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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today that the Department's Distinguished Service Award will be presented June 4 to 42 outstanding employees and former employees and Valor Awards to 9 others for acts of bravery in which they risked their own lives in successful rescues. Award ceremonies will be in the Interior Building Auditorium, Washington, D.C., at 2 p.m.

Six of the Valor Awards will go to seasonal employees of the National Park Service, who formed a team that plucked Lorraine Hough, 21 years old, Sandwich, Ill., and Gaylord K. Campbell, 26, Mahopac, N. Y., from a narrow ledge on the sheer north wall of the Grand Teton, Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and last August.

Campbell suffered a broken leg and bruises when rock showered down from the peak as he and Miss Hough were within 600 feet of reaching the 13,766 foot summit. Miss Hough was not injured.

Those comprising the rescue team, which worked August 22 to 24, to bring the pair to safety, were: Hans M. Ermarth, 5419 University Ave., Chicago Ill.; Ralph H. Tingey, 789 8th Ave., Salt Lake City, Utah; Richard L. Reese, 2390 E. Ashbury, Denver, Colo.; Robert W. Irvine, 2002 E. 21st South, Salt Lake City, Utah; Leon R. Sinclair, University of Washington English Department, Seattle; and Ted L. Wilson, 2537 South 18th East, also Salt Lake City.

The Interior rescue group was aided by Leigh Ortenburger of Palo Alto, Calif., who was vacationing in the park.

A citation for the Interior employees noted that the rescue of Campbell "required an unprecedented stretcher evacuation down the precipitous North Face of the mountain, one of the longest, most difficult and dangerous mountaineering routes in the United States."

Richard J. Francis, principal teacher of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Elim Day School at Elim, Alaska, was named for a Valor Award for rescuing a fourth-grade pupil, Linda Nylin, from the frigid waters of Norton Bay of the Bering Sea after her small boat capsized last October 9.

Another Valor Award goes to Therman "Pat" Ingram, a BIA employee at Juneau, Alaska, for rescuing Susan Patterson, 13 years old, and her brother, Stewart, 3, from their burning home in Juneau on April 20, 1967. The fire took the lives of their mother and two other Patterson children.

James B. Garner, a Bureau of Land Management official, 2020 Sandy Lane, Bakersfield, Calif., will receive a Valor Award for risking his life in rescuing a small girl, April 16, 1967, from the heavy surf of the Pacific Ocean near Morro Rock, San Luis Obispo County, California. The girl vanished after the rescue and her identity was not determined.

Those who will receive Distinguished Service Awards are:

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Washington, D. C.

Eugene D. Eaton, Associate Director, Office of Water Resources Research, 4514 Davenport St., N. W.

Sidney D. Larson; Office of the Secretary, 3001 Beazey Terrace, N. W. (posthumous).

Mary A. McColligan, Office of the Solicitor, 1301 15th St., N. W. Clarence F. Pautzke, Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Deputy

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, 2121 P St., N. W. Robert A. Vaughan, Office of the Assistant Secretary-Public Land Management, 3311 Rittenhouse St., N. W.

Arlington, Va.

Ralph C. Baker, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 3027 N. John Marshall Dr. John A. Carver, Jr., Vice Chairman, Federal Power Commission, who served Interior as Assistant Secretary-Public Land Management and as Under Secretary, 4421 25th St., N.

Charles E. Remington, Bureau of Land Management, 2005 Columbia Pike. Harold G. Smith, National Park Service, 5629 34th St., N.

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Juneau, Alaska

Urban C. Nelson, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Phoenix, Ariz.

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DeQueen, Ark.

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Fresno, Calif.

John M. Davis, National Park Service, 5052-B N. Wishon.

Sacramento, Calif.

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Harold G. Arthur, Bureau of Reclamation, 1730 Zinnia Court.

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Largo, Fla.

Charles Butler, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 107 Oakwood Dr., Harbor Bluffs.

Watertown, Mass.

Edward P. Furber, former Chief Justice, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Ann Arbor, Mich.

James W. Moffett, Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, 1204 Brooklyn (posthumous).

Stillwater, Minn.

Robert A. Uppgren, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Rt. 2, Boom Rd. (posthumous).

Winona, Minn.

Donald V. Gray, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 67 E. Howard St.

Omaha, Neb.

Nelson Murdock, former Chief, U. S. Park Police.

Morristown, N. J.

Francis S. Ronalds, National Park Service, 2 Hamilton Rd.

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Richard W. Hurn, Bureau of Mines, 802 Winding Way.

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