



THIRD
Annual Awards Ceremony
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FOREWORD

Our purpose here is to recognize outstanding individuals in the Department of Transportation—men and women whose impatience with mediocrity forces them to demand the most of themselves. We also pay tribute to those who have demonstrated extraordinary courage.

These exceptional few serve their government and their fellow citizens well. They add to their work the mark of excellence—talent plus dedication. The contribution of the one so often brings success to the efforts of the many.

People such as these are an inspiration to those around them. Whether or not they ask to lead, others seek to follow them.

Therefore, it is only fitting that we pause and take this opportunity to honor these men and women. They well deserve our gratitude.

John A. Volpe



December 9, 1970
9:30 A.M.
L'Enfant Plaza Theatre
Washington, D.C.

PROGRAM

Overture -----	U.S. Coast Guard Band Director, LCDR William I. Broadwell, USCG
Master of Ceremonies -----	Honorable James M. Beggs Under Secretary of Transportation
Presentation of Colors -----	Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard
The National Anthem -----	U.S. Coast Guard Band
Invocation -----	The Very Reverend T. G. Mullaney, O. P. Pastor, Saint Dominic's Church
Remarks -----	Honorable John A. Volpe Secretary of Transportation
Interlude -----	U.S. Coast Guard Band
Presentation of Awards -----	Honorable John A. Volpe Secretary of Transportation
Announcing President's Management Improvement Award -----	Honorable Alan L. Dean Assistant Secretary for Administration
Announcing Secretary's Awards -----	George S. Maharay Director of Personnel and Training
Announcing Equal Opportunity Citations -----	Richard F. Lally Director of Civil Rights
Retirement of Colors -----	Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard
Recessional -----	U.S. Coast Guard Band

THE
**Secretary's
Awards**

FOR DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN SERVICE

AWARD FOR VALOR

This is the highest Departmental Award for acts of heroism or courage involving great personal risk by civilian employees under unusual circumstances. To be eligible for nomination, an employee must have demonstrated heroism or courage in an emergency on or off duty.



WILLIAM M. BETTIS
Special Agent Alaska Railroad
Federal Railroad Administration
Fairbanks, Alaska

For entering a blazing cabin and rescuing its aged occupant. His valorous act, which saved a human life, was performed without regard for his own safety.



TERRY B. ELIASON
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Farmington, Minnesota

For rescuing a small child from a burning house. His valorous act, which saved a human life, was performed at great risk to his own life.



JAMES T. KERSH
Flight Service Station Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Springfield, Missouri

In posthumous recognition of his courageous conduct. He removed injured passengers from a wrecked aircraft amid debris and spilling gasoline, without regard for his personal safety.



ALBERT E. STONE, JR.
District Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Tallahassee, Florida

For his display of personal courage in saving a human life from a wrecked and burning automobile.

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

This award is given by the Secretary in recognition of exceptionally outstanding leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of marked national or international significance and which reflect great credit on the Department or the Federal Government.



FRANCIS C. TURNER
Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his continuous and exceptionally outstanding leadership and contributions both at the national and international levels in the fields of highway engineering and highway administration which have fostered economic and social advances throughout the world.



For his outstanding leadership and direction of the Department's congressional relations during a period that has seen the Congress enact the most significant transportation legislation in more than a decade.

ROBERT F. BENNETT
Director, Office of Congressional Relations
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT

This award is given by the Secretary in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to the Department or Federal Government, or for exceptional achievement which substantially contributed to accomplishment of the Department's mission or major programs.



For distinguished leadership and judgment in dealing with a wide variety of issues and litigation confronting the Department, most notably in the areas of environmental protection and motor vehicle safety.

JAMES A. WASHINGTON, JR.
General Counsel
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.



MICHAEL CAFFERTY
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For inspiring and directing achievements which reflect great credit upon the Department in programs and actions designed to improve the quality of American life.



WILLIAM P. DAVIS
Deputy Director of Management Systems
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his outstanding leadership which resulted in the successful completion of many complex projects, both within DOT and between DOT and other Government agencies.



RICHARD F. LALLY
Director of Civil Rights
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his significant accomplishments in the development and implementation of the Department's civil rights program.



JEFFREY N. SHANE
Trial Attorney
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional competence in developing and presenting the Department's legal position in litigation before regulatory agencies and his advice and counsel in developing transportation programs that enhance the environment.



THOMAS A. ADAMS, JR.
Chief, Airports Division
Federal Aviation Administration
Fort Worth, Texas

For his significant contributions to the Airport planning program of FAA's Southwest Region and specifically for his contribution to inter-modal transportation planning and land conservation and utilization.



WILLIAM M. FLENER
Director, Air Traffic Service
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his leadership and accomplishments in carrying out crucial DOT missions involving air transportation safety, mass public transportation, the nation's defense and for maintaining effective Federal Government relations with the transportation industry.



CLARKE H. HARPER
Associate Administrator for Administration
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his extraordinary effectiveness in developing and carrying out policies and programs in the fields of administration, management and budget.



CHARLES J. PETERS
Acting Deputy General Counsel
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his outstanding service in all legal phases of FAA's statutory responsibility and authority. His efforts have contributed substantially to accomplishment of the Department's mission of insuring safety in air commerce.



GEORGE R. LUOMA
Electronic Engineer
U.S. Coast Guard
Cleveland, Ohio

For his initiative and resourcefulness in devising many practical and ingenious electronic and electro-mechanical devices for the remote control of communication equipment and important navigational aids.



LOUIS C. STEELE
Physical Education and Recreation Director
U.S. Coast Guard
Alameda, California

For his ingenuity, initiative and dedication in formulating and administering a physical education and recreation program for underprivileged youths in the San Francisco East Bay area.



HAROLD W. ADKISON
Division Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Santa Fe, New Mexico

For his outstanding achievement in furthering the Federal Highway program in the states of New Mexico and Wyoming and in fostering cooperative relationships with state highway officials.



SHERIDAN E. FARIN
Regional Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
San Francisco, California

For his outstanding contributions to the development and advancement of highway programs during 39 years of progressively responsible service.



KENNETH R. OVIATT
Deputy Chief, Federal Highway Projects Division
Federal Highway Administration
Vancouver, Washington

In recognition of his unusual competence and leadership in the Idaho Federal-aid program and the direct highway program in the Pacific Northwest.



CHARLES W. PRISK
Assistant Director of Safety
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his contributions to the field of highway safety at local, state, national and international levels and his skill in promoting cooperation among officials and groups with widely divergent interests.



JOHN A. SWANSON
Associate Director for Right-of-Way and Location
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his exceptional contributions toward the development of comprehensive national and international highway programs and his dynamic leadership as an engineer and administrator.



GEORGE W. HALEY
Chief Counsel
Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Washington, D.C.

For the outstanding manner in which he has represented the Secretary of Transportation and the Urban Mass Transportation Administrator in fulfilling key public appearances throughout the United States and for the guidance, counsel and advice he has provided other elements of the Department. His contributions have influenced the providing of a balanced transportation program for all people of this nation.

CITATION FOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

This honorary award is given in recognition of exceptional service toward achievement of the Department's equal opportunity goals.



MRS. MILDRED W. GOODMAN
Chief, Youth Opportunity Programs
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

In recognition of her innovative approaches and results achieved in furtherance of the Department's Youth Opportunity Program.



SEYMOUR E. BLUM
Director, Office of Management Systems
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

In recognition of his effective leadership and skill which have enhanced the achievement of FAA's equal employment goals and objectives.



JOSE V. LOVATO
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Trinidad, Colorado

In recognition of his efforts and accomplishments in community and agency activities in support of the Government's equal employment opportunity program.



FRANCIS J. GEISER, JR.
Assistant Division Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Albany, New York

For his outstanding achievement in implementing the equal opportunity program as it relates to Federal-aid contracts in the State of New York and for promoting the organization and strengthening of the equal opportunity program of New York State Department of Transportation.

THE Secretary's Awards

FOR DISTINGUISHED MILITARY SERVICE

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to award military decorations to officers and enlisted men of the Coast Guard under similar criteria as that prescribed by the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force for their respective military personnel. The Secretary may also present appropriate decorations to members of another armed service on duty with this Department. Today, six Coast Guard military members and three Air Force officers are being decorated for gallantry in action, exceptional service, or acts of heroism in many parts of the world. Many other decorations have been awarded for heroism or distinguished service in Vietnam during the past year to some of the approximately 1000 Coast Guard military personnel serving in that area.

SILVER STAR MEDAL



COMMANDER PAUL A. YOST, JR., USCG

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity during military operations in Southeast Asia. As the officer in tactical command of a patrol craft carrying an underwater demolition team and a Vietnamese Marine Corps unit, his group engaged in armed conflict with the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Communist aggressors. Under intense enemy fire, Commander Yost displayed heroic and inspirational leadership which resulted in saving the lives of fifteen United States Naval personnel.



LIEUTENANT ROBERT T. RICHIE, USCG

For exceptional gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as Aircraft Commander of an HH-3F rescue helicopter in Southeast Asia. With complete disregard for his own life, Lieutenant Richie repeatedly penetrated an area of intense hostile fire in an attempt to save three downed airmen. Through his persistent efforts, two of the airmen were saved before battle damage to his aircraft prevented further recovery operations.

LEGION OF MERIT



COLONEL OLIVER C. HOOD, USAF, (MC) (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Staff Surgeon, Headquarters Thirteenth Air Force and Commander, First Medical Service Wing. The outstanding leadership and exemplary foresight demonstrated by Colonel Hood in these assignments resulted in significant contributions to the effectiveness and success of the medical support of United States and Free World Forces in Southeast Asia.



MAJOR HAROLD J. M. WILLIAMS, USAF

For exceptionally meritorious conduct as Project Officer of the 433d Tactical Fighter Squadron, Thailand. The vast technical knowledge and tremendous drive exhibited by Major Williams in pursuit of his objective led to the development of a totally new and effective weapons system and delivery techniques against opposing Vietnamese forces.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS



LIEUTENANT COLONEL RICHARD H. SHEA, USAF (1st Oak Leaf Cluster)

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a C-130 pilot at Khe Sanh, Republic of Vietnam. Despite hostile ground fire, Lieutenant Colonel Shea's superior airmanship in skillfully executing a heavy weight assault landing of critically needed ammunition provided successful relief for a besieged United States Marine garrison.



LIEUTENANT DONALD J. RENCK, USCGR

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight as a helicopter pilot on a dangerous night rescue mission over the gulf of Alaska. Notwithstanding extremely hazardous weather elements and hampered by severe sea conditions, Lieutenant Renck's outstanding airmanship resulted in the safe evacuation of three critically burned crewmen from the tanker SS Atlantic Engineer.

COAST GUARD MEDAL



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER PETER J. ANDERSON, USCG

For heroism while serving as Acting Engineering Officer of United States Coast Guard Cutter Courageous in the area of Limetree Bay, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. With total disregard for his own safety, Chief Warrant Officer Anderson voluntarily boarded a burning vessel, loaded with gasoline and naptha, and through his exemplary courage coordinated fire-fighting efforts resulting in saving the stricken ship.



CHIEF STEWARD BERNARDINO S. ROMERO, USCG

For a heroic act while serving as a member of a firefighting party from the United States Coast Guard Cutter Courageous in Limetree Bay, St. Croix, Virgin Islands. Disregarding his own safety, Chief Petty Officer Romero boarded a highly flammable fuel laden burning tanker, and through his courageous efforts aided in the extinguishing of the blazing port superstructure which allowed access to other raging compartments and ultimate control of the extremely hazardous fire.



BOATSWAIN'S MATE FIRST CLASS LARRY A. HICKS

For heroic performance while serving as coxswain of a United States Coast Guard motor rescue boat in the vicinity of the Nehalem River Bar, Wheeler, Oregon. Displaying exceptional courage at the risk of his own life, Petty Officer Hicks ably guided his craft into a heavy breaking surf in a successful shielding maneuver to allow the rescue of four men trapped underneath their capsized boat.

Special Awards

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT AWARD

The President's Management Improvement Award was established early this year to recognize exceptional contributions through cost reduction or improved operating effectiveness of a major Federal program within a Federal agency or on a Nationwide basis.



HAROLD E. HARRIMAN
Assistant Director for Documentation and Procedures
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For developing and promoting the acceptance of a single international bill of lading form for all modes of transportation. This breakthrough will result in a 25% reduction in existing transportation documentation and will yield an annual saving of approximately \$500 million.

REX ROBINSON BROWN
Electronic Engineer
Federal Aviation Administration
Los Angeles, California

In posthumous recognition of his modification of a piece of complex electronic equipment for use on beacon radars. This system modification resulted in improved efficiency and a saving of \$3 million.

JOHN MOUNDALEXIS
Deputy Chief, Management Analysis Division
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his direction of a multi-disciplined effort to determine an effective method for the allocation of scarce human resources for control of air traffic.

WILLIAM L. PIRKLE
Computer Specialist
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional accomplishment in converting the computer operations of the National Driver Register Service. This conversion resulted in a minimum annual saving of \$20,000 in equipment usage costs.

CAREER SERVICE AWARD

This award is granted annually by the National Civil Service League to ten career employees who exemplify in an outstanding manner the primary characteristics of the career service: efficiency, achievement, character, and service.

HENRY L. NEWMAN
Regional Director
Federal Aviation Administration
Fort Worth, Texas

SECRETARY'S AWARDS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

DAVID D. THOMAS
Formerly Deputy Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D.C.

SECRETARY'S MILITARY DECORATIONS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

ADM Willard J. SMITH, USCG
(Gold Star in lieu of 2nd DSM)
VADM Paul E. TRIMBLE, USCG
(Gold Star in lieu of 2nd DSM)

LEGION OF MERIT

ADM Chester R. BENDER, USCG
RADM William B. ELLIS, USCG
RADM James W. WILLIAMS, USCG
RADM Charles P. MURPHY, USCG
RADM Charles TIGHE, USCG
RADM Benjamin F. ENGEL, USCG

LEGION OF MERIT WITH COMBAT "V"

CAPT Ralph W. NIESZ, USCG
CDR Paul A. YOST, Jr., USCG

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

LCDR Robert E. WHITLEY, Jr., USCG
LCDR Alan G. DAHMS, USCG
LT Lance A. EAGAN, USCG
LT Charles C. ROGERS, USCG

COAST GUARD MEDAL

CDR Charles H. SANDERS, USCG
ENS Jon H. HOLBROOK, USCG
BMCS George P. HELMER, USCG
SN John M. BRYAN, USCG

NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDAL

BM3 Lynn M. FULLER, USCG

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

CAPT Dudley C. GOODWIN, Jr., USCG
CAPT Charles S. MARPLE, USCG
CAPT Marc WELLIVER, II, USCG
CDR Robert S. LUCAS, USCG
CDR Bruce W. DEWING, USCG
LCDR John A. MacDONALD, USCG

BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT "V"

CDR Joseph F. SMITH, USCG
(Gold Star in lieu of 2nd BSM)
CDR Stanley J. WALDEN, USCG
LCDR Eugene E. O'DONNELL, USCG
LCDR John T. McKEAN, USCG
LCDR Jack S. WEBB, USCG
LCDR Jimmie J. DAVIS, USCG
LT Walter S. VIGLIENZONE, USCG
LT James A. WHITE, USCG
LT Jonathan (n) COLLOM, USCG
LT Earl A. BLANTON, USCG
LT Roger T. RUFÉ, Jr., USCG
LT Gene E. BOWEN, USCG
LT Thomas R. PENNINGTON, USCG
LT Carl H. HELMAN, III, USCG
LT Kent H. WILLIAMS, USCG
LT James A. MORGAN, USCG
LT Stephen L. ANTHONY, USCG
LT Ronald D. BLENDU, USCG
LT Anthony R. CARBONE, USCG
LT John C. CARNEY, Jr., USCG
LT Clifford E. CLAYTON, Jr., USCG
LT Paul A. FLOOD, USCG
LT John E. LORD, USCG

LT Benjamin M. CHISWELL, III, USCG
LT Allan P. FULTON, USCG
LT Douglas F. GEHRING, USCG
LT Alphons MELIS, III, USCG
LT Richard P. OSWITT, USCG
LT Raymond A. ROSS, USCG
LT Merle J. SMITH, Jr., USCG
LT Gerald L. UNDERWOOD, USCG
LT Nesbit C. LOFTON, USCG
LT Leslie M. MEEKINS, USCG
LTJG John P. COROZZA, USCGR
LTJG Edward J. JASON, USCG
LTJG Warren C. HOYT, USCG
LTJG Richard H. PENLEY, USCGR
LTJG Terence M. O'CONNELL, USCG
LTJG Richard J. ANDREWS, USCG
LTJG Robert F. O'TOOLE, USCG
LTJG Albert W. ZAHNISHER, III, USCGR
CWO Robert J. DENK, USCG
GM2 Larry J. NICHOLS, USCG
BM1 Belton J. WRIGHT, USCG
YNC Ralph D. WEDERTZ, USCG
ENC Gaylon D. GRIFFIN, USCG