



The
President's Award
for
Distinguished Federal
Civilian Service

1978

The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service is the highest honor that the Federal Government can grant to a career employee in recognition of exceptional achievements that are of unusual benefit to the Nation.

The award consists of a gold medal (shown below) and a citation signed by the President. The medal is suspended on a dark blue neck ribbon edged with white and light blue. The dark blue of the central field is the same color as the field of the President's flag; the light blue is the color of the shield of the Coat of Arms of the United States. Each recipient of the award receives a lapel rosette made from the ribbon on which the medal is suspended.



President's Awards for 1978

Presented "with profound appreciation,
highest esteem and great personal satisfaction."

ALFRED L. ATHERTON

Ambassador at Large
Department of State

THOMAS S. AUSTIN

*Director, Environmental Data and
Information Service, NOAA*
Department of Commerce

SIDNEY N. GRAYBEAL

Director of Strategic Research
Central Intelligence Agency

LEONARD NIEDERLEHNER

Deputy General Counsel
Department of Defense

HAROLD H. SAUNDERS

*Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern
and South Asian Affairs*
Department of State

DOROTHY L. STARBUCK

Chief Benefits Director
Veterans Administration

Alfred L. Atherton

A career diplomat, he served with distinction as principal negotiator in the Middle East Peace talks, undertaking complex and arduous missions following the Camp David Summit.

Through his efforts, confidence in our objectivity and commitment to peace was enhanced and differences between the principals were significantly narrowed, representing a major contribution to negotiation of a peaceful settlement between Egypt and Israel.

Thomas S. Austin

A recognized world authority on marine science and scientific data management, he improved user services, reduced costs, and developed Federal capabilities responsive to critical national problems.

He helped shape national and international policies in marine science and environmental information management and developed capabilities of our Government to help solve problems in the critical areas of energy, global food needs, environmental problems and the development of the coastal zone.

Sidney N. Graybeal

An acknowledged expert in the intelligence community, he has been instrumental in applying intelligence processes to vital national security issues and has played a central role in U.S. arms control policy.

Through his leadership, perseverance, fairness, and negotiating skills in a series of assignments of critical importance to the United States, he has successfully advanced our national security interests at the highest levels.

Leonard Niederlehner

A legal administrator of the highest caliber, his advice on the multitude of complex issues in which the Department becomes involved has been of great significance to our Nation's defense.

His ability to resolve disagreements and develop consistent positions on Department issues is a tribute to his skills as a lawyer and negotiator, and his analytical and managerial abilities and dedication represent the highest standards of performance.

Harold H. Saunders

A distinguished diplomat, he has made a significant contribution to the cause of peace in the Middle East through his extensive knowledge and creative approaches.

Successfully managing a widely divergent group of support personnel, he provided essential elements upon which the framework agreements reached at the Camp David Summit were based, thus making a major contribution to the success of these negotiations.

Dorothy L. Starbuck

An able administrator and inspiring leader in the Department of Veterans Benefits, Veterans Administration, she has shown dedication to and compassion for the welfare of all veterans and their families.

Her outstanding leadership in implementing a computerized records system, administering an Outreach Program, and realigning the Department's geographical structure resulted in improved services at reduced costs and represents the highest degree of excellence in public administration.

About the Award

The President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service was established on June 27, 1957, by Executive Order of President Eisenhower. It is presented personally by the President "with profound appreciation, highest esteem, and great personal satisfaction" to generally not more than five individuals each year.

The award stands at the pinnacle of the Government's system of granting awards to its employees for special efforts significantly above and beyond the requirements of their position. It serves to give national recognition each year to individuals whose outstanding achievements have current impact on improved government or the public interest, and which exemplify to an exceptional degree, imagination, courage, and high ability in carrying out the mission of the Government.

From the many thousands of employees who serve the American people with distinction, the heads of Federal departments and agencies select and recommend only a few individuals for the President's Award. The significance and importance of the nominee's achievements must be so outstanding that they merit greater public commendation than can be awarded within their agency.

The Director of the Office of Personnel Management advises the President in selecting persons to receive this award. Recipients of the award are selected by the President.

Previous Recipients of the President's Award

- 1958 Loy W. Henderson
Sterling B. Hendricks
John Edgar Hoover
Roger W. Jones
William B. McLean
- 1959 James V. Bennett
Robert D. Murphy
Doyle L. Northrup
Hazel K. Stiebeling
Wernher von Braun
- 1960 Andrew Barr
Hugh L. Dryden
William J. Hopkins
Dr. Winfred Overholser
Robert M. Page
- 1961 Bert B. Barnes
Wilbur S. Hinman, Jr.
Frederick J. Lawton
Richard E. McArdle
William McCauley
- 1962 J. Stanley Baughman
Robert R. Gilruth
Dr. Donald E. Gregg
Dr. Frances O. Kelsey
Waldo K. Lyon
Llewellyn E. Thompson, Jr.
- 1963 Winthrop G. Brown
Alain C. Enthoven
Sherman E. Johnson
David D. Thomas
Fred L. Whipple
- 1964 John Doar
Herbert Friedman
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, Jr.
Bromley K. Smith
- 1965 Howard C. Grieves
Homer E. Newell
Frank B. Rowlett
Clyde A. Tolson
Philip H. Trezise
William F. McCandless
- 1966 Dr. Elson B. Helwig
Robert E. Hollingsworth
H. Rex Lee
Thomas C. Mann
Dr. James A. Shannon
- 1967 Myrl E. Alexander
Arthur E. Hess
Sherman Kent
C. Payne Lucas
William J. Porter
Carl F. Romney
- 1968 James J. Rowley
- 1971 Samuel M. Cohn
U. Alexis Johnson
Edward F. Knipping
Fred Leonard
George H. Willis
- 1976 Dr. Ernest Ambler
Lawrence S. Eagleburger
Dr. Alfred J. Eggers, Jr.
E. Henry Knoche
Dale R. McOmber
Barbara Ringer
- 1977 Ellsworth Bunker
Philip C. Habib
John R. McGuire
William H. Phillips
Stanley Sporkin
Dr. Rosalyn S. Yalow

