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The President today announced his intention to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award of our Government, at a luncheon to be held at the White House on March 26, 1984. The following individuals will be awarded this prestigious award by the President:

Senator Howard Baker, for his contribution in the field of government service;

Mr. James Cagney, for his contribution in the field of entertainment and the arts;

Mr. Whittaker Chambers (posthumous), for his contribution in the field of public service;

Mr. Leo Cherne, for his contribution in the field of government service and humanitarianism;

Dr. Denton Cooley, for his contribution in the field of medicine and surgery;

Mr. Tennessee Ernie Ford, for his contribution in the field of entertainment and the arts;

Dr. Hector Garcia, for his contribution in the field of humanitarianism;

General Andrew Goodpaster, for his contribution in the field of international affairs;

Mr. Lincoln Kirstein, for his contribution in the field of dance and the arts;

Mr. Louis L'Amour, for his contribution in the field of literature and the arts;

The Reverend Norman Vincent Peale, for his contribution in the field of theology;

Mr. Jackie Robinson (posthumous), for his contribution in the field of sportsmanship;

Egypt President Anwar Sadat (posthumous), for his contribution in the field of world affairs and peace; and

Mrs. Eunice Kennedy Shriver, for her contribution in the field of mental retardation.

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PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

The Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor given in the United States, is awarded to persons who have made especially meritorious contributions to "(1) the security or national interests of the United States, or (2) world peace, or (3) cultural or other significant public or private endeavors." The award was established in 1963, replacing the Medal of Freedom initiated by President Truman in 1945 to reward meritorious, war-connected acts or services.

The gold medal is awarded by the President at his discretion and usually presented in White House ceremonies. The first group of candidates was selected by the administration of John F. Kennedy but received their awards after his death from President Johnson. To date more than 200 persons have received the medal.

THE MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Presented by President Truman

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
CHARMAN, William H. Mr.	1/26/46	POULLET, Pierre A., Father	1/26/46
HOWE, George L.	2/18/46	PULESTON, Dennis	2/18/46
JACKSON, Gordon Thorpe	1/26/46	SUN, Chen	2/18/46
MAZZARINI, Richard	2/18/46	WEST, Norman H.	1/26/46
		WHEELER, William M., Jr.	2/18/46

Presented by President Eisenhower

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
ANDERSON, Robert B.	8/3/55	HERTER, Christian A.	1/18/61
DOUGLAS, James H.	1/18/61	KISTIAKOWSKY, George Bogdan	1/18/61
DULLES, John Foster	5/19/59	McELROY, Neil	12/1/59
GALARD-TERRAUBE,		QUARLES, Donald A. ²	7/9/59
Mademoiselle Genevieve de	6/29/54	STRAUSS, Lewis L.	7/14/58
GATES, Thomas S.	1/18/61	VON NEUMANN, Dr. John	2/15/56
GRAY, Gordon	1/18/61	WILSON, Charles E.	10/9/57

Presented by President Kennedy

	<u>Date</u>
SPAAK, Paul-Henri	2/21/61

THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

Presented by President Johnson

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
ACHESON, Dean G.	9/14/64	McCLOY, John J. ²	12/6/63
ANDERSON, Marian	12/6/63	McGILL, Ralph	9/14/64
BLACK, Eugene R. ²	1/20/69	McNAMARA, Robert S.	2/28/68
BRONK, Detlev W.	9/14/64	MacDONALD, J. Clifford	12/6/63
BUNCHE, Ralph J. ²	12/6/63	MACY, John W., Jr.	1/20/69
BUNDY, McGeorge	1/20/69	MEANY, George	12/6/63
BUNKER, Ellsworth ²	12/6/63	MEIKLEJOHN, Alexander	12/6/63
BUNKER, Ellsworth	2/6/68	MONNET, Jean ²	12/6/63
CASALS, Pablo	12/6/63	MORISON, Samuel Eliot	9/14/64
CAULFIELD, Genevieve	12/6/63	MUMFORD, Lewis	9/14/64
CLIFFORD, Clark ²	1/20/69	MUNOZ-MARIN, Luis ²	12/6/63
CONANT, James B. ²	12/6/63	MURROW, Edward R.	9/14/64
COPELAND, Aaron	9/14/64	NIEBUHR, Reinhold	9/14/64
DeBAKEY, Dr. Michael E.	1/20/69	PECK, Gregory	1/20/69
deKOONING, Willem	9/14/64	POPE JOHN XXIII, His Holiness ³	12/6/63
DISNEY, Walter	9/14/64	PRICE, Leontyne	9/14/64
DOBIE, J. Frank	9/14/64	RANDALL, Clarence B.,	12/6/63
DUBINSKY, David	1/20/69	RANDOLPH, A. Philip	9/14/64
EDWARDS, Lena F.	9/14/64	ROCKEFELLER, Laurance S.	1/20/69
ELIOT, Thomas Stearns	9/14/64	ROSTOW, Walt Whitman	1/20/69
ELLISON, Ralph	1/20/69	RUSK, Dean ²	1/16/69
ENDERS, John F.	12/6/63	SANDBURG, Carl	9/14/64
FONTANNE, Lynn	9/14/64	SERKIN, Rudolf	12/6/63
FORD, Henry, II	1/20/69	SMITH, Merriman	1/20/69
FRANKFURTER, Felix ²	12/6/63	STEICHEN, Edward	12/6/63
GARDNER, John W.	9/14/64	STEINBECK, John	9/14/64
HARRIMAN, W. Averell ²	1/20/69	TAUSSIG, Helen B.	9/14/64
HESBURGH, Theodore M.	9/14/64	TAYLOR, George W.	12/6/63
HOLTON, Karl	12/6/63	VANCE, Cyrus R. ²	1/20/69
HOPE, Bob	1/20/69	VAN DER ROHE, Ludwig Mies	12/6/63
JOHNSON, Clarence L.	9/14/64	VINSON, Carl	9/14/64
KAISER, Edgar F.	1/20/69	WATERMAN, Alan T.	12/6/63
KAPPEL, Frederick	9/14/64	WATSON, Mark S., Mr.	12/6/63
KELLER, Helen	9/14/64	WATSON, Thomas J., Jr.	9/14/64
KENNEDY, John Fitzgerald ²	12/6/63	WAUNEKA, Annie D.	12/6/63
KIPHUTH, Robert J.	12/6/63	WEBB, James E.	12/9/68
LAND, Edwin H.	12/6/63	WHITE, E. B., Mr.	12/6/63
KOMER, Robert W.	2/6/68	WHITE, Paul Dudley	9/14/64
LASKER, Mary	1/20/69	WHITE, William S.	1/20/69
LEHMAN, Herbert H. (Governor) ²	1/28/64	WILDER, Thornton N.	12/6/63
LEWIS, John L.	9/14/64	WILKINS, Roy	1/20/69
LIPPMANN, Walter	9/14/64	WILSON, Edmund	12/6/63
LOCKE, Eugene Murphy	2/7/68	WYETH, Andrew	12/6/63
LOVETT, Robert A.	12/6/63	YOUNG, Whitney M., Jr.	1/20/69
LUNT, Alfred	9/14/64		

Presented by President Nixon

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
ALDRIN, Edwin E., Colonel, USAF	8/13/69	KROCK, Arthur	4/22/70
APOLLO XIII		LAIRD, Melvin R.	3/26/74
Mission Operations Team	4/18/70	LAWRENCE, David	4/22/70
ARMSTRONG, Neil A. ²	8/13/69	LINCOLN, George Gould	4/22/70
BEHRENS, Earl Charles	4/22/70	LOVELL, James Arthur, Jr.	4/18/70
BROSIO, Manlio	9/29/71	LOWMAN, Dr. Charles LeRoy	7/27/74
COLLINS, Michael, Colonel, USAF ²	8/13/69	MOLEY, Raymond	4/22/70
ELLINGTON, Edward Kennedy	4/29/69	ORMANDY, Eugene	1/24/70
FOLLIARD, Edward T.	4/22/70	ROGERS, William P.	10/15/73
FORD, John	3/31/73	ST. JOHNS, Adela Rogers	4/22/70
GOLDWYN, Samuel	3/27/71	SWIGERT, John Leonard, Jr.	4/18/70
HAISE, Fred Wallace, Jr.	4/18/70	VANN, John Paul ²	6/16/72
HENRY, William M. ²	4/22/70	WALLACE, Dewitt	1/28/72
HOFFMAN, Paul G.	6/21/74	WALLACE, Lila	1/28/72
HOPKINS, William J.	6/2/71		

Presented by President Ford

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
ABEL, I. W.	1/10/77	JOHNSON, Lady Bird	1/10/77
BARDEEN, John	1/10/77	KISSINGER, Henry A.	1/13/77
BERLIN, Irving	1/10/77	MacLEISH, Archibald	1/10/77
BORLAUG, Norman	1/10/77	MICHENER, James Albert	1/10/77
BRADLEY, General Omar N.	1/10/77	O'KEEFFE, Georgia	1/10/77
BRUCE, David K. E. ²	2/10/76	OWENS, Jesse	8/5/76
BURKE, Admiral Arleigh	1/10/77	ROCKEFELLER, Nelson A.,	
CALDER, Alexander ²	1/10/77	Vice President	1/10/77
CATTON, Bruce	1/10/77	ROCKWELL, Norman	1/10/77
DIMAGGIO, Joe	1/10/77	RUBINSTEIN, Arthur ²	4/1/76
DURANT, Ariel	1/10/77	RUMSFELD, Donald H.	1/19/77
DURANT, Will	1/10/77	SHOUSE, Katherine Filene	1/10/77
FIEDLER, Arthur	1/10/77	THOMAS, Lowell	1/10/77
FRIENDLY, Judge Henry J.	1/10/77	WATSON, James D.	1/10/77
GRAHAM, Martha ²	10/14/76		

PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT CARTER

	<u>Date</u>		<u>Date</u>
ADAMS, Ansel	6/9/80	MENNINGER, Dr. Karl	1/16/81
ALBRIGHT, Horace	12/8/80	MITCHELL, Clarence, Jr.	6/9/80
BALDWIN, Roger	1/16/81	MUSKIE, Edmund	1/16/81
BROWN, Harold	1/16/81	PETERSON, Esther	1/16/81
BRZEZINSKI, Zbigniew	1/16/81	PETERSON, Roger Tory	6/9/80
CARSON, Rachel ¹	6/9/80	RICKOVER, Admiral Hyman	6/9/80
CHASE, Lucia	6/9/80	SALK, Dr. Jonas E.	7/11/77
CHRISTOPHER, Warren	1/16/81	SILLS, Beverly	6/9/80
CRONKITE, Walter	1/16/81	SMITH, Gerald C.	1/16/81
DOUGLAS, Kirk	1/16/81	STRAUSS, Robert	1/16/81
HUMPHREY, Hubert	6/9/80	TUTTLE, Elbert (Judge)	1/16/81
GOLDBERG, Arthur J.	7/26/78	WARREN, Earl (Chief Justice) ²	1/16/81
IAKOVOS, Archbishop	6/9/80	WARREN, Robert Penn	6/9/80
JOHNSON, Lyndon B.	6/9/80	WAYNE, John	6/9/80
KING, Martin Luther, Jr. ²	7/11/77	WELTY, Eudora	6/9/80
MCNAMARA, Margaret ¹	1/16/81	WILLIAMS, Tennessee	6/9/80
MEAD, Margaret	1/20/79	YOUNG, Andrew	1/16/81

PRESENTED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN

BALANCHINE, George	2/23/83	HOFFER, Eric	2/23/83
BLAKE, James H. "Eubie"	10/8/81	JAVITS, Jacob K.	2/23/83
BRYANT, Paul W. "Bear" ¹	2/23/83	JUDD, Walter A.	10/9/81
BURNHAM, James	2/23/83	LEIBMAN, Morris I.	10/9/81
CHEEK, James Edward	2/23/83	LUCE, Clare Boothe	2/23/83
FULLER, R. Buckminster	2/23/83	MALONE, Dumas	2/23/83
GRAHAM, Rev. Billy	2/23/83	MERCER, Mabel	2/23/83
GRASSO, Ella T. ¹	10/9/81	RAMO, Simon	2/23/83
HABIB, Philip C. ²	9/7/82	SMITH, Kate	10/26/82
HARLOW, Bryce	10/9/81	THORNTON, Charles B.	10/9/81

¹ Posthumously

² With Distinction

³ Posthumously and With Distinction