

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Foreword



A great American, Dr. James B. Conant, when President of Harvard University, described the pursuit of excellence for a graduating class: "Each honest calling, each walk of life, has its own elite, its own aristocracy based on excellence of performance."

These words apply in full measure to our fellow co-workers whom we honor today. They are being recognized because by their individual heroic deeds or leadership on the job they have earned a place among the elite of this Department and of the entire Federal service.

It is especially important that we pause to recognize such excellent performance in this Bicentennial year. As our republic enters its third century of existence there is nothing more vital to the continued progress of our nation than heightened public trust and faith in the working of government. By their deeds our honorees have helped build such trust and faith.

We are proud of them. We owe them a great debt. We thank them. We salute them!

William T. Coleman Jr.

William T. Coleman Jr.
Secretary of Transportation



*Ninth Annual
Department of Transportation
Awards Program*

*Departmental Auditorium
Constitution Avenue
between 12th and 14th Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C.*

*October 27, 1976
10:30 a.m.*

program

<i>Overture</i>	<i>U.S. Coast Guard Band Director, LTJG Lewis J. Buckley</i>
<i>Master of Ceremonies</i>	<i>Honorable John W. Barnum Deputy Secretary of Transportation</i>
<i>Presentation of Colors</i>	<i>Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard</i>
<i>The National Anthem</i>	<i>U.S. Coast Guard Band</i>
<i>Invocation</i>	<i>CDR Lawrence F. Keeffe, CHC, USN</i>
<i>Remarks</i>	<i>Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr. Secretary of Transportation</i>
<i>Interlude</i>	<i>D.O.T. March U.S. Coast Guard Band</i>
<i>Presentation of Awards</i>	<i>Honorable William T. Coleman, Jr. Secretary of Transportation</i>
<i>Announcing Awards for Distinguished Civilian Service and Distinguished Military Service</i>	<i>Honorable William S. Heffelfinger Assistant Secretary for Administration</i>
<i>Retirement of Colors</i>	<i>Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard</i>
<i>Recessional</i>	<i>U.S. Coast Guard Band</i>

*Secretary's
Awards
for
Distinguished
Civilian
Service*



***Award for
Valor***

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



THOMAS FERRANDO
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation
Administration
Ronkonkoma, L.I., N.Y.

For his exceptional courage in the face of great personal danger in rescuing a semi-conscious occupant of a burning automobile on the Long Island Expressway on the morning of December 6, 1975.

*Secretary's
Award
for
Outstanding
Achievement*



Gold Medal

This award is granted 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 and the Federal Government



ALEXANDER D. GAITHER
Director
Office of Civil Rights
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

In posthumous recognition of his achievements in furthering the Civil Rights programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

*Secretary's
Award
for
Meritorious
Achievement*



Silver Medal

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.



ERNEST T. BAUER
Deputy Director
Office of Deepwater Ports
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his leadership, professional knowledge and competence as the Deputy Director of the Office of Deepwater Ports, Office of the Secretary, in carrying out the successful administration of the mission of that Office.



CONSTANCE L. ABRAMS
Trial Attorney
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For her professional competence, imagination and dedication in representing the Department before the Interstate Commerce Commission.



LARRY C. JOHNSON
Attorney-Advisor
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional service as a legal counsel in support of the Department's pipeline safety program.



NANCY T. EBERSOLE
Program Analyst
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For her exceptional performance and her contribution to the conduct of the Department's Daylight Savings Time Study.



ELEANOR SUGRUE
Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For her exceptional leadership and intellectual excellence in development of policy recommendations concerning Aircraft Noise Reduction, a Statement of International Air Transportation, and the DOT Policy for the Alton Locks and Dam.



CHARLES SWINBURN
Supervisory Transportation
Industry Analyst
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional dedication, intellectual excellence and initiative in helping design a sound financial framework for the revitalization of rail freight service in the Northeast.



DR. IRA LASTER, JR.
Program Coordinator
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional accomplishments in the development, coordination, and implementation of programs and policies for the transportation of the handicapped and the elderly.



FRANCIS E. UNTI
Director
Administrative Operations
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his leadership and management of the Office of Administrative Operations, and the achievement of exceptional results which significantly contributed to the successful accomplishment of the mission of the Department.



RUSSELL K. MCFARLAND
General Engineer
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional leadership of the Departmental Underground Construction Program resulting in substantial cost savings in transportation construction.



WILBUR WILLIAMS
Program Analyst
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional achievement in the conception, development, and implementation of a program to improve the Department's relations with minority colleges.



KAREN S. DEEDS
Secretary-Stenographer
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For her exceptional assistance to the Office of Congressional Relations in performing its liaison function between the Department of Transportation and the Congress.



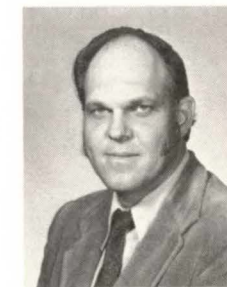
LEROY E. JOHNSON
Community Planning
Assistance Coordinator
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his initiative, creativity, and leadership in developing the Department's Intermodal Transportation Planning Directory, and for promoting effective intergovernmental and intermodal transportation planning.



JAMES P. ANDERSEN
Chief
Aeronautical Systems Division
Office of the Secretary
Transportation Systems
Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts

For his excellent leadership and technical management in developing and directing the Aeronautical Systems activities at the Transportation Systems Center.



WILLIAM H. CLOSE
Director
Office of Noise Abatement
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For their leadership, coordination and technical management of the Department's efforts on the Federal Task Force on Motor Vehicle Goals Beyond 1980.



CLINE W. FRASIER
Chief
Applications Division
Office of the Secretary
Transportation Systems
Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts



DR. RICHARD R. JOHN
Chief
Mechanical Engineering Div.
Office of the Secretary
Transportation Systems
Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts



LOUIS W. ROBERTS
Director
Office of Engineering
Office of the Secretary
Transportation Systems
Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts



MILLARD H. ALLEN, JR.
Chief
Container Certification
Section
United States Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

For his leadership, under unique and critical time constraints, in acquiring and preservation of valuable technical data and films and the publication of a report and documentary film on a fiery container ship collision.



BYRON J. CLARK
Supervisory
General Engineer
United States Coast Guard
Seattle, Washington

For his contribution to the Department in the areas of planning, management and execution of the Civil Engineering program within the Thirteenth Coast Guard District.



LYSLE GRAY
Chief
Boating Standards
Development Branch
United States Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional contribution and leadership in the prevention of loss of life and property at sea in the development and implementation of level flotation, fuel, electrical, and engine regulations for recreational boats.



THOMAS NUNES
Lieutenant Commander
USCG

For his exceptional performance as Senior Staff Officer to the Regional Representative of the Secretary of Transportation in New York, N. Y.



CHARLES R. FOSTER
Director
Office of
Environmental Quality
Federal Aviation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his planning, design and implementation of environmental programs related to trial in-service operation of the Concorde Supersonic Transport aircraft.



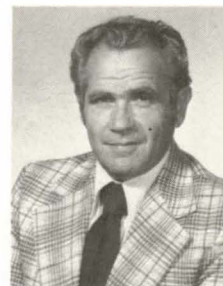
LYNN L. HINK
Deputy Regional Director
Federal Aviation
Administration
Los Angeles, California

For his leadership in materially enhancing the safety of the national air traffic system, in the development of the automated air traffic system, providing overall leadership to the Western Region as Deputy Director.



VICTOR J. ONACHILLA
Employee Development
Specialist
Federal Aviation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional commitment to excellence in the development of the FAA executive development programs, which have accelerated the professional growth of managers at all levels.



STANLEY GORDON
Chief
Design and Inspection Branch
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional contribution to the development of a National Bridge Inspection Program and for unusual and high quality leadership in the administration of the Special Bridge Replacement Program.



FRANK L. JOHNSON
Chief
Hydraulics Branch
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional service in the improvement of highway and hydraulic design practices throughout the country, through the preparation of hydraulic design manuals based on hydraulic research.



VINCENT F. PAPARELLA
Chief
Interagency Review Branch
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his effectiveness in fostering intermodal programs of the Department of Transportation at a time of major policy changes.



WEAVER E. FRANKLIN
Road Foreman
Equipment/Trainmaster
Alaska Railroad
Federal Railroad
Administration
Alaska

For his dedicated and faithful service during a period of extreme turbulence caused by Alaskan pipeline construction.



ANNE-MARIE HYLAND
Attorney-Advisor
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For her exceptional efforts and professional skill which has contributed to the FRA Railroad Safety Program.



JAMES L. NEWKIRK
Chief
Railroad Development
Division
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his effective leadership in commencing the process to rehabilitate and restructure the nation's railroads through successful completion of the report on Preliminary Standards, Classification and Designation of Lines of Class I Railroads in the United States.



KENNETH B. ULLMAN
Supervisory General Engineer
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his significant contributions and performance in directing the engineering planning to implement a comprehensive program for improving intercity rail passenger service in the Northeast Corridor.

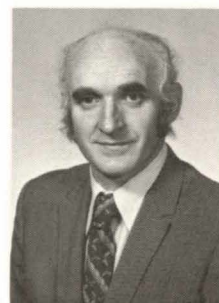


MADELINE S. BLOOM
State Railroad Programs
Supervisor
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

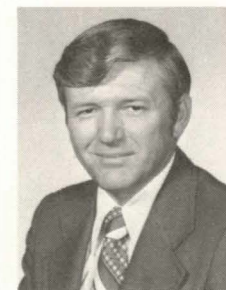
For their exemplary contribution to the implementation of the state rail assistance provisions in the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976.



ROBERT C. HUNTER
Chief
Programs Division
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

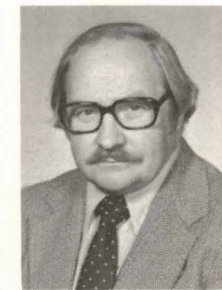


PATRICK O'DRISCOLL
Assistant Chief Counsel
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.



GAROLD R. THOMAS
Chief
Planning Assistance Div.
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For their exemplary contribution to the implementation of the state rail assistance provisions in the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976.



FRANK A. BERNDT
Chief Counsel
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional skill in developing and advocating three novel theories of interpreting the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which has advanced automotive safety.



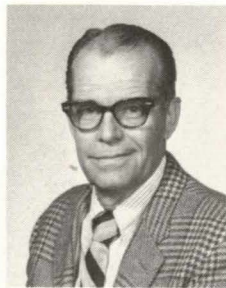
ROBERT L. CARTER
Associate Administrator
for Motor Vehicle
Programs
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional technical and managerial leadership, combined with dedication to principle, which has produced automotive standards development and enforcement levels that have reduced injuries and death on the highways.



CHARLES F. LIVINGSTON
Director
Office of Driver and
Pedestrian Programs
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his extraordinary contribution to highway safety through his leadership and implementation of the Department's Alcohol Safety Action Project and other demonstration projects.



GILBERT L. WATSON
Chief
Consumer Services Division
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his planning and implementing a toll-free Auto Safety Hotline service to counsel automobile buyers and users in defect and safety-related problems.



JOHN R. BURKE
Special Assistant to the
Associate Administrator for
Planning and Evaluation
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For their exceptional initiative and accomplishments in the management and coordination of the Road Safety Pilot Study conducted for NATO's Committee on the Challenges of Modern Society.

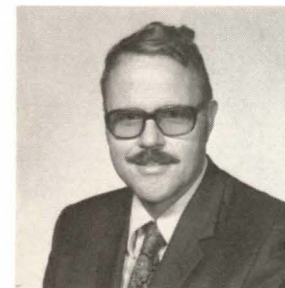


WILLIAM H. MARSH
Executive Secretary
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his professional leadership and engineering skill in managing the Department's Transbus Project, which will bring greater riding comfort, safety, and speed to a large segment of the bus riding public.



CHARLES J. DANIELS
General Engineer
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.



CHARLES H. GRAVES
Director
Division of Planning
Assistance
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional service during a period of intense review of major urban mass transit proposals, and the high degree of skill he exercised in managing these reviews.



C. KENNETH ORSKI
Associate Administrator
for Policy and
Program Development
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional achievement and contribution to the development and implementation of policies of national importance in urban mass transportation and cost effective use of funds.



GEORGE J. PASTOR
Associate Administrator
for Research and
Development
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional leadership in strengthening the demonstration program, and for securing support for a reconstituted research program for mass transit.



DIANE G. ENOS
Public Information Specialist
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For her exceptional competence in arranging for and coordinating the Economic Commission for Europe's Second Seminar on the Role of Transportation in Urban Planning, Development and Environment.

Lawrence R. Schneider Award

This Award was established to honor the memory of Lawrence R. Schneider, Chief Counsel of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from August 8, 1971, until his death on July 12, 1974. Presentation is to be made annually to an especially competent and productive practicing attorney serving with the Department of Transportation during the first 10 years after admission to the bar.



FRANCIS J. MULCAHY, JR.
Trial Attorney
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional professionalism in representing the interests of the Department in matters of great complexity and importance.

Secretary's Awards Presented During the Past Year

Award for Outstanding Achievement

JAMES B. GREGORY
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Award for Meritorious Achievement

KENNETH H. CHANDLER
Deputy Director
Office of Personnel and Training
Office of the Secretary

WALKER JOHNSON
General Manager
Alaska Railroad
Federal Railroad Administration

JAMES B. CAHALANE
Director
Transportation Systems Center
Office of the Secretary

ROBERT K. WHITFORD
Deputy Director
Transportation Systems Center
Office of the Secretary

IRWIN P. HALPERN
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy
Plans and International Affairs
Office of the Secretary

**Secretary's
Awards
for Distinguished
Military
Service**

The Secretary of Transportation is authorized to award military decorations to officers and enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard under similar criteria as that prescribed by the Department of Defense. Today, six Coast Guard military members are being recognized for extraordinary heroism and distinguished service in many parts of the world. A listing appears at the end of this section of the program booklet indicating other coast guardsmen who have been decorated for heroism or distinguished service in the past year.



**Distinguished
Flying Cross**



Lieutenant Commander
JOHN M. LEWIS
USCG

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the night of 15 April 1976 as pilot of Coast Guard HH-52A 1444 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of the captain of the ocean drilling rig OCEAN EXPRESS, which capsized and sank during a violent storm, 40 miles east of Port Aransas, Texas.



Lieutenant Commander
DAVID I. SCOTT
USCG

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the morning of 25 February 1975 as pilot of Coast Guard HH-3F 1480 helicopter engaged in the successful evacuation of a critically ill seaman from the fog shrouded fishing vessel BERNARD KELLERMAN, located 60 miles southeast of Cape Code, Massachusetts.



**Coast Guard
Medal**



Captain
WILLIAM J. BICKFORD
USCG

For heroism on the morning of 5 April 1976, while serving as the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Staff Inspector, when, as a passenger aboard a commercial jet aircraft which crashed while attempting to land at Ketchikan, Alaska, he assisted in the rescue of passengers and crewmembers from the burning wreck.



Master Chief Machinery
Technician
KENNETH W. AUGUSTUS
USCG

For heroism on the morning of 5 April 1976, while serving with the Seventeenth Coast Guard District Staff Inspection Team, when, as a passenger aboard a commercial jet aircraft which crashed while attempting to land at Ketchikan, Alaska, he assisted in the rescue of passengers and crewmembers from the burning wreck.



***Meritorious
Service
Medal***



Commander
HUGH D. WILLIAMS
USCG

For outstanding meritorious service as Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Atlantic Strike Team, National Strike Force from July 1973 to April 1976, engaged in the successful response to numerous national and international pollution incidents and the conduct of operations crucial to the protection of our environment.



Air Medal



Aviation
Electronics Technician
Second Class
JAMES H. PATE
USCG

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight on the afternoon of 22 September 1975 while serving as a crewmember and hoist operator of Coast Guard HH-3F 1484 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of crewmembers from disabled vessels in the path of Hurricane ELOISE, off the Louisiana coast.

***Secretary's Military
Decorations
Presented During
the Past Year***

Legion of Merit

VADM Joseph J. McClelland
RADM Joseph R. Steele
RADM Ricardo A. Ratti
CDR Walter T. Leland
CAPT Philippe C. Gaucher

Distinguished Flying Cross

LCDR Joseph L. Crowe, Jr.
AD3 Darrel C. Barfield

Coast Guard Medal

MK1 Ronald A. Henderson
SN George A. Delzell

