



Cal Golden
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Gold Card, 1991

Described by many over the years as the "most colorful caller" in the activity, Cal, with his expensive tailored western suits, has livened up square dances, festivals, and conventions around the world. Known as "the kid from Arkansas," Cal began his calling career in 1948 and during the next two decades appeared on local, regional, and national festivals and conventions in all of the United States, all of the Canadian Provinces, and in eighteen countries overseas.

Author of a collection of square dance patter and of a number of articles that have appeared in square dance magazines, Cal has recorded for a number of different labels and his rendition of "God Bless America" set a sales record in the industry.

As a Chief Master Sergeant in the Army, Golden's assignments took him overseas where he had the opportunity to do much to promote and develop square dancing in many areas in Europe. In 1955 he helped organize the

European Square Dancer and Callers Association and in 1968 was elected president of the European Callers Association. For three years he headed the staff of the European Square Dance College in Germany. In 1958, at the request of the State Department, he appeared as the featured square dance caller at the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium.

Cal's greatest contributions have been supportive leadership roles, in the broad field of American square dancing. In the realm of caller training, Cal has taken part in and conducted callers schools, since 1951.

He was one of the callers to appear on the Santa Monica Diamond Jubilee square dance in 1950 with over 15,000 dancers and 35,000 spectators in attendance and he called on the program of the first National Square Dance Convention in 1952. Over the years, Cal and his wife, Sharon, have received many commendations. In 1978 Cal was inducted into the Square Dance Hall of Fame.

Cal is a Charter Member of CALLERLAB and has served as its Chairman.