

# **THE COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL**



## **AWARDS CEREMONY**



U.S. Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Office of the Commissioner

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I am pleased to recognize the employees who have distinguished themselves as leaders within the Immigration and Naturalization Service. These individuals exemplify the principles of dedication to duty, loyalty, and high achievement which have continued to enhance the reputation of this Service as a professional organization. I wish to add my personal congratulations to each award recipient. Their accomplishments will set an example to all Service employees to strive for excellence in all aspects of our work.

*Gene McNary*  
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Commissioner

**THE COMMISSIONER'S ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MARCH 19, 1992**

**WYNDHAM PARADISE VALLEY HOTEL  
BALLROOM - SOUTH  
SEDONA/PALOMAS/CORONADO ROOMS  
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA**

**Introduction of the Commissioner.....Chris Sale  
Executive  
Associate  
Commissioner  
for Management**

**Presentation of Awards..... Gene McNary  
Commissioner**

**Exceptional Service Award**

**Meritorious Service Awards**

**Newton-Azrak Awards**

**Equal Employment Opportunity Awards**

**Quality and Productivity  
Improvement Awards**

**Employee of the Year Awards**

**Supervisor of the Year Awards**

**Special Commendation Awards**

**Excellence in Group Achievement Award**

**Interagency Assistance Award**

**COMMISSIONER'S EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

**Gustavo De La Vina**

**Chief Patrol Agent  
San Diego Sector**

Presented in recognition of the performance of a special service in the public interest which is over and above normal requirements and of an outstanding and distinctive character in terms of improved operations, public understanding of the Service's mission, or accomplishment of one of the major goals of the Service. This is the most prestigious award granted within the Service.

**COMMISSIONER'S MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD**

**William B. Odencrantz**

Regional Counsel  
Western Region

**Gunther O. Wagner**

Assistant Regional Commissioner  
for Intelligence  
Southern Regional Office of Operations

**Tina Tucker  
and  
Jackie Newburn**

Special Agents  
Dallas District

**Lawrence J. Weinig**

Deputy Assistant Commissioner  
for Adjudications  
Headquarters

**Lee Peterson  
and  
Theodore H. Weimann**

Special Agents  
Investigations Unit  
Portland District

Presented in recognition of the accomplishment of assigned duties in such an outstanding manner as to be clearly noteworthy among all those who have performed similar duties, or performance of assigned tasks in such an exemplary manner as to set a record of achievement that will inspire others to improve the quality and/or quantity of their work. This is the second highest award granted by the Commissioner.

**NEWTON-AZRAK AWARD**

**Robert E. Jolicoeur**

**Border Patrol Agent  
Eagle Pass, Texas**

**Theo D. Hudson**

**Senior Border Patrol Agent  
Douglas, Arizona**

**Howard R. Gay (Posthumously)**

**Border Patrol Pilot  
Marfa, Texas**

This award is named in honor of Theodore L. Newton, Jr., and George P. Azrak, two young Border Patrol officers who were kidnapped by smugglers during an investigation and later murdered. This award is presented in recognition of the exercise of unusual courage or competence in the line of duty; outstanding accomplishments in special law enforcement programs; outstanding performance, leadership, or innovation in Federal law enforcement; or exceptionally effective work with other law enforcement agencies or community segments which enhances the Service's image and makes its efforts more effective and more easily accomplished.

**COMMISSIONER'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT  
OPPORTUNITY AWARD**

**Robert H. Mandgie**

Assistant District Director  
Detention and Deportation Branch  
San Diego District

**Ronald A. Gardner**

Supervisory Immigration Inspector  
North Troy, Vermont

Presented in recognition to those supervisors who excel in promoting Equal Employment Opportunity within their organizational entities by: motivating employees through direct encouragement and assistance to develop their full potential and utilize their skills to the greatest possible extent; achieving effective employee utilization as evidenced by integrating women, minority groups, and handicapped employees successfully in the unit; or demonstrating concern for employee needs as evidenced by attendance at Equal Employment Opportunity training and consideration of Equal Employment Opportunity goals in providing training, promoting employees, assigning overtime and creating new job opportunities.

**COMMISSIONER'S QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

**Joan K. Lewis**

**Supervisory Computer Systems Analyst  
Information Resources Management  
Headquarters**

**Donald B. Looney**

**Deputy District Director  
Los Angeles, California**

**Paul E. Novak, Jr.**

**ADP Systems Director  
Eastern Region**

**Henry J. Brattlie**

**Deputy District Director  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**

**Mariela Melero-Shami**

**and**

**Lisa Brown Jacobs**

**Public Affairs Specialists  
Houston District**

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**COMMISSIONER'S QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY  
IMPROVEMENT AWARD**

**Eastern Region Forms Transcription  
and Distribution Center**

**Undercover Projects Team  
Philadelphia District**

**Krome Service Processing Center**

**Northern Service Center**

**Investigations Branch  
Portland District**

**Las Vegas Sub-Office**

Presented in recognition of meritorious action during an emergency or in response to an unforeseen urgent situation; significant and noteworthy accomplishments of goals or programs despite problems or setbacks; significant and noteworthy improvements in systems, operations, or procedures as a result of creative and/or innovative initiatives; and/or any activity taken over a significant period of time with high public visibility and resulting in efficient and effective furtherance of the Service's mission.

**COMMISSIONER'S EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

**SECRETARIAL/CLERICAL SUPPORT**

**LURA E. KEARNS**  
Secretary  
Baltimore District

**ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

**FRANCES T. YOUNG**  
Immigration Information Officer  
Calexico Port of Entry

**OFFICER CORPS**

**PAUL K. SHERWOOD**  
Immigration Examiner  
Portland Maine District

**MELODY B. JACKSON**  
Special Agent  
Washington District Office

**LUZ T. AMARILLAS**  
Immigration Inspector  
Calexico Port of Entry

This award is designed to recognize employees who excel in their particular occupational area. Nominees must have accomplished one of the following: (1) performed their duties in such an outstanding manner as to set a noteworthy record of achievement that will inspire others to attain equally high standards of performance; (2) demonstrated remarkable skills, initiative and/or creative ability in a complex assignment for which the nominee was primarily responsible, or through participation in a special Service project or program, that resulted in significant benefits to the Service's program; (3) demonstrated leadership in spreading the use of modern technologies among the employee's peers; (4) demonstrated enthusiasm in learning to use and using modern technologies in the work place, or (5) demonstrated enthusiasm in assisting the public in connection with official duties.

**COMMISSIONER'S SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR AWARD**

**Rudolph C. Marotta**

**Records and Information Service Manager  
New York District**

**Joseph L. De La Cruz**

**Supervisory Special Agent  
Laredo Anti-Smuggling Operations**

Presented in recognition of the demonstration of unusual ability in overcoming organizational difficulties and/or shortages in manpower, funding and/or equipment resources to achieve objectives; exceptional organizational and/or planning ability in the achievement of a major project or objective that was extremely complex, sensitive, and/or labor intensive; or ability to create a working environment in which subordinates work to their utmost capacity and achieve objectives over a sustained period of time in an efficient manner and with exceptional quality.

**COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL COMMENDATION AWARD**

**Philip S. Johnson**

Senior Border Patrol Agent  
Naco Station, Tucson Sector

**Ernesto Gonzales**

Special Agent  
McAllen, Texas

**Frank Garza**

Senior Border Patrol Agent  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**Travis Stewart**

Deputy Regional Chief Patrol Agent  
(Retired)  
Dallas, Texas

Presented in recognition of exceptional work in the development and/or execution of an administrative or operational program; establishment of an extraordinary record of achievement by an individual in his/her work production or in the production of work by a unit for which an individual has responsibility; demonstrated outstanding leadership in the administration of a major program; or a single act of major significance to the Service.

**COMMISSIONER'S EXCELLENCE IN GROUP  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

**Border Patrol Station  
Casa Grande, Arizona**

Presented in recognition of improvements in operations or procedures which resulted in substantial benefits, increased production, or decreased backlogs.

**COMMISSIONER'S INTERAGENCY ASSISTANCE AWARD**

**Department of State  
U. S. Embassy  
Manila, Philippines**

**Richard LaRoche  
Deputy Consul General**

**Kenneth Sackett  
Consul**

**Karin Larson  
Vice-Consul**

**Kurt Tong  
Vice-Consul**

**Presented in recognition of invaluable assistance to the Service  
in an emergent situation to which the Service could not otherwise  
have responded.**