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Alaska Resident Given Valor Award for Rescue Attempt

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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today gave the Department's Distinguished Service Award for outstanding records or exceptional contribution to the public service to 43 employees and a Valor Award to another employee for bravery in attempting to save a child's life.

Included among the recipients of certificates for superior Federal service were John M. Kelly, former Assistant Secretary for Mineral Resources, and Dr. Thomas B. Nolan, former Director of the Geological Survey.

The Valor Award was presented to Robert E. Carroll of Anchorage, Alaska, for his attempts to save 5-month-old Ivan Haakensen, who died in a fire in the home of his parents at Kodiak Island, Alaska, February 12, 1965. Mr. Carroll, an employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, collapsed from smoke inhalation after entering the blazing dwelling and was rescued by Wilfred Alexanderoff of the Old Harbor Community on Kodiak.

Today's 43 recipients of Distinguished Service Awards represented a total of more than 1,300 years' Government employment, the individual average being more than 30 years. They represented 17 States and the District of Columbia.

Following are those given Distinguished Service Awards:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AREA

Washington, D.C.

Dr. Thomas B. Nolan, 41 years, Geological Survey, 2219 California St., N.W.

Mrs. Mary D. O'Connell, 36 years, Bureau of Land Management, 5415 Connecticut . ' Ave., N.W.

Mrs. Hildegard Thompson, 33 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 510 21st St., N. W.

Bethesda, Maryland

Charles W. Porter III, 30 years, National Park Service, 5008 Rugby Ave.

Chevy Chase, Maryland

Joseph A. Corgan, Bureau of Mines, 27 years, 5605 Park Street.

Kensington, Maryland

C. Earl Lamson, 31 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 10100 Wildwood Rd.

Silver Spring, Maryland

Rudolph W. Bauss, 29 years, National Park Service, 720 Dartmouth Ave.

Wilbur I. Duvall, 25 years, Bureau of Mines, 10116 Dallas Ave.

Robert F. Kojima, 19 years, Geological Survey, 1713 Lansdowne Way. (posthumously to Mrs. Fumie N. Kojima).

Julius L. Speert, 31 years, Geological Survey, 8201 16th St.

Annandale, Virginia

Howard W. Baker, 35 years, National Park Service, 6803 Algonquin Ct. Harthon L. Bill, 31 years, National Park Service, 5008 Dodson Lane.

Arlington, Virginia

Lansing A. Parker, 27 years, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 4819 N. 24th St. (posthumously to Mrs. Irene K. Parker).

Fairfax, Virginia

Ignacio J. Castro, 26 years, National Park Service, 708 Colony Rd.

Frank E. Harrison, 27 years, National Park Service, 10910 Orchard St.

Juneau, Alaska

Olive Trower, 41 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MacKinnon Apartments.

Scottsdale, Arizona

Albert M. Hawley. 33 years. Bureau of Indian Affairs, 7401 E. Belleview

Daly City, California

Percy E. Smith, 36 years, National Park Service, 75 Park Manor Dr.

Kentfield, California

Alfred C. Kuehl, 32 years, National Park Service, 10 Rock Dr.

Tiburon, California

Cecil J. Doty, 31 years, National Park Service. 4 Davis Dr.

Denver, Colorado

Charles W. Thomas, 34 years, Bureau of Reclamation, 3011 S. Madison.

Golden, Colorado

Paul Blake, 36 years, Geological Survey, Route 3. Box 528.

Lakewood, Colorado

Thomas A. Hendricks, 25 years, Geological Survey, 2520 Robb Court.

St. Petersburg, Florida

John M. Wilkinson, 31 years. Office of the Secretary, 376 26th Ave., S. E.

Honolulu, Hawaii

Fred T. Johnston, 38 years, National Park Service, 1455 S. Veretania St.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Ancil D. Holloway, 31 years, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, 2509 Irving Ave., S.

Albert B. Needham, 34 years, Bureau of Mines, 6029 12tQ Ave., S.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

Leola E. Kessler, 30 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 905 Truman, N. E.

Guy C. Williams, 38 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1421 Wellesley Dr., N. E.

Roswell, New Mexico

John M. Kelly, 5 years, Assistant Secretary of the Interior--Mineral Resources, Box 310.

Wahpeton, North Dakota

Esther B. Horne, 36 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 804 N. 4th St

Tulsa, Oklahoma

James V. Alfriend, 31 years, Federal Power Commission and Southwestern Power Administration, 3823 E. 11th Place.

Muskogee, Oklahoma

Mrs. Marie L. Wadley, 39 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2417 Arline St.

Corvallis, Oregon

Alva H. Roberson, 29 years, Bureau of Mines, 3242 Crest Dr.

Portland, Oregon

Everett J. Harrington, 26 years, Bonneville Power Administration, 5934 N. E. Thompson St.

Henderson M. McIntyre, 24 years, Bonneville Power Administration, 3125 N. E. Dekum St.

Travis M. Tyrrell, 35 years, Bureau of Land Management, 9300 N. W. Cornell Rd.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dr. Robert B. Anderson, 20 years, Bureau of Mines, 230 Baywood Ave.

Dr. Robert A. Friedel, 19 years, Bureau of Mines, 302 Locust Lane.

Aberdeen, South Dakota

Leslie M. Keller, 30 years, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1712 S. Main St.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

John C. Preston, 40 years, National Park Service, P. O. Box 771

Roanoke, Virginia

Samuel P. Weems, 32 years, National Park Service, 2709 Stephenson Ave., S. W.

Morgantown, West Virginia

Sam S. Taylor, 36 years, Bureau of Mines, 680 Killarney Dr.

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