



THAYER TUTT AWARD RECIPIENT

HAL LITRELL

Longtime banking executive, military community supporter and Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo leader Hal Littrell is the 2007 recipient of the William Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award, which honors an individual for exceptional philanthropic and community sports support, which is a part of the legend of the late community sports giant and iconic figure. He is the fourth winner of the award named for the legendary, visionary sportsman and civic giant who helped to transform the city into a world-class center for national and international events.

Littrell moved to Colorado Springs in 1948 from Lubbock, Texas, finished high school at Colorado Springs High School, and enlisted in the Air Force in 1950, serving in Korea on rescue planes searching for and recovering downed pilots and crew. In 1954, he came back to the city and entered the banking business with the Exchange National Bank. Later in his career, he purchased the controlling interest in the Air Academy National Bank. He has consistently supported efforts to care for military personnel and their families stationed in the city, particularly at Fort Carson. Along the way, he became a major contributor to the growth and success of the Pikes Park Or Bust Rodeo, volunteering since 1955 and becoming chairman and a trustee of the event's foundation. In 2003, he was honored with the Pikes Peak Community Foundation's Spirit of Philanthropy Award.