Reed, Manuel inducted into Fred’s Hall of Fame

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MAMOU — Revon Reed and Edison Manuel were inducted into Fred’s Lounge Hall of Fame Saturday morning. The only other member of the Hall of Fame is Pascal Fuselier, who was inducted last December.

Reed was noted for having started the radio broadcast program at the world-famous Mamou bar approximately 25 years ago. Manuel is one of the oldest businessmen in Mamou.

Lache Pas La Patate was a book written by Reed in Cajun French and was published in 1976 in Montreal, Canada.

Reed, along with Paul Tate, Sr., who is now deceased, brought Cajun music to the Folk Festival in Rhode Island. “This was in 1964,” Pascal Fuselier, a good friend of Reed, Manuel, and Tate, recalls. “They received the Burl Ives award for their encouragement of Cajun Music,” he added. Reed is also listed in Volume 36 of Who’s Who in America.

“Revon and I go back a long way,” Pascal grinned. The two were in the service together, “We’d often talk about music and Cajun culture,” Pascal recalled speaking of their time together in the service.

Reed holds a B.A. Degree from the University of Texas as well as a Master’s Degree from the University of Boston. He taught in both public and Catholic schools for many years.

The first broadcast at Fred’s Lounge was approximately 25 years ago with KEUN radio station. Today, KVPI station in Ville Platte does the Saturday morning broadcasts.

Edison Manuel was once a partner with Floyd Soileau in the record company. “This is when it first started,” Pascal noted.

Manuel was a merchant seaman during World War II. “He and I were supposed to graduate together. We were in the Class of ’43,” Pascal smiled as he reflected back. “We went into the service, so his