



2008 SECRETARY’S AWARDS HONOREES

| SECRETARY’S SILVER MEDAL | |
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| <p>This is the second highest award granted by the Department of Homeland Security. This award recognizes exceptional individual leadership or service that is distinguished by achievements of marked significance over time to the Department of Homeland Security. This award will recognize a body of work characterized by superior performance related to significant accomplishments, business improvements or notable resourcefulness and diligence that significantly improved the effectiveness of the Department of Homeland Security in one or more program areas.</p> | |
| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Wood • Peter D. Dunbar |
| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raymond Gratton • Danielle Esposito |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John P. Torres • Luke J. McCormack |
| FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack Schuback • James Walke |
| TSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dana A. Brown • David R. Nicholson |
| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas D. Chaleki |
| USSS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John R. Sullivan, Jr. • Kathy Michalko • John Koleno |
| OIG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew A. Jadacki |
| S&T | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George R. Ryan, Jr. |
| PLCY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Dolan |
| OGC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brad J. Kieserman |
| OPS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roger T. Rufe Jr. |
| DNDO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthew A. Barton |
| PRIV | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Richards |
| GCR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul T. Conway |



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| SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR VALOR | |
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| <p>This award is the highest departmental recognition for extraordinary acts of valor by an employee, occurring while on or off duty. The award is only to be given in extraordinary circumstances. The employee must have demonstrated extraordinary courage in a highly dangerous, life-threatening situation or emergency under extreme stress and involving a specific act of valor, such as saving another person’s life or property. Both civilian and military employees of the Department are eligible for this award.</p> | |
| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Ruiz • Christopher Karem/K9 Sivil • Tony Miranda • Luis Aguilar |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gilbert Garcia • Paul Hazelgren |
| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AST3 Abram A. Heller • Lieutenant Scott A. Murphy and the Rescue Aircrew of CG1704 • AST2 Erick A. Lieb • AST2 Laurence D. Nettles |

| SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE | |
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| <p>This award recognizes exemplary individual service by Department of Homeland Security employees serving in administrative, technical, clerical and general support positions. Employees in support services positions below GS-11 and WG-8 can be nominated for this award.</p> | |
| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramiro Reyna |
| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jose Mencia • Donald R. Yager, Jr. |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter K. Werner • Jerry Arcand • Erma M. Paliani • San Juanita Osborn |
| FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Poremba • J’son Tyson |
| TSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeremy Trujillo • Matha Brownlee III |
| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uaaree Matsuda • Mary F. Stevens |
| OS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Dupre • Aisha Whitaker |
| MGMT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donald A. Jackson |
| I&A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patrick Woody • Christina Geisert |



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| OLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bridget E. Matty |
| OPS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brandon Gressett |

| SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE | |
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| <p><i>This award recognizes outstanding individual achievement or innovation by an employee engaged in work to advance the mission of the Department of Homeland Security. This work may have resulted in superior performance, significant operational improvements or notable innovation in support of Department of Homeland Security missions.</i></p> | |
| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milton Kennedy • George W. Allen |
| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huy V. Nguyen • Rita Crawley |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Gibson • Deborah Kay Lewis |
| FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • O. Megs Hepler III • Clifford Oliver • Ryan Buras • Kevin Hutcheson |
| FLETC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Scott Peters |
| OIG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward B. Kleppinger III • Michele Kennedy |
| TSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kelly C. Hoggan • Michael Golden |
| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John J. Hillin • Mark F. McCabe • Bethany Petrofsky |
| USSS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elaine Glynn Heinlein • Roy Dotson |
| MGMT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guadalupe Morales • Mike Wetklow • Donna Roy • Patricia Cogswell |
| I&A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joel Cohen • Melissa Smislova |
| NPPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Pitzen • Louis DabDoub |
| S&T | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Donald A. Bansleben • James V. Johnson |
| PLCY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Olmo |



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| OGC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nicholas Gray • Kemble Garrett • Ronald Kish |
| OLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Hess • Kimberly R. Baronof |
| OHA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane L. Berry |
| OPS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Couch |
| DNDO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Caroline B. Purdy |
| CRCL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Selim |
| OPA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Stiffel |

| SECRETARY'S AWARD FOR TEAM DHS EXCELLENCE | |
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| <p>This award recognizes outstanding team achievements by employees working in a group to advance the mission of the Department of Homeland Security. The nominees may be part of an ongoing working group or an ad hoc team. The work of the team may have resulted in superior performance, significant operational improvements or notable innovation in support of Department of Homeland Security missions.</p> | |
| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APIS Project • CBP Hurricane Team |
| CBP/ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile Enforcement Team |
| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Verify Operations Branch • Controlled Application Review & Resolution Program |
| CIS/TSA/USCG/DHS Screening Coordination Office | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Worker Identification Credential Project Team |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VCAS – Operation Repeat Offender |
| ICE/I&A/DOJ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICE Law Enforcement Information Sharing Team |
| FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FEMA Regions V and VII • Presidential Declarations Unit • Incident Management Assistance Team • Nevada GAP Analysis & Planning Task Force |
| FLETC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Innovation Division |
| OIG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OIG Chicago Field Office • OIG Tucson Field Office |
| TSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Hiring Operations and Personnel Program (IHOP) Acquisition Team • Black Diamond Roll Out Team • TSA Hurricane Response Support Team • Checkpoint Evolution Jump Team • TSA Security Blog Team |



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| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crews of CGNR 6007, CGNR 6566, and CGNR 1705 • Patrol Forces Southwest Asia, 7th Patrol Boat Crew/Forward Operating Base, Kuwait Naval Base, Camp Patriot, Kuwait |
| USSS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Coordinators for 2008 Democratic Convention • Security Coordinators for 2008 Republican Convention • Operation Sun Burn Team • Office of Protective Research |
| MGMT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Wireless Services Team • Program and Budget Review Team • APMD Acquisition Re-Engineering Team • Internal Controls Senior Assessment Team • Cyber Security Team • DHS Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office |
| S&T/MD State Police/Johns Hopkins University | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Infrastructure Inspection Management System (CIIMS) Team |
| NPPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIKR Prioritization Team |
| PLCY/OGC/NPPD/TSA/CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REAL ID |
| PLCY/OGC/I&A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visa Waiver Program Team |
| PLCY/CBP/OGC/PRIV/OPA/OLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WHTI and ESTA Team |
| OGC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9-11 Working Group |
| OGC/PLCY/FEMA/S&T/NPPD | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Private Sector Preparedness Standards Working Group |
| OHA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident Coordination-Operations Team of the Office of Health Affairs |
| I&A | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DHS Liaison Office at FBI • The Homeland Intelligence Support Team • I&A Training and Professional Development |
| I&A/CBP/OGC/PLCY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Advance Passenger Information/ Passenger Name Record (API/PNR) Team |
| OPS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operations Coordination & Planning Working Group |
| DNDO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRAWDAD Maritime Rad/Nuc Detection Technology Test Team |
| CRCL | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability and Special Needs Unit and FEMA's Planning and Assistance Branch |
| GCR | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Federal Coordinator Team |
| GCR/FEMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OFC/FEMA Transparency Initiative Team |



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SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR DIVERSITY MANAGEMENT

This award recognizes an employee who has excelled in efforts to promote diversity at the Department of Homeland Security through exceptional leadership, innovation and perseverance. The award may acknowledge individual efforts exclusively within the Department or with external partners who assist the Department of Homeland Security in meeting our commitment to diversity.

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| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Fierro |
| ICE | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael A. Holt • Debra K. Overstreet |
| TSA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kimberly Walton and Richard Whitford |
| MGMT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition Workforce |

SECRETARY’S AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

This award recognizes significant contributions by Department of Homeland Security employees who serve as volunteers with non-profit or community service programs or activities. The employee’s contributions should be direct, sustained and have meaningful results for individuals or larger public good.

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| CBP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sally R. Carrillo • Ann M. Nettles |
| CIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenny Rodriguez |
| FLETC | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shornden McCloud |
| USCG | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Spillane • LT David J. Cripe |
| MGMT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patricia Wolfe |
| S&T | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John B. Price |