

## **BRENNAR GOREE**

Our newest member of the VJSHOF was born in Portsmouth VA, on December 11, 1989, proud son of Cindy, Larry (both members of the Va Shaggers Hall of Famer) and Jay Goree, career Naval Officer. His dance journey began at the age of 8, when his Nana, Marjorie King, bribed him into his first Basic Shag Class taught by Larry and Kathy Williams. Later that same year, he attended his first Junior SOS in North Myrtle Beach, where he met and competed with Brittney Miller, and his soon to be longtime partner, Autumn Jones, now in the elite Keepers of the Dance. By the age of 9, he competed in his first Shag Competition in Clarksville, VA, with his sister Ashley, where he met Amanda Tedesco now in the VA Jr Shaggers HOF. The following year they teamed up to compete in the 2000 National Shag Dance Championships, where he sported a three-piece tux. In 2002 he

partnered with longtime friend and Manassas, VA native (and fellow Jr Hall of Fame member) Kari Jones. They went on to win the VA State Open and won tickets and fully funded travel to the US Open in Anaheim, CA where they took Third Place as newcomers in the Junior Division. A few years later he teamed up with his longtime friend, Autumn, and they later won the 2004 Overall Junior Championship title at the Nationals Junior I Division Contestants. They would go on to win a few more in the years to come.

Along with a group of incredible partners over the years, he holds 5 National Junior Overall titles, 2 National Professional and Overall titles, 6 Grand National Junior titles, 5 Grand National Professional titles and 13 US Open Divisional titles: three Junior, One Classic, six Formation Team and 3 Strictly Shag. On top of competing, he has taught Carolina Shag in 7

different countries, spreading his love for the dance.

Beyond the dance floor, he serves his Country in the North Carolina Army National Guard. He is a decorated Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year recipient in his Command 3 times. In his busy professional life he has also served as a Department of Defense contractor for the United States Air Force and Space Force and currently serves as a Supervisor in Range Operations at the Space and Defense Industry at Cape Canaveral, FL.

He continues to serve in all aspects of life and leads through his Faith and dedication to the things he loves. To quote our Inductee: "I am most thankful to the family without bloodlines that has always supported me all over the Old Dominion. I attribute much of my success on and off the floor to the individuals in this room. Without them and those who are no longer with

us, I know I would not be the man I am today, for which I am forever grateful. I plan to pay it forward in the years to come both on and off the floor. No matter where life takes me, I will always remain a Virginia boy at heart.”

He comes to us from the Ocean Drive Keepers of the Dance, and is among the great dance competitors in the world.