

LEAGUE AWARD RECIPIENTS BY YEAR

2019

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Mr. Richard T. Childress, Senior League Policy Advisor; 8-year NSC Director for Asian Affairs during the Reagan Administration

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD

Mrs. Liz Flick, Central Region Coordinator; Annual Meeting Registration & Dinner Chairman

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Rudy de Leon, former Deputy Secretary of Defense; decades long League supporter

League Award

BG Steve Redmann, USA (Ret), former (and last) JTF-FA Commander, Deputy Staff Director for the Army Chief of Staff

Mr. Les Brown, Northern Nevada State Coordinator

Ms. Nicki Chopski, Western Region Communications Coordinator; Annual Dinner Assistant Chairman

Ms. Marty Eddy, Michigan State Coordinator

Certificate of Appreciation

Ms. Sandra Kolb, US Air Force Casualty

Mrs. Robin Olsen, Nevada Assistant State Coordinator

Mr. Torrey Whitaker, Special Support Annual Meeting Staff

Mrs. Grace Brown, Special Support Annual Meeting Staff

Mr. Mike Cassata, Executive Director, Cecil Field National POW/MIA Memorial & Museum

MSgt Henry Harlow, USAF (Ret), Active Ohio Veteran

2018

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mrs. Betty Bartels Murphy

League Award

Father Paul Hurley, MG, USA, Chief of Chaplains

SOA/SFA, POW/MIA Committee

John Goines, DPAA Laboratory Manager, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Certificate of Appreciation

Nicki Chopski

Wendy Coble

Loretta Sherod, POW/MIA Flag Guard, KY

Ms. Hattie Johnson. Chief, Marine Corps Casualty Office

2017

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

VFW National, accepted by Bob Wallace, National Adjutant

Mr. Ron Ward, Casualty Resolution Specialist, Vietnam

League Award

Stony Beach: Brad Taylor, SB Chief; Vietnam, Mike Najim & David White; Laos, Duffy Spivey; Cambodia, Eric Phillips; Thailand, Dustin Roses
 Archival Research Committee: Jay Veith, Merle Pribbenow, Lou Shwetzter, Joseph Mortati

Certificate of Appreciation

Frank Plescia, DAV, Florida

2016

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mr. Johnie E. Webb

League Award

Mr. Peter Loverde, DIA's Stony Beach
 Mr. Bill Habeeb, DPMA.RA
 Dr. Thomas Holland, DPAA, former Science Director, CILHI

2015

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

William F. Batdorf (posthumously), League Volunteer Auditor

League Award

The Honorable Chuck Hagel, former Sec. of Defense
 Pocatello POW/MIA Rally Association
 Boise Valley POW/MIA Corporation

2014

League Award

Major General Kelly K McKeague, JPAC Commander
 VVA (national), accepted by Richard DeLong, National POW/MIA Chairman
 Rob Richeson, Director, JPAC/RA (J2), presented in February on retirement

Certificate of Appreciation

VFW Motorcycle Club Post 5108, Marietta, OH

2013

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Gary Sydow, retired DPMO Senior VN Analyst

2012

League Award

General Robert "Doc" Fogelsong, USAF Ret., USRJC Co-Chairman
 Mr. Ron Ward, JPAC Det. 2, Hanoi, Vietnam, Casualty Resolution Specialist

Certificate of Appreciation

Citizens of Elko County
 South Lakes High School POW/MIA Advocates
 Francine Nesson, MA, decades-long, active League Volunteer
 Kathleen Eckmeyer, MA, decades-long, active League Volunteer

- 2011 **League Award**
POW*MIA Elko Awareness Assn.
Tom & Nancy Engkilterra, long-serving League Coordinators
Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., accepted by COL Herb Rosenbleeth, ED
Defense Intelligence Agency, accepted by LTG Ron Burgess, USA, Director
Bill Batdorf- William Batdorf & Company, P.C., League Auditor
- Certificate of Appreciation**
LTC Todd Emoto, USA, JPAC Det. 2 CO, Hanoi, Vietnam
Ken Terry, USN Casualty Chief, upon imminent retirement
Barney Frampton, USAF Casualty office, upon imminent retirement
Bob Smith, Veteran Activist, Northern VA
Boise Valley POW/MIA Association
LtCol Danny Davis, USAF, decades-long active-duty supporter
- 2010 **League Award**
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States – accepted by Bob Wallace, ED
- 2009 **League Award**
Betty Bartels Murphy, NV State Coordinator and Silent Auction Chairman
Jennifer Nasarenko, dedicated USG employee, DPMO, CIL, JTF-FA & JPAC
Disabled American Veterans - accepted by Joe Violante
Nat'l Legis. Director, Dept. of OH American Legion,
accepted by Liz Flick, Region III Coord.
- 2008 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Carol Bates Brown, former DIA, DPMO, League Ex. Dir, originator of VIVA POW/MIA
Bracelet
- League Award**
AFDIL
Ambassador Ravic R. Huso, US Ambassador to Laos
Ambassador Patricia Haslach - former US Ambassador to Laos
Senator Saxby Chambliss, USRJC Commissioner
Representative Sam Johnson, USRJC Commissioner
- Certificate of Appreciation**
Peter J. McCluskey, Jr., Universal Manufacturing
Mr. William Batdorf, League Auditor
- 2007 **League Award**
Johnie E. Webb, Jr., Dep to JPAC CO – External Relations, JPAC
George "Jay" Veith, League Advisor – Research & Intelligence
Michael Schlee, Director – Nat'l Security & For. Rel. Director, The American Legion
Tom McKay, Chief – DIA's Stony Beach Team
- Certificate of Appreciation**
Torco Fuels – Bobby Bennett, accepting

Pocatello POW/MIA Rally Assn. – accepted by Mark Stephensen

- 2006 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Liz Flick
- League Award**
Georgia Power, extraordinary generosity & support.
The American Legion Post 351, Dept. of New Jersey
LtCol Paul Mather, USAF (Ret), former JCRC and JTF-FA
- 2005 -0-
- 2004 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Dr. Paul Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary of Defense
- League Award**
James A. Kelly, AS/EAP
Mathew P. Daley, DAS/EAP
Raymond F. Burghardt, US Ambassador to Vietnam
Douglas A. Hartwick, US Ambassador to Laos
Charles A. Ray, US Ambassador to Cambodia
Kingdom of Cambodia.
Kingdom of Thailand
- 2003 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
CILHI
- League Award**
Sos Kem, League Advisor on Cambodian Affairs
- 2002 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Betty A. Bartels (*posthumous*), accepted by daughters Ginny Haenel & Betty Murphy
- League Award**
John K. Kiehm, Chief of Staff, DIA
- 2001 **League Award**
Joint Task Force - Full Accounting, accepted by CO
Capital One Services, Inc., advertising and fund-raising campaign
- 2000 **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**
Richard T. Childress
- League Award**
Kate Jones, League Volunteer Webmaster
Theresa Montani, Asst. Annual Meeting Chairman

- 1999 **League Award**
Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel & Readiness
Tom Nielsen, Artist - Vietnam Veteran
- 1998 **League Award**
Life Sciences Equipment Laboratory
Florence W. Madden, Associate General Counsel, USAF
C. Gary Sydow, Defense POW/MIA Office, Research & Analysis
- 1997 **League Award**
George Atkinson, USAF Casualty
Robert C. "Bud" McFarlane, National Security Advisor to Reagan
Paul D. Wolfowitz, Bush Admin USDP, Reagan Admin AS/EAP
The U.S. Army Chorus
- 1996 **League Award**
John Sommer, Jr., Executive Director, The American Legion
Ladies Aux. to the VFW - National
Charles Trowbridge, DPMO Chief of R&A, former DIA
- 1995 **League Award**
Senator Bob Dole
Senator Bob Smith
Representative Ben Gilman
Jane Durgom-Powers, Volunteer League Counsel
Paola Riva, League Staff Volunteer from Switzerland
- 1994: -0-
- 1993 **League Award**
Carl Ford, Jr., PDASD/ISA
COL John Cole, USA, Commander, Stony Beach/DIA
Liz Flick, State & Regional Coordinator
Rosemary Jersak, State & Regional Coordinator
- 1992 **League Award**
Garnet "Bill" Bell, Chief, POW/MIA Office, Hanoi
Tommy Clack, Vietnam Veteran-GA
Lynne Gilcoine, MA, Annual Meeting Chairman, Sergeants at Arms
Massachusetts Vigil Society
- 1991 -0-

- 1990 **League Award**
 Senator Bob Dole - Special Commitment Award
 Ambassador David Lambertson, former DAS/EAP
- 1989 **League Award**
 CILHI
- 1988 **League Award**
 Richard L. Armitage, Reagan Admin. ASD/ISA
 BG Jim Shufelt, USA, DIA
 USAF Casualty Office
 USA Casualty Office
 USN Casualty Office
 USMC Casualty Office
- 1987 -0-
- 1986 **League Award**
 Everett Alvarez, Deputy Administrator of Vets. Affairs, R-POW
 Rep. Gerald B.H. Solomon, Ranking Member, Sub. Comm. on Asian & Pacific Affairs
 Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman, Subcommittee on Asian & Pacific Affairs
 Senator Frank Murkowski, Chairman, Veterans Affairs Committee
- 1985 **League Award**
 General John W. Vessey, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
 Richard T. Childress, NSC Director for Asian Affairs
 The American Legion
 The Air Force Association
- 1984 **League Award**
 Arnold Air Society
 Dr. Larry Ward, humanitarian leader/supporter
- 1983 **League Award**
 Anne Keegan, Chicago Tribune
 Eddie Schwartz, WGN Chicago
 Diana Collins
 Real People, Television Show
 Brian Burke
 Ron Mischler
 Ron Burdette
 Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC)

1982

League Award

Senator S.I. Hayakawa, Chairman, Sub. Senate Comm. Asian & Pacific Affairs
 Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, Chairman, Sub. Comm. Asian & Pacific Affairs
 Fred Travalena, Entertainer
 Ron Miller, ABC News
 Dave Hatcher, journalist
 Patti Sheridan, Ex. Dir., Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association
 Al Chapin, TX State Coordinator
 Joel Cook, NY State Committee Chairman
 Betty Bartels, Support Our POW/MIA Organization
 Peg Treadway, Regional Coordinator, TX
 Tom Kaiser, NY State Veteran Activist and Supporter

1981

League Award

General Richard L. Lawson, USAF, former JCS/J5
 LTG Eugene F. Tighe, Jr., USAF, Director, DIA
 RADM Jerry G. Tuttle, USN, Director of Operations, DIA
 Jon D. Holstine, House International Relations Committee Minority Staff Director

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