The United States Armed Forces Receive the 2006 Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service

Award recipients representing all the branches of the armed services together with Marty Allen, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Vice President Dick Cheney and President Ford's children, Jack, Susan, Steve and Mike, at the presentation ceremony held at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., June 19, 2006.

The Gerald R. Ford Medal for Distinguished Public Service is awarded annually to an individual or entity that has served the public good in the private and public sector. The criteria for the recipient are based on characteristics that President Ford demonstrated throughout his long and distinguished public service career. They include courage; strength of character; diligence; determination in the face of adversity; compassion and integrity; all of which are exemplified by our Armed Forces.

In making the 2006 award, President Ford spoke directly to the Armed Forces, "In my life, I have received countless honors. Among the greatest of these was the opportunity to wear the uniform of the Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy. On an aircraft carrier in the South Pacific during World War II, I learned to respect and to rely on comrades as if my life depended on them—because it often did. In civilian life, I was to receive the greatest honor that can come to any American—one magnified by the privilege of serving as Commander in Chief of the bravest, most decent, most professional fighting force the world has ever known.

Thirty years on, America’s armed forces remain a principled and compassionate military force to be reckoned with. You fight to secure free and democratic elections in Iraq and Afghanistan. You fight waves of disease and heartbreak in the wake of a murderous tsunami. You fight for the future of hurricane victims on America's Gulf Coast. You fight to protect our borders, and to assist friends half a world away, as we witnessed recently in the Philippines. Above all, through your personal sacrifice and dauntless courage, you make America safer, and the world more free.

As a World War II veteran, I yield to no one in my admiration for the heroes of Omaha Beach and Iwo Jima. At the same time, I take enormous inspiration from their grandchildren and granddaughters who are writing new chapters of heroism in the back alleys of Baghdad and the rugged mountains of Afghanistan. We owe you so much; no medal can adequately express our gratitude, or convey our admiration. But to me it is a source of both pride and humility to know that a medal bearing my name will be permanently associated with your valor.

God bless you all. And may God bless America.”
Letter from the Director

It is a pleasure to provide an update on the wonderful scope of activities we have had at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum during this 25th anniversary year. With speakers like Steve Ford, Bob Woodward, James Galloway and David Hume Kennerly, we have drawn capacity crowds to attend superb programs coupled with outstanding exhibits like Teddy Roosevelt, Requiem and Prime Time Presidents. As you will see elsewhere in this issue, we have another strong line-up of speakers and exhibits for the coming year, starting with General Brent Scowcroft opening a new Art of Diplomacy exhibit at the Library, and followed by Steve Ford, Henry Kissinger and Richard Norton Smith at the Museum.

The Library and Museum staff is first rate, and this is amply demonstrated by the quality of our exhibits and public programs, the scope of archival research carried out at the Library, and the success of new outreach programs to bring more students to see Museum exhibits and use primary source materials at the Library. Museum attendance is up 33% over last year, and research use of the Library has increased more than 300% in the last five years. New initiatives to present lobby exhibits and speakers at the Library have been very well received in the Ann Arbor community, and we now have a cadre of "regulars" just as we do at the Museum.

Details regarding specific programs and events are featured on other pages within this newsletter, but I wanted to highlight several notable gifts to the Gerald R. Ford Foundation:

- Peter and Joan Secchia and the Secchia Family Foundation made a gift to underwrite busing of school children to visit the Ford Museum. Their contribution made a significant difference in Museum attendance and sparked creation of a special endowment within the Foundation to provide ongoing support, an effort being ably led by Ambassador Secchia.
- The Boone Pickens Foundation and the Communities Foundation of Texas Fund donated $1 million this spring to be added to our restricted temporary exhibit fund, to provide ongoing support for feature exhibitions and educational programming at the Ford Museum. These funds will enable us to further enhance the quality and scope of special exhibits to draw even more visitors to the Museum.
- Leonore Annenberg and the Annenberg Foundation gave an unrestricted gift of $500,000 this spring in honor of President Ford, to support the educational mission of the G.R. Ford Foundation. In addition, we have just received a commitment for another $500,000 gift to be given in the spring of 2007, this one in honor of President Ford's 93rd birthday on July 14, 2006.

Each of these gifts will have a very significant impact on our ability to provide quality programs, exhibits and outreach to school children and the scholarly community, and we are most grateful for this support for our mission.

The Library and Museum website (www.fordlibrary-museum.gov) has a new look, and continues to be enhanced every month. This spring, the site was selected for special recognition by the 2006 Webby Awards conducted by The International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, often referred to as the Academy Awards of web design. Special thanks go to Susan Ford Bales and Bill Brockett, a Ford family friend and former White House staff member, who generously volunteered to redesign the site through his company foto-grafics.com in Kalispell, Montana.

Thank you for your support for the Gerald R. Ford Foundation and for the Library and Museum. It is our honor to fulfill the mission of this great institution. We owe deep thanks to Marty Allen for all of his efforts as Chairman, and look forward to working with both Marty and Jack Ford in the years ahead.

ELAINE K. DIDIER, DIRECTOR
Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum

President Ford Awards and Tributes:

- University of Michigan Distinguished Alumni Service Award, October 6, 2005. President Ford was one of six individuals to receive the 2005 service award.
- Michigan Walk of Fame, downtown Lansing, Michigan, May 25, 2006. President Ford and eleven other Michigan natives were honored with an award and an individual bronze plaque embedded in the sidewalks of Michigan's state capitol.
- 2006 Dick Enberg Award. President Ford received this prestigious award from the College Sports Information Directors of America for promoting the values of education and academics while furthering the meaning of the student-athlete.
News from the Ford Foundation Board

At the annual meeting on June 20, Jack Ford was elected to succeed Marty Allen as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation. Marty will continue as a Lifetime Trustee and Chairman Emeritus. Also elected to the Executive Committee were Hank Meijer, Vice Chairman; David G. Frey, Treasurer; and Gregory D. Willard, Secretary.

John Baab, Treasurer since 1989, and Robert Warner, Secretary since 1988, were honored with a special resolution recognizing their helpful counsel, wise leadership and numerous contributions to the welfare and success of the Foundation for so many years. Both will continue on as Members of the Board.

Foundation Welcomes New Trustees

- Senior partner Baker Botts L.L.P.
- Secretary of State under President George H.W. Bush
- Secretary of the Treasury under President Reagan
- Led the presidential campaigns for Presidents Ford, Reagan and Bush over five consecutive presidential elections, 1976-1992

- Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board of Governors, 1987-2006
- Member of President Reagan’s Economic Policy Advisory Board
- Chairman of President Ford’s Council of Economic Advisers

Ford Tribute to Marty Allen

Excerpts from President and Mrs. Ford’s letters to Marty:
“Betty and I want to thank you for your extraordinary leadership and stewardship of the Ford Foundation for the past 21 years.

You have been a magnificent leader and guiding force shepherdling the Foundation’s development and expansion of its programs....”

President Ford with Marty Allen in his office at the Ford Library in Ann Arbor, 1985

"Please accept our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your commitment to serve as the lifetime Chairman Emeritus of the Gerald R. Ford Foundation. As you know the first 25 years of the Foundation were extremely significant. And with you continuing as an important and active part of the Foundation’s new leadership team, the Foundation’s future is even brighter."

With our warmest regards,
Betty and Jerry

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HENRY KISSINGER:
"He took very strong decisions, calmly, undramatically. Nobody ever questioned who was in charge. Nobody questioned was he up to it.... He deserves huge credit not for simply calming the country, which was important, but also for strong leadership and in my view for laying the basis for many of the revolutionary international developments that came afterwards."

BILLY SCRANTON:
"In 1976, President Ford decided that we should change our policy [toward South Africa]. Henry ... gave a very good speech... in which he told... all of Africa and all of the world that America was changing and that we were going to support those "front" states and no longer support apartheid in South Africa. There has been very little reference to any of this that I have found among historians or commentators or columnists or media in general. They seem to have ignored it. I offer to you that this is one of the finest achievements of President Ford."

CARLA HILLS:
"I think history will look back on the last century and put President Ford at the top of the list of those who contributed a great deal, maybe the most, to this country. He led in war, he led in economic crises, he led in constitutional turmoil and he made the right decision. He knew, when he took decisions—many of them—some economic, the Pardon of Richard Nixon we’ve mentioned, that it was taking a political toll. And when his advisors said to him "this will hurt your re-election," he responded he wanted to do the right thing. But he didn’t just say it, he did it. I think he is a man deserving of enormous plaudits, enormous gratitude from this country."

DAVID GERGEN:
"What’s important about President Ford was he was not only there during a period of tension, but it was the quality of governance and the quality of personal integrity that he brought to the job... [he] reached out across the aisle. We remember those days as ones which people, as divided as they were—there was an attempt to make the system work. And I think he held the country together during that time in ways that have now—because of the bitterness we’ve seen today we don’t see people do that in the way that he did."

JIM CANNON:
"He was the right person in a necessary place at the right time. The country was fortuitous to have him be there at the right time. The history of our country suggests to me anyway that in a time of crisis we produced a man we needed to bring us out of that crisis. I think this happened, for example, with Franklin D. Roosevelt, with Abraham Lincoln and I think it happened with Jerry Ford."
The Museum opened *Teddy Roosevelt: A Singular Life*, curated by the staff for exclusive showing in Grand Rapids.

"For the Teddy Roosevelt exhibit, his life fascinated me. He loved to hunt wildlife, and the animals that are in the exhibit are so beautiful. How he used to be just an ill child growing up, and become the President of the United States amazes me."

—Bryon Center Public Schools 8th grader

Noted historian H. W. Brands opened the exhibit with a talk on Teddy Roosevelt in conjunction with *War and Empire*, a conference co-sponsored with Grand Valley State University's Hauenstein Center for the Presidency.

Performances by Teddy Roosevelt impersonator Ted Zalewski supplemented the TR exhibit.

TR exhibit attendance by area school groups jumped dramatically due to a generous travel grant from Foundation Trustee Peter Secchia.

"Thank you so much for offering our students the invaluable experience of touring the Teddy Roosevelt exhibit. It was an absolutely wonderful day; one which provoked excellent class discussion upon our return. None of this would have been possible without the Secchia Family Foundation money to pay for the buses."

—Sparta High School teacher

Dr. Yanek Mieczkowski spoke at both the Library in Ann Arbor and the Museum in Grand Rapids about his new book, *Gerald R. Ford and the Challenges of the 1970s.* Filmed by C-SPAN

The 1,000th visitor to the Library's exhibit *Play Ball, Mr. President*, Ann Arbor resident Ann Walton, with Director Didier and exhibit curator Ken Hafeli.

High school class visits contributed to a record-breaking fall semester in the Library's educational programs.
Attendees mingled within the Library's exhibit of Ford White House holiday memorabilia.

Former White House Social Secretary Maria Downs visited the Library in Ann Arbor and the Museum in Grand Rapids to speak about Ford White House Christmases and the social events hosted by President and Mrs. Ford, in conjunction with holiday exhibits at each site.

**Prime Time Presidents,** depicting 11 American presidents interacting with television, ran for six months at the Library in Ann Arbor.

Steve Ford, President Ford's youngest son, opened **Prime Time Presidents** with a delightful talk about the pleasures and hazards of constant media attention on members of First Families. Filmed by C-SPAN.

While at the Library, Steve Ford ran into an old friend in the research room—David Hume Kennerly, noted photojournalist and President Ford's personal White House photographer.

CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta took his **FIT NATION** Town Hall to the University of Michigan, where it was web cast from the Ford Library.
Joseph Galloway, author of *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*, opened *Requiem* with a fascinating discussion of his book. The capacity crowd included 70 veterans from World War II to Vietnam to Iraq. Afterwards appreciative guests waited in line until 11:00 p.m. to receive an autographed copy.

The Museum hosted the internationally touring photo exhibit, *Requiem: By the Photographers Who Died In Vietnam and Indochina*, March through June.

Bob Woodward made a special visit to the Library in Ann Arbor to deliver a talk in honor of our 25th anniversary, *The Importance of the Ford Years*. Attendees later enjoyed a reception with the guest of honor. Filmed and broadcast by University of Michigan television.

Barry Werth, author of the just-released book *31 Days*, spoke about the drama of the first month of the Ford administration at both the Library in Ann Arbor and at the Museum in Grand Rapids.

Lech Walesa, former President of Poland and leader of country’s Solidarity Movement in the 1980s, held a press conference at the Museum in Grand Rapids.

David Hume Kennerly visited the Museum in Grand Rapids to speak about his experiences photographing the Vietnam War, for which he won a Pulitzer Prize, in conjunction with the *Requiem* exhibit.
19th Annual Gerald R. Ford Foundation Journalism Prize Winners

**MARK MAZZETTI**

- Received the Prize for Reporting on National Defense for work written for the *Los Angeles Times* Washington Bureau.
- Made complex security concepts and challenges accessible to the American public within the constraints of a short format.
- Noted for a refreshing sense of balance and evenhandedness in reporting.
- Broke the story that the U.S. military secretly paid Iraqi newspapers to run favorable stories.
- Made an enormous contribution to informing the dialogue on strategic issues that will shape America’s future.

**TOM DEFRANK**

- Received the Prize for Distinguished Reporting on the Presidency as Washington Bureau Chief at the *New York Daily News*.
- Noted for the diligence of his reporting, his insight into significant changes emerging in the first year of President George Bush’s second term, and the clarity and brevity of his writing.
- Articles were consistently accurate, balanced in judgment, and usually ahead of his competitors.
- Work exemplified the excellence in journalism that brings greater public understanding of the modern American Presidency.

2nd Annual Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter

**BENJAMIN C. WATERHOUSE**

- Benjamin C. Waterhouse was named the 2006 recipient of the Gerald R. Ford Scholar Award in Honor of Robert M. Teeter.
- A doctoral student at Harvard University, Mr. Waterhouse is completing his doctoral dissertation, *Corporate Leaders and the Pro-Business Agenda in Modern American Politics*.
- He is investigating how the American business community mobilized in the 1970s and 1980s to pursue business-friendly policies through legislation and public opinion.

For more information about the above awards, the current recipients, and the next application deadlines, please visit our websites: [fordlibrarymuseum.gov](http://fordlibrarymuseum.gov) and [geraldrfordfoundation.org](http://geraldrfordfoundation.org)

**ROBERT TEETER, 1976**
Gerald R. Ford Foundation
Research Grant Awards

The Gerald R. Ford Foundation semi-annually awards travel grants of up to $2,000 to support research in the Ford Library’s collections. For grant application forms and information, please contact Helmi Raaska, Gerald R. Ford Library, 1000 Beal Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, by phone (734) 205-0559, or email helmi.raaska@nara.gov. Application deadlines are March 15 and September 15.

**FALL 2005**

**Benjamin Alpers**
_University of Oklahoma_
*Leo Strauss and Straussianism in American Academic and Political Life*

**Randal Beeman**
_Bakersfield College_
*Rendered unto Cesar: Agribusiness and the United Farm Workers, 1963-2003*

**Shannon Rae Butler**
_University of Arizona_
*American Involvement in the Angolan Crisis, 1975*

**Kathleen Donohue**
_Central Michigan University_
*Balancing Acts: Congressional Power, Executive Privilege, and the Public’s Right to Know*

**Giuliano Garavini**
_University of Florence_
*Europe and the New International Economic Order, 1964-1979*

**Robert Hendershot**
_Central Michigan University_
*“Family Spats”: Perception, Illusion, and Sedimentality in the Anglo-American Special Relationship*

**Angela Romano**
_University of Florence_
*The West and the Conference of Helsinki, 1972-75: Accepting the Soviet Challenge or Challenging the Soviets?*

**David Sarias**
_University of Sheffield_
*Anatomy of Counter-Hegemony: The Anglo-American Conservative Movement, 1935-1979*

**David Vine**
_City University of New York_
*Diego Garcia: Creation of a Military Base*

**SPRING 2006**

**Elizabeth Benning**
_London School of Economics and Political Science_

**Lisa Burns**
_Quinnipiac University_
*The Construction of Collective Memory in Presidential Museums*

**Roman Deininger**
_University of Vienna / University of New Orleans_
*The Presidents’ God — Politics and Religion in the United States from Franklin D. Roosevelt to George W. Bush*

**Robert Eldridge**
_Osaka University_
*A Time to Heal: U.S.-Japan Relations during the Ford Administration*

**Makreeta Lahti**
_University of Potsdam_
*The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Policies of the United States towards the Federal Republic of Germany and Israel*

**Robert Moss**
_Purdue University_

**Joseph Renouard**
_Emory University_
*Limits and Morality: The Crisis of Confidence and Post-Vietnam American Foreign Policy, 1968-1981*

**Greg Robinson**
_Université du Québec à Montréal_
*Japanese Americans, Vietnamese Americans, and the Ford Administration: The End of One Relocation and the Beginning of Another*

**Kim van der Wijngaart**
_Utrecht University/ Roosevelt Study Center_
*Dutch-American Relations in the Seventies, 1969-1977*

**Giordana Pulcini**
_University of Roma Tre_
*The SALT II Treaty and the Internal Opposition in the United States (1975-1980)*
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Play Ball, Mr. President,
SEPTEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 12, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum presents an exhibition of 75 photographs, plus historical documents and artifacts from the photo archives of every presidential library, the Library of Congress, the Baseball Hall of Fame and other historical repositories—all focused on the chief executive’s association with our nation’s favorite pastime. The exhibit, curated by the Library’s audiovisual archivist Ken Hafeli, debuted at the Library in Ann Arbor last summer.

Bill Anderson,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum opens Play Ball, Mr. President with a lecture by Bill Anderson, author of The View from the Dugout: The Journals of Red Rolfe and two pictorial histories of the Detroit Tigers. He is also the Director of the State of Michigan’s Department of History, Arts and Culture.

Art of Diplomacy: Head of State
Gifts from the Ford Presidency,
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006-INDENFITE
ANN ARBOR: The Library presents a new permanent lobby exhibit highlighting the ceremonial side of diplomacy. On display will be gifts received by President Ford from other heads of state, elegant letters of credence presented by new ambassadors to the United States, and elements of the white-tie Bicentennial dinner for Queen Elizabeth II.

Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum presents an evening lecture on who is an American in our post-9/11 society by Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco. Suárez-Orozco is the Courtney Sale Ross Professor of Globalization and Education at New York University and co-director, with his wife Carola Suárez-Orozco, of Immigration Studies at NYU. The program is offered in conjuction with Grand Valley State University’s Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

General Brent Scowcroft: 2006 Simon Lecture,
SEPTEMBER 27, 2006
ANN ARBOR: The Library welcomes Brent Scowcroft, the distinguished former national security adviser to Presidents Gerald Ford and George H.W. Bush, who will deliver this year’s prestigious William E. Simon Lecture in Public Affairs.

An Evening with Christopher Hitchens,
OCTOBER 3, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum presents an evening lecture by Christopher Hitchens, one of the most controversial and compelling voices in Anglo-American journalism. Hitchens has published more than a dozen books, most recently Thomas Jefferson: Author of America and Love, Poverty, and War: Journeys and Essays. The program is offered in conjuction with Grand Valley State University’s Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.

Steve Ford, OCTOBER 11, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum celebrates its 25th anniversary with a special evening presentation by President Ford’s youngest son, Steve Ford, who will speak about his experiences growing up with a father who is President of the United States.

Henry Kissinger, OCTOBER 24, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: The Museum welcomes Henry Kissinger for an evening lecture highlighting the challenges and decisions he faced with President Ford while serving as his Secretary of State. The lecture will be held at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in downtown Grand Rapids.

An Afternoon with Richard Norton Smith,
NOVEMBER 12, 2006
GRAND RAPIDS: “There’s no excuse for a dull book, a dull museum, or a dull speech, especially when dealing with history—the most fascinating subject I know.” True to his word, Richard Norton Smith’s lively accounts of presidential and other history have made him a familiar face to viewers of C-SPAN, as well as The News Hour with Jim Lehrer, where he appears regularly as part of the show’s round table of historians. The program is offered in conjuction with Grand Valley State University’s Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies.
Fall Lecture Line-Up at the Ford Presidential Library and Museum

Henry Kissinger
OCTOBER 24, 2006

General Brent Scowcroft
SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Steve Ford
OCTOBER 11, 2006

Richard Norton Smith
NOVEMBER 12, 2006

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