison's passions are shared for a number of local charities and causes. From Recovery Resources and the Cleveland Clinic's Children's Hospitals to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center and Bluecoats, among many others their contributions and energies are felt across the region!

Since its founding, Tom has been a major contributor to the Cleveland Police Foundation and its mission to support the Cleveland Division of Police, its members, and its youth and community outreach initiatives and charitable endeavors.

An avid local sports fan, Tom is a Cleveland kid through and through and is excited to have a small part in the city's rebirth. When advised of his selection to receive this award, he stated: "Recognition here at home by an organization like the Cleveland Police Foundation for Man of the Year is truly an indescribable honor. Community, Collaboration, Engagement, Dedication, Safety, Togetherness are the hallmarks of the Cleveland Police Foundation. Hallmarks I am proud to be associated with."

In recognition of his dedication to community service, philanthropy and commitment to making our corner of the world a safer place, it is our honor to name Mr. Thomas G. Klocker the Cleveland Police Foundation 2015 Man of the Year.

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