



Distinguished Nevadan Nomination Form

Deadline: December 31

Please send all nominations to:

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1. Salutation: Dr.

2. Nominee's Name *(Please ensure correct spelling.):* Hugh S. Collett

3. Nominee's Mailing Address:

4. Nominee's Phone Number: Work: none Home:

5. Employment History *(Attach additional material if necessary.):*

See section **7 Reasons for Nomination**

6. Educational Background *(Attach additional material if necessary.)*

Crawfordsville High School - Chicago, ILL

Wabash College - Chicago, ILL

Northwestern Medical School (currently - Feinstein School of Medicine)

Post-graduate training in surgery - University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School, Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton, IN, and St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco.

7. **Reasons for Nomination** *(Please include outstanding accomplishments, achievements, and contributions to Nevada and its people. Please be specific and provide considerable detail. You may attach additional pages if necessary.):*

Dr. Hugh S. Collett was born February 12, 1921 in Chicago, Illinois.

His family moved to Crawfordsville, Indiana when he was five years old. He graduated from Crawfordsville High School and Wabash College in that city. He received his M.D. degree from Northwestern Medical School, now Feinstein School of Medicine. Post-graduate training in surgery was obtained at the University of Chicago, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School, Caylor-Nickel Clinic in Bluffton, Indiana, and St. Joseph's Hospital in San Francisco.

He served in the Navy V -12 during WWII. He was commissioned a Captain in the USAF during the Korean war and was stationed at Kindley Air Force Base in Bermuda from 1951 to 1953. At that base he was the Chief of Surgery and Radiology caring for over 7000 military and civilian personnel in the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. In 1954 he joined the Elko Clinic as a general surgeon. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Fellow of the Southwestern Surgical Society, and Past President of the Western Association of Railway Surgeons.

He was a staunch advocate of multi speciality medical clinics as the best way to provide patient care. In that effort he actively served many years on committees of the American Group Practice Association which was composed of 500 of the major medical clinics in the United States. By 1984, at the time of his retirement, the doctors of the Elko Clinic had made Elko a medical center. The clinic was accredited by the American Group Practice Association with the highest score ever achieved by any clinic and was regarded by that organization as the finest clinic of its size in the United States. It had the most complete private medical library in Nevada, and laboratory, pathology, radiology, research and physiotherapy departments. It had physicians in eight specialties: general practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, urology, pathology, orthopedics and radiology. The clinic physicians from the inception of the clinic, provided 24 hour seven day a week coverage of the hospital emergency room by surgeons, medical physicians and obstetricians. All patients were accepted and treated regardless of their financial status.

His interest in education led him to serve 12 years on the Elko County School Board. He was one of the founding members of the Elko Community College, now Great Basin College. He has been a member of the Great Basin College advisory board, from the inception of the college. He taught classes for the licensed practical nurses as well as the EMT's. He contributed many articles to the surgical literature.

He has participated in and supported many civic groups in Elko. These include the Chamber of Commerce, Northeastern Nevada Museum, a founder and president of the Elko Council of the Navy League and president and fifty plus member of Rotary International. He has been an elder and is a long time member of the First Presbyterian church. He enjoys golf, skiing, water sports, Chukar hunting and fishing. For over fifty years he continues to enjoy his beloved Priest Lake in Idaho, where he and Louise make their cabin the gathering place of family and friends.

Dr. Hugh Collett is an extremely high-quality person with a life-long dedication to the people of Nevada and in particular, higher education in rural Nevada.

8. Other NSHE Awards *(Please list other awards this individual has received.)*

Dr. Hugh S. Collett received an Honorary Degree in 1987 from NNCC (GBC)

Dr. Hugh Collett received an award from Nevada School of Medicine in late 1980's
(Name of award is not known but will be provided later)

9. Nominated by Regent: Kevin C. Melcher