

U.S. Department of Transportation

Tenth

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1977



Foreword



Those we honor today have distinguished themselves in the Federal service, through unusual bravery or exceptional performance. We are grateful for these men and women as individuals, and for their examples of courage and conduct. They merit our recognition, our praise and our admiration.

The awards we bestow signify our appreciation. They cannot connote the extent of our gratitude, especially to those who—in the public service—have put their own safety to risk.

I extend to each recipient my thanks and my congratulations. By your deeds and your dedication, you have distinguished yourselves, this Department, and the Federal service.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brock Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Brock" and the last name "Adams" clearly legible.

Brock Adams
Secretary of Transportation



*Tenth Annual
Department of Transportation
Awards Program*

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

*October 6, 1977
10:30 a.m.*

program

Overture *U.S. Coast Guard Band
Director, LTJG Lewis J. Buckley*

Master of Ceremonies *Honorable Alan A. Butchman
Deputy Secretary of Transportation*

Presentation of Colors *Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard*

The National Anthem *U.S. Coast Guard Band*

Remarks *Honorable Brock Adams
Secretary of Transportation*

Interlude *D.O.T. March
U.S. Coast Guard Band*

Presentation of Awards *Honorable Brock Adams
Secretary of Transportation*

*Announcing Awards for
Distinguished Civilian Service
and
Distinguished Military Service* *Honorable Edward W. Scott, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for Administration*

Retirement of Colors *Color Guard, U.S. Coast Guard*

Recessional *U.S. Coast Guard Band*

*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.



JAMES G. DAVIS
FAA Representative-
Federal Aviation
Administration
Frankfurt, Germany

For his outstanding courage by acting as copilot of an FAA aircraft during an emergency air evacuation of FAA and American Embassy personnel and families from Beirut, Lebanon under fire on November 5, 1975.



WILLIAM R. WINK
NAVAIDS Technician-
In-Depth
Federal Aviation
Administration
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

For his outstanding courage on November 30, 1976, when he rescued the unconscious pilot from the cockpit of an aircraft crash.



BENJAMIN VOSS
Principal Operations
Inspector
Federal Aviation
Administration
Shreveport, Louisiana

For his outstanding courage in freeing two men who had contacted a high tension line on April 9, 1977.



CARL M. RODGERS
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation
Administration
White Plains, New York

For outstanding courage when he entered a burning five story apartment building and aroused the sleeping occupants on the third and fourth floors and assisted them to safety on October 30, 1976.



JOHN D. HEILLE
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation
Administration
Eden Prairie, Minnesota

For the outstanding courage he displayed on June 22, 1977, when he saved the life of an individual trapped on the second story of a burning apartment building.



GORDON D. DUNN
Electronics Technician
Federal Aviation
Administration
Miles City, Montana

For his heroic efforts in assisting in the rescue of a survivor of a burning aircraft accident on July 30, 1976.



PATRICK L. BOOTH
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation
Administration
Miles City, Montana

For his heroic efforts in the rescue of a student pilot from a burning airplane on July 30, 1976.



GEORGE F. PUSKARICH
Airspace System
Inspection Pilot
Federal Aviation
Administration
Frankfurt, Germany

For his outstanding courage by acting as pilot of an FAA aircraft during an emergency air evacuation of FAA and American Embassy personnel and families from Beirut, Lebanon under fire on November 5, 1975.



JOHN H. TOMPKINS
Aircraft and Engine Mechanic
Federal Aviation
Administration
Frankfurt, Germany

For his outstanding courage by acting as flight engineer of an FAA aircraft during an emergency air evacuation of FAA and American Embassy personnel and families from Beirut, Lebanon under fire on November 5, 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



WILLIAM P. DAVIS
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Administration
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his exceptional contributions to administrative policy and his effective leadership as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration. He has contributed significantly to the mission of the Department and to the accomplishment by the Secretary of his program objectives.

*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.



ROBERT L. BEAUREGARD
Attorney-Advisor
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his counsel and personal contribution in the formulation of the Secretary's analyses and recommendations to the President concerning the selection of a transportation system for Alaska natural gas.



PIN TONG
Mechanical Engineer
Vehicles and Engineering
Division
Office of the Secretary
Transportation Systems
Center
Cambridge, Massachusetts

For his dedication and outstanding technical contributions to the development of improved safety regulations for railroad tank cars carrying hazardous materials.



HENRY E. SEIFF
General Engineer
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his outstanding leadership and contributions to the successful implementation of the Government/Industry Voluntary Truck and Bus Fuel Economy Improvement Program.



HOWARD R. SCHMIDT
Project Manager
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

For his outstanding leadership, initiative and professional judgment in the field of automotive safety.



DAVID LEBOFISKY
Chief
Program Review and
Analysis Branch
United States Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

For his innovations and improvement and unyielding dedication to performance resulting in a vastly improved system of resource management in Civil Engineering throughout the entire Coast Guard.



ROBERT O. VOETSCH
Chief
Construction and
Engineering Branch
United States Coast Guard
Washington, D.C.

For his leadership, foresight and sound judgment in the execution of the Coast Guard Shore Construction and Maintenance Program and for his high level of engineering professionalism in executing the LORAN-C 70's program, Shore Facilities Construction Program and Energy Conservation and Substitution Program.



ROBERT J. BALDWIN
Chief
Planning Staff
Federal Aviation
Administration
Anchorage, Alaska

For his exceptional leadership in developing intermodal planning in the Alaskan Region and gaining support for the landmark agreement on Federal/State transportation policy, planning, and coordination.



RICHARD P. SKULLY
Director
Flight Standards Service
Federal Aviation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For exceptional leadership in directing FAA's Flight Standards Safety programs.



WARREN C. SHARP
Director
Airway Facilities Service
Federal Aviation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his meritorious performance and his outstanding leadership in the initiation and achievement of increased productivity, efficiency, and economy in the installation and maintenance of the technical components of our national airspace system.



BUD STANLEY
SELTENREICH
Pipeline Coordinator
Federal Aviation
Administration
Anchorage, Alaska

For exceptional service to the Alaskan Aviation Community and for tireless and innovative efforts which promoted an unparalleled aviation safety record during the construction of the Trans-Alaska pipeline.



BILL J. HOWARD
Albuquerque Area
Coordinator/Airports
Program Manager
Federal Aviation
Administration
Albuquerque, New Mexico

For exceptional leadership in developing a more effective and permanent airport system for the Albuquerque Metropolitan area and the State of New Mexico.



ALVIN R. COWAN
Chief
Geometric Design Branch
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For meritorious service as a national leader in the field of highway design and for contributions in the development, improvement, promulgation and interpretation of highway design criteria.



DONNELL W. MORRISON
Chief
Vehicle Requirements Branch
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For initiative and perseverance in the Hazardous Materials Special Exemption Program and in preparing the Steering Axle Study.



HAZEL R. MATHIAS
Chief
Payroll and Employee
Records Section
Federal Highway
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For her outstanding achievements in pay administration through exemplary service to the Department of Transportation.



JAMES D. LACY
Regional Federal Highway
Administrator
Region 4
Atlanta, Georgia

For highway effective leadership and dedication as Regional Administrator in advancing Federal Highway Administration Programs.



RAYMOND H. HOGREFE
Division Administrator
Federal Highway
Administration
Lincoln, Nebraska

For superior contributions and service to the Federal Highway Administration and to the Department of Transportation in providing inspirational leadership in performing his duties as Division Administrator in the State of Nebraska.



GENE A. HANNA
Division Administrator
Federal Highway
Administration
Juneau, Alaska

For exceptionally high level of performance contributing to the success and effectiveness of the Alaska Division as well as to all facets of the highway program.



ROBERT S. VERMUT
Attorney-Advisor
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For substantial contributions through his skillful negotiating ability and careful draftsmanship, to the effective administration of the FRA's financial assistance programs to the railroad industry.



SETH M. LINDSEY
Attorney-Advisor
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For consistent provision of the highest quality legal counsel in the handling of the Northeast Corridor Improvement Project.



LEAVITT A. PETERSON
Director
Office of Rail
Safety Research
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For their dedication, competence and valued accomplishments in research and development work which improved the nation's transportation safety and for implementing the results of a coordinated government/industry research program which established a viable and practical means for the elimination of a national safety problem in the rail transport of toxic compressed gases.



DAVID DANCER
Chemical Engineer
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.



DONALD LEVINE
Chief
Rail Vehicle Safety
Research Division
Federal Railroad
Administration
Washington, D.C.



STEPHEN P. WOOD
Assistant Chief Counsel
for Legislation
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his grasp of the fuel economy issues and his thorough preparation of rulemaking documents contributing to the timely issuance of fuel economy standards for motor vehicles.



DR. ATHANASIOS C.
MALLIARIS
Chief
Energy and Research
Division
National Highway Traffic
Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

For directing the research and analysis support for the Automotive Fuel Economy Activities of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



ROBERT J. LEWIS
Transportation Systems
Analyst
St. Lawrence Seaway
Development Corporation
Washington, D.C.

For his expert analysis and leadership in the development of a negotiating strategy for the United States and the St. Lawrence Seaway toll discussions with Canada.



GEORGE MOORE
Executive Officer
Materials Transportation
Bureau
Washington, D.C.

For his dedication, his personal initiative and for his outstanding contribution to the management of the Materials Transportation Bureau.



LLOYD ULRICH
Petroleum Engineer
Materials Transportation
Bureau
Washington, D.C.

For oversight of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System to assure that the pipeline was constructed in accordance with DOT standards.



MELVIN A. JUDAH
Chief
Industry Programs Division
Materials Transportation
Bureau
Washington, D.C.

For his personal contributions in the formulation of the Secretary's analyses and recommendations to the President concerning the selection of a transportation system for Alaska natural gas.

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.



ROBERT W. BATCHELDER
Supervisory Attorney-Advisor
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
Washington, D.C.

For his skillful and dedicated representation of the Department of Transportation and Urban Mass Transportation Administration in litigation with profound impact on the urban mass transportation program.

Secretary's Awards Presented During the Past Year

Award for Outstanding Achievement

MARY T. BOYLE
Special Projects Officer
Executive Secretariat
Office of the Secretary

Award for Meritorious Achievement

EDWARD J. HEINE, JR.
Chairman
National Boating Safety Advisory Council
United States Coast Guard

LEO W. WEIL
Assistant Chief
Budget Division
United States Coast Guard

DR. MICHAEL J. RABINS
Director
Office of University Research
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
JAMES B. WALLACE
USCG

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the afternoon of 10 January 1977 as pilot of Coast Guard HH-3F 1438 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of survivors from the T/V CHESTER A. POLING, which broke in half and was sinking during a violent storm, 6 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts.



Lieutenant
JAMES D. STILES
USCG

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the afternoon and evening of 1 March 1977 as pilot of Coast Guard HH-3F 1493 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of 4 crewmen from the F/V VIKING ROVER, which was disabled and sinking during a storm, 43 miles south of Cape Sarichef, Alaska, a distance of 475 miles to the scene.



Lieutenant
WILLIAM F. GEERS
USCG

For extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight on the evening of 5 November 1976 as pilot of Coast Guard HH-52A 1367 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of 3 persons from a small fishing vessel, which was disabled and breaking up in the turbulent, wind swept surf on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii.



***Coast Guard
Medal***



Aviation Machinist Mate
Second Class
JOHN K. MCGUIRE
USCG

For heroism on the evening of 5 November 1976 while serving as aircrewman and hoist operator of Coast Guard HH-52A 1367 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of 3 persons from a small fishing vessel, which was disabled and breaking up in the turbulent, wind swept surf on the north shore of Oahu, Hawaii.



Air Medal



Aviation Survivalman
First Class
PATRICK K. WEAVER
USCG

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight on the afternoon and evening of 1 March 1977 while serving as aircrewman and hoist operator of Coast Guard HH-3F 1493 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of 4 crewmen from the F/V VIKING ROVER, which was disabled and sinking during a storm, 43 miles south of Cape Scharif, Alaska, a distance of 475 miles to the scene.



Aviation Structural Mechanic
Second Class
REGINALD D. LAVOIE
USCG

For meritorious achievement in aerial flight on the afternoon of 10 January 1977 while serving as aircrewman and hoist operator of Coast Guard HH-3F 1438 helicopter engaged in the perilous rescue of survivors from the T/V CHESTER A. POLING, which broke in half and was sinking during a violent storm, 6 miles east of Cape Ann, Massachusetts.

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

Distinguished Service Medal

ADM Owen W. SILER
VADM Ellis L. PERRY

Legion of Merit

RADM Chester A. RICHMOND, JR.
RADM William A. JENKINS
RADM Abe H. SIEMENS
RADM Robert H. SCARBOROUGH
RADM James P. STEWART
RADM James S. GRACEY
CAPT Clarence R. HALLBERG
CAPT Glenn F. YOUNG
MCPO-CG Phillip F. SMITH
BMCM Thomas D. McADAMS

Coast Guard Medal

AE2 John L. CAWLEY
SN David W. KELLEY
SN Edward J. ROGEAN



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