



National Public Service Awards

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2011 NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Washington, DC—March 14, 2011—Winners of the prestigious National Public Service Awards, the premier awards for excellence in public service at all levels of government, have been announced by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the National Academy of Public Administration. They will be presented on Monday, March 14th at 1:15 p.m., at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel at the ASPA National Conference. The hotel is at 202 E. Pratt Street in Baltimore. There will be a reception to honor winners from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Baltimore B Ballroom.

ASPA and NAPA established the National Public Service Awards in 1983 to honor individuals whose accomplishments are models of public service within and outside the work environment. The NPSA Awards Program recognizes individuals who exhibit the highest standards of excellence, dedication, and accomplishment over a sustained period of time and who are creative and skilled career managers at all levels of public service. The 2011 National Public Service Award winners are:

Colonel Joyce A. Adkins, PhD, MPH
Commander, 633d Medical Operations Squadron
Langley AFB, VA

Col Adkins is a preeminent leader in the field of deployment health. She was instrumental in establishing clinical practice guidelines and communication practices to provide a scientific basis to better meet the healthcare needs of military personnel and their families. She designed and implemented the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment program to identify and treat health concerns after combat deployments and re-engineered psychological health and traumatic brain injury (TBI) services for military personnel and veterans.

Col. Adkins is a strong advocate for quality of life programs. She has served on White House working groups to advance community empowerment efforts and has supported congressionally-directed task forces to improve psychological health services for military communities. She laid the groundwork for free and confidential counseling for military families and helped to develop the Air Force Suicide Prevention Program, which received Presidential recognition as a model for the nation. Her work in forming the Military Family Research Institute created an on-going research effort to better support military families affected by deployments.

She served the National Capital Region after the attack on the Pentagon as clinical director for Operation Solace, which brought care coordination to primary care facilities in the Washington DC area. In a deployed setting, Col Adkins led the Military-Political Policy team for the Multi-National Force-Iraq during the stand-up of the new Iraqi government.

Dr. Adkins has been recognized as a pioneer in occupational health psychology and aviation safety through development of prevention and organizational health programs that have been used in federal government and civilian settings. For her work in occupational health and safety, she was awarded the Hammer Award for Innovation in Government and six scientific achievement awards. Her professional publications in the area of occupational stress have extended her work to a broader audience, creating far-reaching effects.

Colonel Adkins was nominated by
ERIC B. STONE, Col, USAF, MC, SFS
Commander, 633d Medical Group
Langley AFB, VA

Lester P. Claravall, MHR
Child Labor Coordinator
Oklahoma Department of Labor

Lester Claravall loves working with children and believes that a single death is intolerable when it comes to teen workers. As a public servant for the Oklahoma Department of Labor, he created first-ever partnerships, publications and programs to strengthen protection of working minors. To increase efficiency and provide better service to students making a transition into the workforce, Claravall led the charge and replaced the antiquated paper work permit system with an online work permit process resulting in significant cost savings of taxpayer dollars in Oklahoma. In addition, Claravall created the national award-winning "Paying Attention Pays" whose game format teaches students about workplace rights and whose innovative effectiveness and success has been shared with more than 30 countries around the world.

Claravall served as National President of the Interstate Labor Standards Association where he used his leadership to address national workplace issues facing employers and employees. His written contributions and feedback made to the National Young Worker Health and Safety Network led to a reform of the federal child labor laws in Washington, D.C. To protect children from exploitation and endangerment, Claravall created the state's first-ever door-to-door safety awareness poster and brochure to educate parents and teens about illegal youth peddling which is ranked as the most dangerous teen job in the United States.

Earning a BBA and MHR from the University of Oklahoma, Claravall entered state government as a Carl Albert Executive Fellow. During his public service career, Claravall received numerous honors which includes being named one of the nation's Ten Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Junior Chamber and Finalist for Ten Outstanding Young Persons of the World by the Junior Chamber International. The Oklahoma Chapter of ASPA named Claravall the 2010 Oklahoma Administrator of the Year.

Mr. Claravall was nominated by
James W. Carlton, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Garvin, Agee, Carlton & Mashburn, P.C.
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